
DAWSON SENIOR PLANNER'S REPORT

TO: Dawson Regional Planning Commission
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SUBJECT: Report for December 2022
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The following is a summary of key activities completed by the Commission and staff in November 2022.

This report will be brief as only a month has passed since the last Sr Planner's Report in October.

1. Engagement Activities

Staff and Commission have been attending the Parties' engagement events in Dawson, Old Crow, Mayo, and in Whitehorse. The turn out to these events has been good. People are asking great questions about the Recommended Plan and providing their comments to the Parties.

December 20th is the last day of the Parties' engagement period. We continue to spread the word about how people can participate (survey, email, events, etc). The main message that staff have been communicating is the importance of people providing their feedback to the Parties even if they have already contributed comments to the Commission during the engagement on the Draft Plan.

There will be one last event in Dawson on December 7th (tomorrow) at TH Hall at 4:30pm – 7:00. Dinner will be provided to participants.

2. Finance and Administration

Administration

There are two big updates to report today. The first is that the Yukon Land Use Planning Council office in Whitehorse is moving after 20+ years. The Council office also hosts the Whitehorse based Dawson staff (Sr Planner). On December 16 you can find us at the corner of 4th and Strickland in our new office (Suite 302, 309 Strickland).

The second update is that our Dawson-based Land Use Planner Charlotte Luscombe, will be leaving us at the end of December to fill the Land Use Planning Coordinator position at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government. Charlotte has been an incredible asset to our team and her enthusiasm and knowledge will be missed.

Financial Reporting

At the last meeting I reported that we were a couple of months behind in our monthly financial reporting due to staff turnover, and today I am happy to report that thanks to Andrea's hard work we are all up to date. The Commission will be presented with the October financials today.

3. Deliverables

The preliminary Workplan and budget for 2023-2024 is due to YG and the Council on December 15. Staff and the Commission will be submitting this workplan and budget with the following assumptions;

- That the Parties will submit their decision on accepting, modifying, or rejecting the Recommended Plan sometime in the Spring of 2023;
- That there will be an ongoing role for a Commission as per the Recommended Plan; and
- That there are seasonal constraints that impact the Commission's workflow. We have learnt from experience that holding meetings between June and September is not ideal for the Commission due to work and community commitments.

The work on the Methods Report is still underway. A draft will be ready shortly after Christmas.

4. Other

Yukon Geoscience Forum: I presented at the Yukon Geoscience Forum on November 22. The presentation was an update on where the Dawson Regional Plan is in the overall process, and information on how to participate in the ongoing community consultation.

On behalf of the Commission and Staff I would like to wish everyone a peaceful Holiday season, and we look forward to receiving the What We Heard Report from the Parties in the New Year.