



# Dawson Regional Planning Commission

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October 17, 2022

## Dawson Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting #17 Minutes Dawson City and Videoconference

In Attendance			
<b>DRPC</b> Debbie Nagano – Chair Alice McCulley - Member Angie Joseph-Rear - Member Dan Reynolds – Member John Flynn – Member Jesse Cooke - Member	<b>DRPC Staff</b> Nicole Percival - Senior Land Use Planner Charlotte Luscombe – Land Use Planner  <b>YLUPC Staff</b> Michelle Christensen – Administrator (note-taker via zoom) Tim Sellars – Director (zoom)	<b>Delegate/Guests:</b> Katie Fraser - TH Joseph Petch – YG (zoom) Amber Church – YG (zoom) Matthius Purdon – 3Pikas (zoom)	<b>Public / Audience:</b>  This meeting was open to the public both in person, on zoom, broadcast on the local radio station.

**Acronyms:** TWG – Technical Working Group  
 SLC – Senior Liaison Committee  
 YG – Yukon Government  
 EMR – Energy, Mines and Resources  
 ENV – Environment & Parks

**First Nations:** FNNND – First Nation of Na- Cho Nyäk Dun  
 TH – Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in  
 VGFN – Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation

**Planning:** DRPC – Dawson Regional Planning Commission  
 THFA - Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Final Agreement

**Action Items:** Status indicated is as of next meeting date

Agenda Item 1: Review Agenda (Tab 1)	Action Items
<u>Welcome and Introductions</u> Nicole welcomed the Commission, staff and the Parties to the meeting.	

<p><u>Agenda Review</u>  <b>Motion #1: To accept Commission Meeting #17 Agenda as presented, with the addition of voting for a Commission Vice Chair.</b>  <b>Moved Dan Reynolds</b>  <b>2nd John Flynn</b>  <b>Passed by consensus</b></p>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 2: Minutes and Delegations (Tab 2)</b></p>	<p><b>Action Items</b></p>
<p><u>Minutes Commission Meeting #16 (March 28, 2022)</u>  <b>Motion# 2: To approve the Minutes of Commission Meeting #16, with an update on action items.</b>  <b>Moved Dan Reynolds</b>  <b>2nd Alice McCulley</b>  <b>Passed by consensus</b></p> <p><u>Review of Action Items</u>  Staff advised that the Fortymile response was submitted as directed and is available publicly.</p>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 3: Report from the Chair and Senior Planner (Tab 3)</b></p>	<p><b>Action Items</b></p>
<p><u>Senior Planner's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole updated the Commission on Plan products released to date.</li> <li>• 2021/22 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements have been approved. There were no concerns with the audit.</li> <li>• Interim report and financial statements from April to July 2022 were approved via email in September and submitted to YG.</li> <li>• Andrea Kenderova is YLUPC's new Office Administrator.</li> <li>• The Party-led Engagement on the Dawson Recommended Plan ends November 20, 2022. The Parties accept/reject/modify changes to the Plan in the New Year.</li> <li>• Commission staff are currently working on a Methods Report, which hopefully will assist future commissions.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicole thanked DRPC and YLUPC staff for their support over the last several months.</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Dan officially welcomed Nicole Percival as Senior Planner, on behalf of the Commission.</p> <p>Motion# 3: To approve the Senior Planner report.  Moved Dan Reynolds  2nd Angie McCulley  Passed by consensus</p>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 4: Correspondence and Relevant Media (Tab 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Action Items</b></p>
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>No questions/concerns/discussion.</p> <p><u>Media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alice was curious to know if there had been any discussion amongst staff about the potential impact of the court case between NND and YG, and how this might affect Party Consultation on the Recommended Plan.</li> <li>Nicole said to date there has not been a lot of discussion on this, and that staff can look into it.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DRPC staff to look into the potential impact of the court case between NND and YG on Affected Party Consultation on the Recommended Plan.</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 5: Finance and Administration (Tab 5)</b></p>	<p><b>Action Items</b></p>
<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Motion #4: Motion To formally approve the Annual report for the fiscal year 2021-2022 Which were approved by the Commission via email and submitted to YG and YLUPC.</p> <p>Moved Alice McCulley  2nd Dan Reynolds  Passed by consensus</p> <p>Motion #5: Motion To formally approve the Final Audited Financial statements for fiscal year 2021-2022 Which were approved by the Commission via email and submitted to YG and YLUPC.</p> <p>Moved Dan Reynolds</p>	

2nd John Flynn  
Passed by consensus

Motion #6: Motion to formally approve the interim report (April 2022 to August 2022) which was approved in September via email by the commission and submitted to YG and YLUPC.

Moved Jesse Cooke  
2nd Angie Joseph-Rear  
Passed by consensus

Motion #7: Motion to formally approve the financial statements from April to July 2022 which were approved in September via email by the commission and submitted to YG and YLUPC

Moved Angie Joseph-Rear  
2nd Dan Reynolds  
Passed by consensus

Note that permission was given by YG to report up to July only, due to Financial Administrator staffing changes – this is why August financials were not included in the Interim Report.

Finance manager estimates that the financials will be up-to-date to the best of her knowledge by November 2022.

#### **Administration**

Andrea was introduced as YLUPC's new Finance Manager.

Motion #8: To nominate Alice McCulley as DRPC Vice Chair. No other members were nominated. Alice McCulley accepted the nomination. Motion to make Alice McCulley Vice Chair of the DRPC.

Moved Dan Reynolds  
2nd Angie Joesph-Rear  
Passed by consensus

The Recommended Plan was released to the Parties in September. Nicole reviewed the Plan products that have been produced and released, requiring formal public approval by the Commission:

Motion #9: To formally approve the DRPC's Recommended Plan, which was released June 7, 2022, with no amendments.

Moved Alice McCulley  
2nd Jesse Cooke

<p>Passed by consensus</p> <p>Motion #10: To formally approve the DRPC’s In Your Words Report with no amendments.  Moved Dan Reynolds  2nd Jesse Cooke  Passed by consensus</p> <p>Motion #11: Motion to approve the suite of recommended Plan summary documents (Summary, highlights, illustrated map and summary) to satisfy the DRPC TOR requirement to produce a plain language summary of the Recommended Plan.  Moved Dan Reynolds  2<sup>nd</sup> Angie Joseph-Rear  Passed by consensus</p> <p><u>Cumulative Effects Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole noted that this report complements the work in the Recommended Plan: section 4.1 in the Recommended Plan introduces the framework and increased the Cumulated Effects content in the Recommended Plan when compared to the Draft Plan.</li> <li>• The report raised significant points as to why the thresholds are lower than in other jurisdictions, e.g. fire disturbance not part of calculations whereas other places do include them.</li> <li>• There has been a lot of confusion about what surface disturbance includes.</li> </ul> <p>Motion #12: To endorse the DRPC’s Cumulative Effects Report as written by authors, with adjustments to formatting as discussed.  Moved Dan Reynolds  2nd Jesse Cooke  Passed by consensus</p>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Delegates – Recommended Plan Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Action Items</b></p>
<p>Jospeh Petch (YG), Amber Church (YG), Matthias Purdon (3Pikas), and Katie Fraser (TH) provided an update on the Parties’ engagement process:</p>	


- YG and TH hired 3Pikas, a third-party consultant, to run a public engagement that started September 19 and runs until November 20. Activities completed to date so far include:
  - Project Website containing a Plan survey (the main method of gathering feedback).
  - Stakeholder meetings, with stakeholders who were engaged in the Draft Plan.
  - Open Houses have been held in Mayo and Dawson City, with plans for engagement in Whitehorse (Nov. 16), Old Crow and Beaver Creek. Holding another community event in Dawson that is more focused on discussion is being considered.
- Lots of advertising (on Facebook) on how consultation is being run
- In addition to general public consultation 3 Pikas is holding leadership meetings with Affected First Nations.
- Once engagement period is over Parties will release a What We Heard report (summary on engagement) will be made public (estimated timeline early in the new year).

#### Discussion

- Dan asked if 3Pikas is tracking where respondents are from (i.e. Dawson, Yukon, etc.).
  - Yes, at the beginning of the survey respondents are asked where they're from and if they are a member of a First Nation.
- Alice asked if previous engagement on the Draft Plan will be considered.
  - All parties advised no as their consultation is on the Recommended Plan but Amber advised that they will likely use the Commission's report on engagement (In Your Words Report) for context if needed to understand why the Commission made the decisions that they did. Nicole offered to assist the Parties with the review of any previously submitted input to the DRPC.
- Debbie asked who 3Pikas are and if the survey for TH is the same as the one that is available online.
  - 3Pikas is a planning and engagement firm, with over 10 years of experience in the Territory.
  - Katie advised that the survey was jointly developed but that TH will be conducting citizen consultation on the plan in addition to the joint engagement efforts.
- Dan asked about the Engagement's timeline.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph advised that timing is tight but the intention is for a Summary to come out in December, and for the full Engagement Report to be released in January.</li> <li>○ Katie said the biggest factor for the timeline has been determining if the Old Crow engagement is feasible. Now that it has been booked, the timeline looks more secure.</li> <li>● Charlotte asked about the engagement process' accessibility: how they're advertising to people not online, providing the survey in different formats and its availability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paper formats are available at open houses, and TH are going to look at seeing if paper copies can be made available at their office.</li> <li>○ Oral responses are being captured by Party and consultant staff during open houses.</li> <li>○ Stakeholders have been emailed.</li> <li>○ TH are poster around town.</li> <li>○ There has been a focus on written responses, but that can be adjusted for future engagements if necessary.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Alice asked whether youth engagement had been considered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No specific approach has been made.</li> <li>○ Joseph agreed that youth engagement is important, and that by using formats like Facebook they hope to reach younger audiences. They're trying to make the approach accessible to everyone.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Jesse asked if something could be developed for youth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joseph advised that YG would look at a strategy.</li> <li>○ Amber said they could advertise at Yukon University before the Whitehorse event.</li> <li>○ Katie said TH had hosted a Forty Mile harvest camp with grade 9 and 10 youth and discussed the Plan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Nicole noted that if another event is being planned for Dawson, consideration of freeze up is important.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 7: YESAB process and the Recommended Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Action Items</b></p>
<p>Charlotte reviewed the Brewery Creek submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● YESAB has identified parties that will have an interest in responding.</li> <li>● This is a significant project in LMU 8.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Submit Brewery Creek YESAB response by Oct 18 deadline.</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The submission takes the same approach as previous submissions, apart from conformity checks.</li> <li>• Proponents have been encouraged to engage with the Plan.</li> <li>• The submission is due tomorrow.</li> <li>• Commission members had nothing to add.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 8: Methods Report</b></p>	<p><b>Action Items</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Methods Report is an optional report as per the DRPC ToR. It is in the current workplan to be completed in 2022.</li> <li>• Terms of Reference – fulfilment of overall obligations and the approach we took.</li> <li>• Reflection and Evaluation – what worked well and what could be done differently. Tool for future commissions – future RLUP commissions will have a starting point and can adapt.</li> <li>• Groups intended to benefit from the report include the public, FN governments, YLUPC, The Parties, Plan Partners, Researchers, and DRPC staff and Commission.</li> <li>• Main Content buckets include: facilitation; TK; LMUs size and shape; vision and guiding principles and plan goals; LUMs and SMAs; role of SLC, TWG, CEWG; LMUs and ISAs; regional planning process overview; issues and interests; public engagement; decision making; adaptability; mapping; resource assessment report; and general management directions.</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desire to include section about Commission reflections, including how having better /different tools would have helped with plan development.</li> <li>• Jesse added that he would like there to be consideration of industry groups as an audience for report, somewhere in between public and plan partners.</li> <li>• Staff have tried to loop in youth engagement, acknowledging that it was difficult.</li> <li>• Dan highlighted that “you can’t plan from behind a desk” – before the Commission began its work he took members and staff on an airplane tour of the Dawson region, which “contextualized everything”. For future commissions having a look at a planning region from the air or ground could be very valuable.</li> <li>• Methods report such as this will be a valuable asset for future planning Commissions.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item 9: Adjournment of Public Session</b>	
<p>Motion #13: To adjourn regular Commission Meeting #17.  Moved Dan Reynolds  2<sup>nd</sup> Jesse Cooke  Passed by Consensus</p>	
<b>Agenda Item 10: Next Commission Meeting</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<p>The preliminary work plan and budget need to be approved for next year and are due December 15, 2022.</p> <p>Next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 6, via zoom in the morning.</li> <li>• January 31, 2023, tentative for in person.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Approval at Regular Board Meeting #18 – December 6 2022</b>  By Motion #2 at Regular Board Meeting #18 – December 6 2022</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   Chair </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   DRPC Secretariat </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> December 6 2022  Date </div> </div>	