

2022-2023 Meeting #19 February 7, 2023

Zoom

MINUTES

Participants

Commission: Jesse Cooke, Alice McCulley, Dan Reynolds, Debbie Nagano

Staff: Nicole Percival (Senior Land Use Planner).

Guests via zoom: Tim Sellars (YLUPC director), Joseph Petch (YG EMR TWG)

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Review Agenda

Motion #1 2023-02: To approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by Dan Reynolds

Seconded by Alice

All in favour

Motion Passed

3.0 DRPC Minutes (Tab 2)

Commission reviewed the December 6, 2022 (Meeting #18) Minutes.

- Change to YESAB acronym

Motion #2 2023-02: To approve the Minutes from Meeting #3, December 9, 2022 as amended.

Moved by Dan Reynolds

Seconded by Jesse Cooke

All in favour

Motion Passed

3.0 Sr Planner Report and Chair Reports (Tab 3)

Sr Planner's report:

Key summary of activities

- Engagement activities

- Parties wrapped up engagement on Dec 20. Response rates were considered good
- What we Heard should be finished in February and draft delivered in March
- Parties are considering what submissions can be made public and/or shared with DRPC
- Finance and admin
 - 1 staff member for DRPC
 - Payroll has been set-up payroll to come out of DRPC bank account
- Work plan and budget
 - Due to the Parties on February 15.
- Methods Report
 - Almost done. Will be sent to DRPC.
- YESAB forum on Cumulative Effects
 - 4 half day meetings
 - DRPC did a presentation on the CE framework in the RP
- IPTK workshop
 - With YLUPC – it was a very worthwhile experience for the Sr Planner to be involved in this meeting with Yukon FN elders

Motion #3 2023-02: To approve the Sr Planner Report and post on website.

Moved by Debbie Nagano

Seconded by Jesse Cooke

All in favour

Motion Passed

5.0 Correspondence and Relevant Media (Tab 4)

- Of note: TH NND wetland policy stance, reflections from Chris Clarke on DRPC RP, Yukon Days DRPC mention, Blueberry FN Cumulative effects and FN rights.
 - No correspondence
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6.0 Finance and Administration (Tab 5)

Financials (regular)

- Request needed to reallocate some funds – due to additional administrative expenses, GIS mapping, and gains in the personnel category

Motion #4 2023-02: To approve DRPC January financial statements.

Moved by Dan Reynolds

Seconded by Jesse Cooke

All in favour

Motion Passed

2022-2023 Surplus and category reallocation

- Currently running with a 50k surplus
- Some money will be spent on reimbursing YLUPC for the GIS mapping they contracted for us in the summer. Roughly 20k.
- Additionally, reimbursement for work that Michelle Christenson did for DRPC in the spring of 2022 to support the submission coding post-engagement. (roughly \$2,500)
- With the transfers to YLUPC the DRPC will be left with an estimated 29k surplus for the year

Motion #5 2023-02: To approve reimbursement of funds YLUPC for additional support in the spring and summer of 2022.

Moved by Alice McCulley

Seconded by Jesse Cooke

All in favour

Motion Passed

Workplan and Budget 2023-24

Nicole presented the budget to the Commission:

- WP&B has been changed to reflect the suggestions that were provided by SLC at the Interim WP&B stage.
 - Suggestions included more broad language surrounding some of the activities (i.e. subregional planning and conformity checks) and moving this work from 'priority tasks to 'other work' if time permits.
 - Nicole suggested keeping the conformity check recommendations and research in the 'priority tasks' list as it will be important for the Commission to be prepared upon plan approval to perform these checks. Dawson is a very busy region for development proposals.
 - Tim relayed the Council suggestion to ask Yukon permission to carry over the surplus budget to create a project that YLUPC and DRPC could work on together that would benefit implementation of the Plan.
 - This would increase the DRPC budget from 390k to 420k

Action: Nicole and Tim to create a proposal for work to request a surplus 29k from Yukon Government. Work will be related to subregional plan preparation.

Discussion:

- Yukon River summit, sub-regional planning guide, etc.
- There is no desire to 'hurry up and spend' the money, but the Commission were in favour of carrying the money over to enable advancement for sub-regional planning.
- Commission acknowledges that sub-regional planning is going to take a lot of money and work.
- All in attendance support the idea.

Motion #6 2023-02: To approve reimbursement of funds YLUPC for additional support in the spring and summer of 2022.

Moved by Alice McCulley

Seconded by Jesse Cooke

All in favour

Motion Passed

Motion #7 2023-02: to approve the final work plan and budget with the additional request of the 2022-2023 surplus funds going towards subregional planning in the 2023-2024 work plan and budget.

Moved by Dan Reynolds

Seconded by Jesse Cooke

All in favour

Motion Passed

7.0 Presentation: Integrated Planning for Salmon Ecosystems (IPSE)

Ann Rutherford, Fisheries biologist and Chantelle Caron, lead for the program from DFO presented on new funding for IPSE:

- They will keep us informed of how the project is moving forward.

Discussion

- Opportunities for partnership and/or support as we think about sub-regional planning in the Chu kon dëk Yukon River Corridor
- There are opportunities for cumulative effects and salmon/water
- The issue of Salmon is widespread, complex and international

8.0 Update from TWG on Party scenario exercise

Joseph gave an update on the scenario exercise

- 2 scenarios (quartz and placer)
- All groups and regulators who would be involved in a project application. To see how the plan as written would interact with the existing regulatory process in the Yukon
- To identify the gaps in the plan, to help us understand specifically where the issues in implementation will be and will inform modifications they may suggest to the Commission.
- There will be a report to summarize the meeting (likely released in March).

Discussion

- There is a lot of support and interest from the Commission, but they, unfortunately, have conflicts on the 16th.

Action: Nicole to send Commission information and materials to join the scenario exercise as observers on the 16th of February.

9.0 Next Commission Meeting

Last week of April seems to work best for the next meeting in Dawson.

Action: Nicole to start planning October and November 2023 as there is a lot of work that needs to be done in this time and we should lock in some meeting dates.

10.0 Adjournment

- YESAB project update
 - California Creek 2022-0133 met our criteria to trigger a response due to the socio-cultural impacts of the project on water and nearby TH settlement land
 - DRPC made representation and submitted a comment to YESAB on the project.

Motion #8 2023-02: to adjourn meeting #19

Moved by Dan Reynolds

Seconded by Jesse Cooke

All in favour

Motion Passed

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes #19 2022-23 by Motion #2 at Regular Board Meeting #20 April 28, 2023.



DRPC Chair

April 28, 2023
Date



DRPC Sr Planner

April 28, 2023
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