



Dawson Regional Planning Commission

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March 28, 2022

Dawson Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting #15 Minutes Zoom Webinar

In Attendance			
<p>DRPC Debbie Nagano – Chair Dan Reynolds – Member Alice McCulley – Member Jesse Cooke - Member Angie Joseph-Rear - Member</p> <p>Regrets: John Flynn</p>	<p>DRPC Staff Tim Sellars - Senior Land Use Planner Charlotte Luscombe – Land Use Planner Nicole Percival – Land Use Planner Michelle Christensen – Administrator (note-taker)</p> <p>Technical Working Group (TWG) Larissa Lychenko – YG EMR</p> <p>Senior Liaison Committee (SLC) Tim Gerberding - TH</p>	<p>Delegate/Guests:</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>Public / Audience:</p> <p>*No in-person public attendance in person due to COVID 19 restrictions. Online public participation through Zoom Webinar.</p>

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 2: Welcome and Review Agenda (Tab 1)	Action Items
<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u> Tim welcomed commission, staff, Parties and public</p> <p><u>Agenda Review</u></p> <p>Motion #1: To accept Commission Meeting #16 agenda with no amendments. Moved: Jesse Cooke 2nd Debbie Nagano Passed by consensus</p>	
Agenda Item 3: Minutes and Meeting Notes (Tab 2)	Action Items
<p><u>Minutes: Commission Meeting #14 (February 9, 2022)</u></p> <p>Motion #2: To approve the minutes of Commission Meeting #14 with no amendments. Moved: Debbie Nagano 2nd Jesse Cooke Passed by consensus</p> <p><u>Meeting Notes: Commission Meeting #15 (March 21, 2022)</u></p> <p>Meeting notes from the YG briefing on the Lands Act public engagement were shared with the Commission. Minutes were not taken, as quorum was not achieved, therefore no formal commission business was conducted.</p>	
Agenda Item 4: Report from the Senior Planner (Tab 3)	Action Items
<p><u>Senior Planner's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On track for getting the Recommended Plan submitted to the Parties by June 1st - note that the public release date may be a bit later. Following the Recommended Plan submission, a summary, methodology report, and communications materials will be released. • Big topics for upcoming meetings: climate change integration, alignment with Final Agreements, land designations, general management direction, details around wetlands and cumulative effects. 	

- Currently working on writing up “What we Heard” document with the support of YLUPC staff.
- Cumulative Effects Working Group: will see new disturbance data, based upon 2020 satellite imagery, the 2nd week of April.
- The Peel Implementation Committee attended our March 8 meeting and provided lessons learned and offered to be available to provide advice regarding Plan implementation.
- Coffee Project: decision body has accepted YESAB’s recommendation that the project proceeds. This is a significant project for the Dawson planning region, including the Northern Access Route.
- North Fork Hydro project: DRPC provided a submission to YESAB outlining relevant sections of the Draft Plan that would apply. Given ours is a Draft Plan, the response did not state whether the project was in conformity with the Plan or not.
- Fortymile placer project: has gone to YESAB in the past and has not been allowed to proceed because of proximity to heritage sites and the river. There are no conflicting management directions in LMU 15. DRPC is drafting comments for this project in the same manner as comments on the North Fork Hydro project. The Commission discussed whether the project qualified as one that they should be commenting on given capacity limits. Staff pointed out that though the project is small, there are exceptional cultural and traditional economy implications. **Commission agreed that a response be submitted.**
- The Parties (TH and YG) will continue to be engaged, at both the technical and Senior Liaison Committee level. Only 9 weeks left. Several meetings coming up over the coming weeks – lots of decisions to make.
- A letter of transmittal will accompany the Plan submission, which will address at the strategic level, how the Plan intends to be interpreted and implemented: an important thing to do collaboratively.
- Staff are working on a Communication Plan which addresses how the Commission communicates with media, stakeholders, the public, news releases, websites etc. Next week’s working session will focus on this.
- The Commission will attend the Gold Show May 20, 21, 2022 and will be sharing a booth with YESAB – staff clarified they are sharing the booth only because booths are very large and costly and neither group requires the full space for a single booth.

Staff to send draft response to the Fortymile Placer Project submission to Commission Members today - Commission to review and identify if any concerns.

<p>Motion #3: To approve the Senior Planner’s Report. Moved: Jesse Cook 2nd Dan Reynolds Passed by consensus</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 5: Correspondence and Relevant Media (Tab 4)</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Fork Hydro submission • Criteria for thriving mineral industry: considerations for regional planning <p><u>Media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several news articles are included in the Commission’s materials for this meeting, pertaining to the Public Lands Act review and the Coffee Gold project. No questions or concerns. 	
<p>Agenda Item 6: Finance and Administration (Tab 5)</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p><u>Financial Statements to February 28, 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRPC will be within budget by month’s end. Payroll is one area that may go over due to vacation accruals and banked time, which could roll over into the next fiscal year if necessary. The estimate for surplus, which encompasses other planning regions, is \$129,000. <p>Motion #4: To accept the February 28, 2022 Financial Statements. Moved: Dan Reynolds 2nd Alice McCulley Passed by consensus</p> <p><u>Appointment of Auditor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRPC has used Crowe and Mackay in the past. <p>Motion #5: To appoint Crowe Mackay as auditor for the fiscal year 2021-22. Moved: Dan Reynolds 2nd Jesse Cooke Passed by consensus</p> <p><u>YLUPC-DRPC 2022-23 Memorandum of Understanding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim reviewed the MOU with the Commission and clarified that it is reviewed annually in February of each year, however there is a provision to amend at anytime. 	

<p>Motion #6: To approve the MOU between DRPC and YLUPC Regarding “The Assistance the Council Provides to the Commission”.</p> <p>Moved: Jesse Cooke 2nd Debbie Nagano Passed by consensus</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p>Approval via email June 15 2022 by 4 Commission Members Pending Public Approval at Regular Board Meeting #17– October 17 2022 By Motion #2</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p>Chair</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p>DRPC Secretariat</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>June 15 2022</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p>Date</p> </div> </div>	