
DAWSON SENIOR PLANNER'S REPORT

TO: Dawson Regional Planning Commission
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The following is a summary of key activities completed by the Commission and staff in February 2023.

1. Engagement Activities

The Parties have wrapped up their engagement activities on December 20th. The response rates are great thanks to a last push on the survey and one last event in Dawson that had a good turn out.

The initial numbers that I have heard is roughly 180 survey responses (50%) of which are Dawson residents, 36 organizations, over 50 form letters, and positive response rates from First Nations citizens.

A draft of the What We Heard Report will be done early Feb, and a final version in March I believe. The Parties are currently assessing what (if any) submissions by organizations will be made public or shared with DRPC.

Overall, the consultation went relatively well and benefitted by being extended by a month and the addition of one more Dawson meeting.

2. Finance and Administration

Administration

We are officially down to one DRPC staff member and although it has been quite busy it is still manageable for the time being.

Finance

Andrea has set up DRPC payroll to be taken directly from the DRPC bank account which is logical and will save the Council from having to approve transfers between YLUPC and DRPC for this reason.

3. Deliverables

The Final Workplan and budget for 2023-2024 is due to YG and the Council on February 15. We will be reviewing some suggested changes to the workplan at today's meeting and will have a Final workplan ready to submit by Feb 15, 2023. One of the main changes to the

workplan is the date of the anticipated responses from the Parties being pushed back by two months from our assumption in the Draft Workplan and Budget.

The work on the Methods Report is still underway. A draft will be ready shortly after this meeting for the Commission to review.

4. Other

YESAB Forum on Cumulative Effects: This is a four-part forum on CE that has had a large audience. For each session, there were consistently over 100 attendees. I presented the 'DRPC approach to Cumulative Effects in the Recommended Plan' to the Forum and it was well received. I think that the Commission should be pleased with the amount of work they put into the difficult decisions that were made in creating the CE framework and setting thresholds for the surface and linear disturbance indicators in the Plan.

Indigenous Planning Workshop: YLUPC is holding a two-day workshop run by Joe Copper Jack, on Indigenous planning or land relationship planning, today is actually the last day. Our own Angie was one of the Elders invited to help YLUPC (and DRPC) staff further understand land planning as it relates to indigenous planning and the Final Agreements.