



YUKON LAND USE PLANNING COUNCIL

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Dear Workshop Participant:

Please find enclosed the proceedings from the *Planning for Success* Workshop held January 21 & 22, 2014 at the Yukon Inn, Whitehorse. The Yukon Land Use Planning Council thanks you for your participation and much was learned about ways to improve how a regional plan is arrived at through the implementation of Chapter 11 of the Yukon First Nation Land Claim Agreements. A preliminary list of potential improvements as been developed and a follow-up workshop is planned for the fall of 2014 that we hope will lead to the formal adoption of many of these improvements. This list includes:

Concept # 1: Formalize the Role and Timing of “**Interim Measures**”: these are land policies that exist *for all or a portion* of the planning processes that address land uses occurring (or are prohibited) during the planning process. The Parties would agree when and how these interim measures would apply in the region.

Concept # 2: The Parties (Yukon Government and Yukon First Nations) would proactively prepare resource assessment information in advance of the Commission’s **Resource Assessment Report production** stage. The Parties would provide this information and a synthesis of it;

Concept # 3: The **Resource Assessment Reports** would include a “futuring” component that examines trends in land use and resource demand on short (next five years), medium (six to twenty) and long term (beyond twenty years) time horizons;

Concept # 4: The **Resource Assessment Reports** would conclude with a synthesis of the resource development and conservation values of the region (both text and mapped form);

Concept # 5: The Parties would provide guidance to the Commission as to **parameters of the Scenarios** (or Alternatives) that the Commission are to produce (either in the Terms of Reference or at an identified stage in the process);

Concept # 6: The Parties indicate the **land use issues** (or indicate specific work) they desire the Commission to do during the process. This would be indicated in the Terms of Reference and focus on the “hard” linkages in the land claim agreements (SMAs, Forestry, YESAA) and these would be specific to the individual planning regions.

Concept # 7: The role of “**stakeholders**”, “**the public**” and **UFA Boards and Committees** in these processes would be more clearly defined and consistently applied. This clarification would occur in the Terms of Reference.

Concept # 8: A detailed **multi-year work plan** would be developed before the Scenarios (or Alternatives) stage and provided to the Parties and Council for review.

Concept # 9: core **training and orientations** content would be defined for the start-up of the Commission. Additional training could be required as determined by the Parties prior to key stages in the process.

Concept # 10 **Proposed Modification to the Recommended Plan** would be defined by the Parties in sufficient detail that the Commission clearly will understand the Parties desire content of the Final Recommended Plan.

Concept # 11 the Parties would enter into **Party to Party agreements** before or during the process to help develop a common understanding of the expectation of the other Party during the process.

Concept # 12 YLUPC would be identified as the provider of **financial administration** to all planning commissions, with this arrangement respecting the day to day decision making role of the Commission with respect to the funding provided by Government

Concept # 13 **Methods reporting**: Commission would be asked for “methods” reports for each of its core products.

Concept # 14 A **land designation system** would be agreed to in the Terms of Reference for use by the regional planning commission, with the goal of having similar systems applied to each region.

Concept # 15 **Planning Principles** would be included in the Terms of References.

Concept # 16: the **Senior Planners** would receive a document that help guide the staff through the planning and administrative work that is expected.

Finally, a review of the process of Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Planning Commission process has been completed through the University Victoria by Nick Grzybowski (MA). The thesis is available for review on the Council’s website or in hard copy form from our office.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Gerald Isaac, YLUPC.

Sincerely,

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