



## Draft Meeting #2 2025-26 Minutes

August 26, 2025 (10:00am-3:30pm)

YLUPC Boardroom

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### **Present**

**Council:** Al Foster (Chair), Neil Salvin (Member), Carl Sidney (Member).

**Staff:** Tim Sellars (Director), Michelle Christensen (Administrator), Micheal Jim (Land Relationship Planner), Julia Benn (online - Finance Manager); Sam Skinner (Senior Land Use Planner).

**Guests:** Line Gagnon, Calypso Communications; Georgianna Low, CTFN Elder; Nathalie Lowry, ECCC; Kirsten Reid, DRPC; Amber Church, YG.

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### **1. Review Agenda**

- Members discussed frequency of Council meetings.
  - The funding agreement states there need to be a minimum of 4 public meetings/year. 5-6/year have been the norm.

*Suggestion: Council to consider making more meetings public.*

- Agenda item for audited financial statements should read "final", not "draft".

*Motion to approve agenda as amended.*

*Moved by Al Foster, seconded by Neil Salvin; motion passed.*

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### **2. April 7, 2025 Minutes**

*Motion to approve April 7, 2025 Minutes as presented.*

*Moved by Carl Sidney, seconded by Neil Salvin; motion passed.*

### **Action Item Review**

Review of list of action items from previous council meetings:

#### ***Contact YNTEP and YFNED for curriculum development opportunities.***

- YFNED does not do curriculum development.
- Staff met with FNSB and are doing in-class planning simulations.
- Georgianna commented that it is good to reach out to youth and Yukon U.
- UFA training was discussed recently at UFA Board & Committee meetings.

***Action: Mike to contact Elaine Chambers at Dena Naye Ventures to inquire about UFA-based curriculum for youth to ensure Council is not duplicating work already being done.***

#### ***Council to formulate ideas on how to plan remaining regions.***

- TRT just signed an agreement with the Tahltan and is negotiating with BC.
- Georgianna clarified that the Dene people are broader than individual FNs.

#### ***Reach out to FN in Mackenzie Valley re: TK for land management.***

- Mike reached out and received only broad information so far, he will follow up.

#### ***Connect with Jocelyn Joe-Strack re: presentation opportunities for FN youth in the spring.***

- Jocelyn is unavailable but has flagged the Council's interest.

***Ask YFNED about a booth at their Youth Summit & hosting a LUP session.***

- Mike will continue reaching out, with the next opportunity expected in February.

***Request a copy of FNNND-YG MOU for the NND Planning Region.***

- Received – to be discussed In Camera (confidential).

***Share workplan and critical components exercise with Council for approval.***

- Staff to review and revise prior to Council approval.

***Get quote from NwTel for phone system and business internet line.***

- In the process of getting new business internet line: new line could potentially improve current phone system. Defer phone upgrade for now.

***New item:***

- Georgianna commented on Mayo B Dam relicensing, that we know the problems that dams bring.

**Action:** Tim to look into status of the Mayo Dam CE study and request an update.

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**4.0 Debriefing of Land Relationship Gathering Klukshu**

- Held July 30-Aug 1. Theme: breaking down barriers. Roughly 60 participants from YG, UFA boards & committees, CYFN, FN governments, Yukon University and public.
- Line Gagnon has provided a draft facilitator's report.

**Discussion**

- List of themes and solutions could be filtered through Council's strategic plan.
- Council noted how the same issues are identified every year - perhaps young people at the meeting found more value.
- Carl noted that 1½ days is not long enough for good discussions.
- If it was longer, could come out with joint formal recommendations (resolutions).

**Next Steps**

- Reviewing the solutions to see what may be implementable.

**Suggestion:** In addition to meeting regularly with the Minister, Council could also meet with the Grand Chief.

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**3.0 Director's Report**

- Updates on meetings, planning regions, and administrative matters.

**Discussion**

- Potential for attendance at Northwest Boreal Partnership meetings in Alaska.
- Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Committee meeting highlights.

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**5. Meeting Debriefings**

Minister Streicker Quarterly Meeting July 29

- Topics covered: NND region, Dawson, Klukshu Gathering, funding delays, Bill C5, and mining legislation.

Boards and Committees Meeting August 20-21

- EDs and Chairs attended. TPC currently developing video training.



- NGO Hub Society could be a good resource for coordinating central training.
- Planning starting soon for January UFA B&C Gathering. FNs to be invited too.

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## **6. YLUPC Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements**

### **Annual report for 2024-2025**

- Annual report follows YG-provided template.

Motion to accept and approve YLUPC 2024-2025 Annual Report, with changes as discussed, and provide to Government of Yukon. Moved by: Al Foster; seconded by Neil Salvin; *motion passed.*

### **YLUPC Audit for 2024-2025**

- Reviewed budget variances:
  - Admin reduced by 8%; personnel 2% underspent; planning increased by 72%; special projects increased by 25%. Biggest impact from last year was TK Circle
- YLUPC ran a deficit of \$15k.
- Julia reviewed the role of the auditor, Council and staff in the audit.
- Carried over \$17k from 2023-2024, earned income from investments.
- MacKay concluded it was a clean audit.

Motion to accept and approve YLUPC 2024-2025 Audit and provide to Government of Yukon. Moved by: Carl Sidney; seconded by Neil Salvin; *motion passed.*

### **DRPC Audited Financial Statements for 2024-2025**

- Will defer DRPC audit review until next meeting, once DRPC has approved it.
- Discussion of whether funding amounts are in 1991 dollars. Tim confirmed.

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## **7. YLUPC Budget**

### Current Financial Status

- Special projects: underbudget, separated out annual gathering. Have reallocated rent, council honoraria, and special projects (Copper's future work).
- Council has budget for a TK Circle meeting in October/November.
- Tech support – Eric backfilling for Sam.
- Gathering came in slightly over budget. TK Circle honoraria and travel account for a large part of the costs – some members couldn't attend, which resulted in savings.
- This year, Council is not required to submit an interim report in October.

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## **8. Peel Watershed**

### Peel Implementation Committee continues to meet:

- Committee is working well together. All decisions are consensus-based.
- Park designations are moving forward: LMU 12 - all parties are pushing to cement this park before the election. Progress on LMU 14 park designation is ongoing.
- Plan amendments will require a public component. Commission role undefined.
- Defining adequate baseline data – YG will be issuing an RFP for this work.

- Council discussed the implications of tourism traffic in the Peel watershed and the fact that there still is no management plan as well as relinquished mining claims.

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### **9. Nacho Nyak Dun Region**

- Council had an In Camera discussion on the confidential MOU between YG & NND.

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### **10. Correspondence**

- Council received a letter from YG addressed to all UFA boards and councils re: funding stating that they are engaged in confidential negotiations.
- Minister Clarke sent out a letter pushing for progress on protection of SMA 12 under the Peel Plan before the upcoming election.
- The Dawson Commission received a response from the parties re: the Commission's role and authority in developing the region's land use plan.

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### **11. Media**

- Many updates about the Victoria Gold mine were posted in media.
- Kusawa Park Management Plan has been adopted by YG, CAFN, KDFN and CTFN.
- YESAB announced a new process for screenings – Council provided feedback.
- YG/NND put out a news release on the signing of the MOU for an NND region.
- Premier Pemberton announced work to strengthen mining oversight and compliance. Council noted that regulators and promotes should be separate.

### **Discussion**

Council discussed planning region boundaries and titles and how they are communicated on the Council's website and other communications.

[Suggestion: How future planning regions are communicated on maps needs further discussion.](#)

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### **12. Upcoming Meetings**

Next Council Meeting – September 22, 2025, 10am. Xmas open house to be discussed.

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### **Meeting adjourned 3:15pm.**

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Approval of August 26, 2025 meeting minutes at September 22, 2025 Council meeting.

*Al Foster*

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YLUPC Chair

September 22, 2025

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*Liz Sella*

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YLUPC Director

September 22, 2025

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