



**YLUPC 2024-25 Meeting #5 Minutes  
December 13, 2024 (9:00am – 12:00pm)  
YLUPC Boardroom**

**Participants**

**Council:**

Al Foster – Chair  
Carl Sidney – Member  
Neil Salvin - Member

**Guests:**

Kirsten Reid – DRPC Senior Planner  
Toshibaa Govindaraj – DRPC Planner  
Natalie Lowry – CWS (zoom)  
Amber Church – YG (zoom)

How We Walk (zoom)  
Rose Sellars – YESAB (zoom)  
Sarah Sheridan – YESAB (zoom)

**Staff:**

Tim Sellars – Director  
Julia Benn – Finance Manager (zoom)  
Michelle Christensen – Administrator  
Micheal Jim – Land Relationship Planner  
Sam Skinner – Senior Planner

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**1.0 Review Agenda**

Additions:

- CYFN caucus meeting.
- Appoint Chair.

Motion to appoint Al Foster as Council Chair effective August 15, 2024 to June 15, 2025.

Moved by Neil Salvin; Seconded by Carl Sidney; *Motion Passed.*

Motion to approve Meeting #5, December 13, 2024 Agenda, as amended.

Moved by Neil Salvin; Seconded by Carl Sidney; *Motion Passed.*

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**2.0 Review Minutes and Action Items**

Motion to approve Meeting #4, October 23, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Moved by Al Foster; Seconded by Neil Salvin; *Motion Passed.*

Tim reviewed action items:

- Association of Yukon Communities declined our offer to present on regional planning.
- Will approach affected First Nations in Kluane region about a pre-planning meeting.
- Recommendation for ongoing commissions was made in October.

Motion to amend the July 3, 2024 Minutes to appoint Al Foster as interim Chair.

Moved by Al Foster; Seconded by Carl Sidney; *Motion Passed.*

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**3.0 Director's Report**

Communications:

- Preparing for the UFA Boards and Committees meeting in January.
- TK Circle video project is ongoing.
- New photo catalogue: over 4000 searchable photos. Cataloguing is completed.
- Working on the NND annotated bibliography.



- Peel Plan Implementation Committee continuing to hold regular meetings. YLUPC proposed new approach to plan review process.
- Office will be closed between Xmas and New Year's. Sam on leave until August.

**Discussion:**

- Will Lands Act change how funding flows from Canada-YG-YLUPC? Funding and legislation to be discussion points for Minister meeting and UFA B&C meeting in January.
- Regional plan amendment process and the role of commissions was discussed.

**Chair's Report (Al Foster)**

- Looking forward to being Chair.
- Hoping to see a successful resolution to the Dawson Plan.
- 31 years since UFA was signed. Within 10 years, regional planning for the territory was supposed to be complete. Process has become more adversarial than collaborative: mediation is an option.
- RRC's have valuable planning perspective that should be drawn upon.

**Discussion:**

- 2004 YG funding report on land use planning is a notable document: a lot has changed.

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**4.0 Dawson Region Update**

Dawson Plan:

- YG proposed modifications on Nov. 25.
- Both TH and YG have requested modifications to the Plan: both sets of feedback are publicly available on DRPC website.
- Commission met this past Wednesday: ready to move forward, prioritizing thoroughness. John Glynn-Morris to facilitate review process. Possible to have a final recommended plan in fall 2025.
- Commission set to meet regularly between January-April.
- Public meeting January 22: Parties to present feedback. Planning partners (including YLUPC) will also have a chance to present new information.
- Timing of Plan review with upcoming election has been discussed.

Kirsten may attend January UFA Boards & Committees meeting on behalf of Commission.

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**5.0 Dawson Preliminary Work Plan and Budget 2025-26**

- Budget and Work Plan reflect submitting final recommended plan in late fall 2025.
- Changes in projected surplus since Commission's Wednesday meeting.
- 2025-26 budget reflects current staff and GIS and facilitator contractors.
- Commission approved Preliminary Work Plan and Budget this week.

Motion to accept the Dawson Regional Planning Commission's 2025-26 Work Plan and Budget and recommend to Government of Yukon.

Moved by Neil Salvin; Seconded by Carl Sidney; *Motion Passed.*



## **6.0 YLUPC Preliminary Plan and Budget 2025-26**

- Due to YG by December 15.

Priorities:

- Support Dawson region; work towards future regions; implement existing plans; embrace TK; address future funding; communications.
- Changes made since previous version:
  - Increased budget by \$32k: more meetings; increased Council honoraria; TK Circle meeting budget increased; billback for NND region added; addition of Klwane planning region funding; GIS technical services reduced.
- Amendment: Remove Section 1.3 reference to the establishment of four planning regions.

Motion to approve YLUPC Preliminary Work Plan and Budget 2025-26 as amended and submit to YG December 13, 2024.

Moved by Al Foster; Seconded by Carl Sidney; Motion Passed.

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## **7.0 Staff Roundtable**

Julia:

- Working on T4's; updating financial procedures and key contacts document; and preparing for audit/new fiscal year.

Kirsten: see Dawson update

Mike:

- Supporting integration of TK into planning process; implementing recommendations from Mayo Gathering; working on TK Circle interviews.

Sam:

- Eric Delong will be covering off GIS work during his leave: January-August.
- TK Circle video interview project and website map pages – ongoing.
- Planning regions work:
  - Working on NND bibliography.
  - Worked on Klwane planning region boundary.
  - PPIC: Park establishment in the Peel region – interesting questions around the role of commissions and consistency checks. Variance/amendment meeting and adequate baseline data update in February. Council discussed Standard Terms and Conditions.

Michelle

- Mayo Report completed & posted to website. In the process of mailing out.
- YLUPC, DRPC, North Yukon and Peel websites have been moved to a more stable server. Looking at contracting a new company, possibly in the new year, to improve design, stability of site, and streamline hosting/troubleshooting as well as improve user and administrative experience.
- Will continue with Sam's work on TK Circle page while he's away.
- Recently took First Nations 101 as well as a graphic design course.
- Will work with Mike/TK Circle to develop a TK Circle logo.



- Will be supporting the NND annotated bibliography as well as the Dawson Plan over the coming months.

Action: Tim to review Peel and North Yukon websites for plan feedback and other key documents.

Action: Sam to follow up with YG re: updated caribou habitat report.

Action: Mike and Tim to produce a summary of the 2018 Yukon Heritage Board's Stewardship guide for Council. \*Could go in NND bibliography.

Action: Mike to determine if other First Nations are providing updates and feedback on their transboundary discussions with their citizens, as NND is.

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### **8.0 Michelle Creek Supreme Court Case**

Sam attended portions of the court proceeding and reviewed the briefing note he prepared for Council.

#### **Discussion:**

- Interesting to see how much the regional plan figured into this case. The role of ongoing commissions was noted as problematic. PPIC is currently working on addressing this.
- Case law out of Nunavut – requirement to fund treaty promises to a reasonable point.
- Roles/responsibilities (including consistency opinions)/definitions – implications for Council. Case demonstrates the importance of regional plans.
- Ruling to be made in February. Hopefully, will provide clarity on key questions.

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### **9.0 Ross River Dena IPCA**

Feasibility of a protected area being assessed in Ross River region. Similar to a Ch. 11 process, but focussed on conservation, with a predetermined end point and involvement of Parks Canada.

Action: Mike and Carl to reach out to Hammond Dick re: Ross River Dena IPCA.

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### **10.0 Correspondence and Media**

The correspondence and media spreadsheet has been improved to include a summary/notes for each item.

Tim reviewed the highlights, including updates on Eagle Mine remediation and monitoring.

Amber noted that the Resource Roads regulation has passed, which will allow YG to regulate resource roads more effectively. 60 days before regulations come into effect.

Action: Council to add Resource Roads regulation to an upcoming meeting agenda (February), to be coordinated through Amber Church at YG.

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### **11.0 Upcoming Meetings**

- December 13, 12-4pm: Christmas Open House
- December 16: January meeting preparations (Council)
- January 13: Minister's meeting
- January 13: FN Caucus meeting
- January 14-15: UFA Boards and Committees Gathering
- January 22 DRPC public meeting



- January 23 DRPC working session
- February 10: Council Meeting #6

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**Meeting adjourned** at 12:00pm.

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Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes #5 2024-25 at Regular Board Meeting #6 2024-25.

*Al Foster*  
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YLUPC Chair

2025-02-12  
Date

*Leo Allen*  
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YLUPC Director

2025-02-12  
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