



YLUPC 2024-25 Meeting #6 Minutes

February 12, 2025

YLUPC Boardroom

Participants

Council:

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

Staff:

Tim Sellars – Director
Julia Benn – Finance Manager (zoom)
Micheal Jim – Land Relationship Planner

Guests:

Kirsten Reid – DRPC Senior Planner
Natalie Lowry – CWS (zoom)
Amber Church – YG (zoom)
Julia Ahlgren – YG
Omar – Natural Resource analyst for TH

Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm

- Council took a moment to recognize and acknowledge the passing of respected First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun Elder, Jimmy Johnny.
- Round table introductions

1.0 Review Agenda

Additions: Wetlands discussion

Motion to approve Meeting #6, February 12, 2025 Agenda as amended.

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

2.0 Review Minutes and Action Items

Motion to approve Meeting #5, December 13, 2024 Minutes, as presented. Moved by Carl Sidney; Seconded by Neil Salvin; *Motion Passed.*

Tim reviewed the following action items from December:

- *Tim to review Peel and North Yukon websites for key documents. (done - no additions required)*
- *Sam to follow up with YG on 2015 caribou habitat report. (done, will be updated in the future)*
- *Mike and Tim to produce summary of Heritage Board Stewardship Guide. (draft done - ongoing)*
- *Mike to determine if other FNs are providing feedback re: transboundary agreements. (ongoing)*
- *Invite YG to present to Council on Resource Roads Regulations. (done - on today's agenda)*
- *Mike and Carl to reach out to Ross River – Dena IPCA (ongoing)*

3.0 Director and Chair's Report

Director's Report (Tim Sellars)

Tim reviewed meetings attended over the last month:

- Minister Streicker quarterly meeting Jan. 13. The next meeting will be in April.
- 2-day UFA boards and committees gathering in January. It was an opportunity to discuss how to improve implementation.
- Traditional Knowledge Circle meeting was held January 20-21.



- DRPC public meeting Jan. 22 in Dawson. Council made a presentation on "what's new".
- Northwest Boreal Partnership Strategic Planning Session was held January 27 & 31.
- Met with CYFN and YG re: funding adequacy on January 30.

Other items:

- Continuing to work on the annotated bibliography in partnership with YG and NND.
- Council will provide feedback on YG's wetlands policy implementation documents.

Chair's Report (Al Foster)

- Two upcoming meetings with CYFN re: funding. Issue for all UFA boards and committees.
- Need more youth engagement – either through the education system or individual FNs.
- Wetlands documents have been provided to Council.

4.0 Resource Roads Regulation

Julia Ahlgren, YG

- Julia provided an overview of the regulation, its purpose, where it applies, and what's new.
- The regulation allows for access management and limits effects of roads.
- It includes ability to put time limits on permits.
- Approved in November and came into effect Jan. 27.
- No precedent worldwide for this type of regulation.
- Regulation applies to public land for a person or entity with a resource interest.
- Three different types of permits: primary, access, and access authorization.
- Application process includes: operational plans, road construction plans, site assessments, decommissioning and reclamation, heritage resource assessments, and security.

5.0 Dawson Region Update (Kirsten Reid)

- Public meeting took place on Jan. 22 in Dawson. Heard proposed modifications from TH and YG. All proposed modifications are on commission website. Commission also heard presentations from eight different stakeholders.
- NND will provide commission with written submission.
- 30 people attended in person, plus about 30 on Zoom.
- Jan. 23-24 Commission working session: Commission considers modifications and decides which ones to incorporate and provides reasons behind said decisions.
- Commission discussed 6 of 7 topics. Yukon River Corridor, climate change, cumulative effects, caribou, ongoing commission, and reclamation/restoration.
- Commission's next scheduled working session is Feb. 26-27 and will be followed by working sessions March 5-6, to ensure work is done between now and end of spring.
- Working to provide input on wetlands document.
- Kirsten had presentations at Yukon University (Land Use Planning in Canada's North and Yukon Source Water Protection and Watershed Stewardship).

6.0 DRPC Recommended WorkPlan and Budget 2025-26 (Kirsten Reid)

- Dawson Final Recommended Plan expected near the end of 2025.



- Determine role of the ongoing commission.
- Main budget expenses are staff, office space, and commission meetings.
- Commission has approved the workplan and budget. YG reviewed preliminary budget and rejected increased honoraria.
- Amend wording of timing for Final Recommended Plan completion date from “fall” 2025 to “end” of 2025.

Motion to accept the Dawson Regional Planning Commission 2025-26 Workplan and Budget, as amended.

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

7.0 YLUPC Finance

2024-2025 Year-end financial status (Julia Benn)

- Over budget by 1.69% as of Jan 31, 2025. No capital expenditures for the fiscal year.
- No surplus is expected this year.
- Surplus of about \$17 thousand was carried forward into this current fiscal year.
- Under budget in administration and personnel categories, and overspent in Council, planning, and special projects categories.
- Cost savings include cost sharing 1/6th of rent costs to DRPC (\$13,650). Also received funds from YESAB to cover Elder honoraria for the Mayo gathering (\$14,822).
- Seeking Council approval for access to the line of credit on a temporary basis as we transition into the new fiscal year.

Motion to approve access, on a temporary basis, to the line of credit up to a maximum of \$25,000.

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

2025-2026 YLUPC Recommended Work Plan and Budget (Tim Sellars)

- Workplan includes future planning region support.
- Increased honoraria rates were declined by YG.
- Reduced workshop funding, communications, and promotion.

Motion to approve amended Council Workplan and Budget for 2025-26.

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

10-year funding review (Tim Sellars)

- YG/Canada/CYFN are conducting the 10-year review for all UFA boards and committees.
- Met with CYFN. YG to answer questions regarding funding pressures and implications, as well as things we have been able to accomplish with the funding that we have.
- Tim and Al will meet with FN funding caucus on Feb 19.
- Need for an ongoing forum for boards and committees to collaborate on things like training and orientation and spirit and intent of final agreements.
- Funding negotiations will be taking place in the fall.

8.0 Traditional Knowledge Circle Update (Carl Sidney and Micheal Jim)

- Working collaboratively to identify critical components in land relationship planning and to incorporate Traditional Knowledge into land use plans.



- Provide direction, integration of indigenous planning and cultural knowledge into the process.
- Shared “critical components” of planning brainstorming results.
- Current members of the Traditional Knowledge Circle are: Roland Peter, Hammond Dick, Shirlee Frost, Gary Darbyshire, Franklin Patterson, Colleen James, Angie Joseph-Rear, and Carl Sidney on behalf of the Yukon Land use Planning Council.

9.0 Correspondence and Media

- YG letter re: NND region: Continue to work towards getting planning region underway.
- YG letter re: ongoing commissions: Minister Streicker responded that project conformity checks are key for plan implementation and that YG is working towards this.
- Consultation on new national park in Peel River Watershed.
- YG wetlands policy implementation documents – feedback due by April 17.
- Continued media reports on the Eagle Gold mine the emergency response.
- News story on mining legislation development – YCS and NND have concerns.
- Relicensing of the Mayo dam: important given the potential for a NND planning region.
- \$2.5 million pilot program for studies in critical mineral and infrastructure development. 5 FNs are accessing that funding. YG working on cumulative effects studies and frameworks.

Action: Council to review wetlands documentation and discuss at next working meeting.

Action: In advance of quarterly meetings with Minister Streicker, provide him with key points to be addressed during meetings.

10.0 Upcoming Meetings

- February 19: CYFN caucus on land use planning.
- March 20: Joint UFA Boards funding meeting.
- March 24: Annual meeting of the Chairs.
- April 11: EMR Minister meeting.
- April 16-17: Traditional Knowledge Circle.
- 2025-2026 Public Meeting #1 – tentatively scheduled for April 10, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes #6 2024-25 at Council Meeting #1 2025-26.

A.B. Foster

 YLUPC Chair

2025-04-07
 Date

Tom Allen

 YLUPC Director

2025-04-07
 Date