



**YLUPC 2024-25 Meeting #3 Minutes**  
**September 3 (1:00 pm - 3:30 pm)**  
**YLUPC Boardroom**

**Participants**

**Council:**

Al Foster – Interim Chair  
Carl Sidney – Member

**Guests:**

Kirsten Reid – DRPC Senior Planner  
Copper Joe Jack - Consultant

**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**

Agenda adopted with no changes.

**Motion 2024-09-01: To approve Meeting #3, September 3, 2024 Agenda, as presented.**

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

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**2.0 Review Minutes**

**Motion 2024-09-02: To approve Meeting #2, July 3, 2024 Minutes, as presented.**

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

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**3.0 Director's Report**

- Key activities since July 3, 2024:
  - Hosted Mayo Land Relationship Gathering.
  - Attended: Moosehide Gathering, CYFN GA, and UFA Boards and Committees meeting.
  - Upcoming meetings with 6 First Nations over the next 6 weeks.
  - YESAB land use planning bulletin coming out next week.
  - NND region – wrote a letter to NND and YG leadership encouraging approval of the General Terms of Reference and establishment of the Commission. Work on the annotated bibliography is ongoing.

Action: Tim to follow up with CHAOS program re: YLUPC-delivery of land use planning programming.

**Motion 2024-09-03: To accept September 3, 2024 Director's report, as presented.**

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

**Chair's Report**

- Al Foster is the Interim Chair until Canada appointment is filled.
- Frustrated with Council vacancy: better decisions are made with more input. Hopeful seat is filled soon.
- Impressed with How We Walk With the Land and Water –a very valuable pre-planning exercise that could be part of a Chapter 11 process.

- Working on increasing Council honoraria.
- Liard, Mackenzie and Inuvialuit (transboundary First Nations/Inuvialuit) have had successful land planning processes: frameworks could be used for YT's Southern Lakes and Teslin.
- It's been valuable to attend various General Assemblies over the last while.
- YG has recently hired permafrost experts – could have implications for regional planning.

### **Copper Joe Update**

- Was glad to attend the Mayo and Moosehide gatherings, as well as a workshop with the Inuvialuit on delta-area permafrost.
- Model work update.

## **4.0 Finance**

### **Approval of 2023-2024 Audit**

- Council has started doing GIC investments.
- Revenue/expenditure similar to last year.
- Overall surplus close to what estimate was.
- No concerns with the 2023-2024 audit. Cost of the audit has gone up (as expected).

*Motion 2024-09-04: To accept and approve YLUPC 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements, as presented and provide to Government of Yukon.*

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

### **Approval of 2023-2024 Annual Report**

- Changes:
  - Need to adjust financials to reflect audited numbers and insert auditor's report.
  - List TK Circle members and language groups they represent, and note Angie's absence.
  - Replace DRPC photo with more recent photo showing current membership.
- Post report to website and mail copies to First Nations and UFA Boards and Councils.

*Motion 2024-09-05: To accept and approve YLUPC 2023-24 Annual Report, with proposed changes as discussed, and provide to Government of Yukon.*

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

### **2024-2025 year-to-date**

- As of July 31, we are under budget, although have a few outstanding bills.
- Thanks to YESAB for paying for elder honoraria at the Mayo gathering.

## **5.0 Dawson Region Update**

- Had audit in August: DRPC is in good standing.
- Large surplus from 2023-24 rolled over due to delays in finalization of Recommended Plan. No limits to surplus amount that can be carried over year to year.

*Motion 2024-09-06: To accept and approve DRPC 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements, as presented, pending approval by the DRPC.*

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

Motion 2024-09-07: To accept and approve DRPC 2023-24 Annual Report, as presented, pending approval by the DRPC.

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

### **Senior Planner's Update**

- Have submitted budget request for 2025-26, including surplus for this year: in line with what has been done previous years. Hopeful to have finalized Recommended Plan in 2025-2026.
- Commission is still waiting for full set of feedback.
- Hoping to hire two part-time planners – one Whitehorse and one Dawson-based.
- CBC news story last week about Dawson Plan delays. Kirsten was interviewed for the story.
- Five Commission members' terms up in December. Kirsten is following up with YG on making sure there is no gap in membership.

Action: Staff to request a meeting with the Minister re: DRPC appointments.

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### **6.0 Traditional Knowledge Circle**

- Facilitator's report from Mayo gathering recapped event and provides an overview and interpretation of discussions.
  - Michelle is working on producing a report similar to what was produced from the Brook's Brook gathering.

### **TK Circle Annual Review**

- Mike and Tim reviewed their report, noting accomplishments, next steps, lessons learned, suggestions, a list of 10 2023-24 meetings as well as finances.

### **Discussion**

- Mike has requested an invitation to an upcoming First Nation data sovereignty meeting in October.
- Could approach members for thoughts on getting feedback from their communities re: the Circle at next meeting.
- Circle to consider holding next land relationship gathering in fall/winter.

Action: Staff to communicate TK Circle involvement in land use planning at upcoming GA's.

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### **7.0 NND Planning Region**

- Council sent a letter on August 9 to NND and YG urging them to proceed with planning in the region. Waiting for Terms of Reference to be signed.
- Working on annotated bibliography: technical level meeting on September 17. Commission member orientation manual is complete.

Action: Staff to ensure document properties/titles/content align in files.

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### **8.0 Correspondence and Media**

- Much of the correspondence and media relates to Eagle Mine disaster, and the related need for planning.

Action: Michelle to format cells in correspondence and media file as discussed.



Action: Michelle to add Whitehorse Star article written by Art Webster re: land use planning to correspondence and media file.

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**9.0 Upcoming Dates & Next Council Meeting**

- KFN and WRFN Meetings – September 4
- CAFN General Assembly – September 6-8
- TTC General Assembly – September 11-13
- CTFN General Council – September 28
- TK Circle – October 16-17
- Next Council meeting – October 3

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**Meeting adjourned** at 3:30pm.

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Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes #3 2024-25 at Regular Board Meeting #4 2024-25.

*Al Foster*

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YLUPC Chair

*Liz Sella*

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YLUPC Director

October 24, 2024

Date

October 24, 2024

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