

## **Draft Director's Report: YLUPC: July 30, 2020**

### **Dawson Region Planning Commission**

The YLUPC staff worked with DRPC staff as they prepared the drafts of the "What You Said" report the Resource Assessment Report and associated summary document. The YLUPC staff focussed much of its effort on supporting the Commission with the Council's Geographic Information System and involvement in the Commission's considerations of Cumulative Effects management in the Dawson region.

Council member Dennis Zimmerman assisted the Commission by facilitating a series of DRPC Zoom meetings that occurred as a result of the operational restrictions associated with Covid19. The Director attended meetings in Dawson City February 19<sup>th</sup> and, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the Zoom meetings April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, April 23 and May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Director met with the Chair and Vice and Senior Planner about the nature of the meetings the Commission is required to have and about the topic of interim measures and regional planning.

The Council submitted the Dawson Regional Planning Commission's Final Workplan and Budget 2020-2021 and assisted with its Annual Report production. As the Council continues to provide financial and administrative support for this Commission, the Senior Financial Administrator led the commission through its auditing process.

### **Correspondence and meeting with YESAB**

In an effort to improve the integration of land use planning and land use assessment, the Council initiated correspondence with the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB) and this resulted in a meeting between the two agencies on February 27, 2020. A wide range of topics were discussed in the meeting, including the need for early engagement between YESAA based office staff and planning commission staff, the issues associated with the Council doing conformity checks, the common interest in Cumulative Effects management, the content of regional plans that is most useful to YESAB, the potential use of information by planning commissions generated by YEABs Yukon Online Registry and the potential for a YESAA Forum focussed upon the integration of Chapter 11 and Chapter 12 of the land claim agreements.

The Council sent YESAB a follow-up letter on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and a technical meeting regarding potential use of YESAB's Yukon Online Registry happened June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **Yukon Forum LEADS meeting**

The Council presented the LEADS committee with a regional land use planning restart proposal with the goals of advancement of land use planning both within and outside of Chapter 11, re-evaluate process and data requirements for regional land use planning, supporting several land use planning processes concurrently and evaluating a full range of process options. The idea of co-creating an improved process was well received and further work refining how this might occur was agreed upon, with the Council leading this work. A second meeting occurred April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the Council presented the committee with the concept that an improved process could be created through a series of Strategic Workshops. This idea was also agreed to and at third LEADS meeting June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Council indicate that it had hired a contractor to

interview the LEADS participants as to the nature and content of these workshops. The LEADS committee also discussed the Adequacy of Funding review and future planning regions.

### **North Yukon/Peel Implementation**

Two conformity checks were completed on the fiber optics cable project along the Dempster Highway (in both the Peel and North Yukon regions).

### **Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement**

The Council's draft Annual Report and draft Audit Financial Statement was completed by the Secretariat (and Auditor).

### **Mineral Development Strategy Submission**

Based upon a meeting with Mineral Development Strategy Panel, the Council's Secretariat drafted potential points for submission to the Panel (engagement process delayed because of COVID19). The Council's submission will be a joint one with the Dawson Regional Planning Commission.

### **Teslin Regional Planning Commission**

The Council's staff continued to follow-up with the Teslin Tlingit Council's regarding its request for its regional planning work to begin.

### **Northwest Boreal Landscape Conservation Co-op Meeting**

YLUPC staff met with the Northwest Boreal Conservation Cooperative and the Carcross Tagish First Nation about sponsoring a gathering focussed upon *First Nation Planning*, Carcross, May of 2020. However, this gathering has been placed in abeyance due to the Covid19 pandemic.

### **Peel Regional Land Use Plan Implementation**

The Council has been in correspondence with the Peel Regional Land Use Plan Implementation Committee about the work associated with the implementation of the Peel Regional Land Use plan.

### **COVID19 Adjustments**

Based upon advise from the Yukon Chief Medical Officer, the Council's Secretariat closed its office and the staff are working at home, with limited hours in the office.

## **Draft Director's Report: YLUPC: September 29, 2020**

### **Dawson Region Planning Commission**

The YLUPC staff worked with DRPC staff as they began preparing components of the Draft Plan. The YLUPC staff focussed much of its effort on supporting the Commission with the Council's Geographic Information System and involvement in the Commission's considerations of Cumulative Effects management in the Dawson region. Staff also reviewed the Commission's Interim Report. Work involving Council members included a Chair to Chair meeting July 29, 2020 with topics covered including the need for a clear understanding of the planning issues the Commission is facing, interim measures, YLUPC's work with the Yukon Forum LEADS, the MOU and staffing, conflict of interest management, meeting facilitation, a possible joint submission the Mineral Development Strategy and the challenges of working during the Covid19 pandemic

### **Presentation to YESAB staff**

Council's staff met with YESAB staff, making a presentation regarding how conformity checks are done.

### **Yukon Forum LEADS work**

Following the direction of the Yukon Forum LEADS committee, the Council hired a contractor to interview LEAD members with the purpose of identifying topics that should be the focus of follow-up workshops aimed at improving Chapter 11 based planning processes. The contractor completed a report identifying topics appropriate for workshops, topics that should be discussed outside of the workshop series, as well as potential questions for each workshop.

### **North Yukon/Peel Implementation**

The Council continues to take on the responsibilities of conducting conformity checks in both regions. There were no projects received from YESAB in this period. The Council did consider the request from the Peel plan implementation Parties to continue having YLUPC conduct conformity checks and the additional work of reviewing Class 1 notifications relative to the approved Peel land use plan. A reply letter was returned to the Peel implementation Parties.

### **Interim Report**

The Council's Secretariat drafted an Interim Report due to Yukon September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Mineral Development Strategy Submission**

Based upon a meeting with Mineral Development Strategy Panel and a review of material the Panel had produced, the Council submitted recommendation to the Mineral Development Review Panel.

## **Indigenous Planning and Traditional Knowledge**

To help advance its thinking regarding how to incorporate Indigenous Planning concepts and Traditional Knowledge in its planning process, the Council formed a steering committee comprised of First Nations individuals knowledgeable about the topic. The committee will consider future events that support this work (e.g. gatherings, discussion papers).

## **Draft Director's Report: YLUPC: December 11, 2020**

### **Dawson Region Planning Commission**

The YLUPC staff worked with DRPC staff as they began preparing components of the Draft Plan. The YLUPC staff focussed much of its effort on supporting the Commission with the Council's Geographic Information System and involvement in the Commission's considerations of Cumulative Effects management in the Dawson region through the use of ALCES software. Staff also reviewed the Commission's 2021-22 preliminary workplan and budget. Work has begun to prepare for continuing with the planning process after the end of March and the work associated with the release of the Draft Plan and the production of the Recommended Plan.

### **Yukon Forum LEADS work**

Following the direction of the Yukon Forum LEADS committee, the Council hired a contractor to interview LEAD members with the purpose of identifying topics that should be the focus of follow-up workshops aimed at improving Chapter 11 based planning processes. The contractor completed a report identifying topics appropriate for workshops, topics that should be discussed outside of the workshop series, as well as potential questions for each workshop. Workshops were organized to occur before the Christmas break (December 15<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>).

### **North Yukon/Peel Implementation**

The Council continues to take on the responsibilities of conducting conformity checks in both regions. There were no projects received from YESAB in this period. The Council did consider the request from the Peel plan implementation Parties to continue having YLUPC conduct conformity checks and the additional work of reviewing Class 1 notifications relative to the approved Peel land use plan. A meeting with the Peel implementation Parties occurred based upon the letter that Council sent.

### **2021-2022 YLUPC Workplan and Budget**

The Council's Secretariat drafted a Preliminary Workplan and budget for 2021-2022.

### **Teslin Planning Region**

The Director and Senior Planning and Policy Coordinator met with staff from the Teslin Tlingit Council regarding the issues associated with the establishment of the Teslin Planning Commission, including the possibility and challenges of concurrent planning in Northern BC.

### **Indigenous Planning and Traditional Knowledge**

To help advance its thinking regarding how to incorporate Indigenous Planning concepts and Traditional Knowledge in its planning process, the Council formed a steering committee comprised of First Nations individuals knowledgeable about the topic. The committee has met three times and has developed a vision for an event before the end of the fiscal year that supports this work. A report was also completed that examined the use of traditional knowledge in regional planning across northern Canada.

## **Draft Director's Report: YLUPC: February 12, 2021**

### **Dawson Region Planning Commission**

The YLUPC staff worked with DRPC staff on financial administration matters and as they began preparing components of the Draft Plan, including Module 1 that was sent to the Parties. The YLUPC staff focussed much of its effort on supporting the Commission with the Council's Geographic Information System and involvement in the Commission's considerations of Cumulative Effects management in the Dawson region through the use of ALCES software. Staff also reviewed the Commission's 2021-22 final workplan and budget and attended the DRPC meeting January 25, 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> in Dawson City. Work has begun to prepare for continuing with the planning process after the end of March (human resourcing) and the work associated with the release of the Draft Plan and the production of the Recommended Plan.

### **Yukon Forum LEADS work**

Following the direction of the Yukon Forum LEADS committee, the Council hired a contractor to interview LEAD members with the purpose of identifying topics that should be the focus of follow-up workshops aimed at improving Chapter 11 based planning processes. The contractor completed a report identifying topics appropriate for technical process workshops, and these workshops occurred on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The Council also met with the LEADS committee (Feb. 1) with much of the discussion focussing upon preparing a submission to the next Yukon Forum (expected in March).

### **North Yukon/Peel Implementation**

The Council continues to take on the responsibilities of conducting conformity checks in both regions. The Peel plan implementation Parties requested that YLUPC undertake the additional work of reviewing Class 1 notifications relative to the approved Peel land use plan and the Council has begun this work (3 completed, primarily mining activity on existing claims). The Senior Land Use Planner also finished a major technical document related to surface and linear disturbance levels in the North Yukon and how these types of monitoring calculations might be done in other areas in the Yukon.

### **2021-2022 YLUPC Workplan and Budget**

The Council's Secretariat prepared the Final Workplan and budget for 2021-2022.

### **Indigenous Planning and Traditional Knowledge**

To help advance its thinking regarding how to incorporate Indigenous Planning Concepts and Traditional Knowledge in its planning process, the Council formed a steering committee comprised of First Nations individuals knowledgeable about the topic. The committee has met five times and has developed a vision for an event. However, it has recommended that the event take place in an outdoor setting (more in-person participant possible) and with additional agencies with similar interests. A report was also completed that examined the use of traditional knowledge in regional planning across northern Canada.

### **YESAA Forum on Cumulative Effects Assessment Management & Monitoring, Jan 26-29, 2021**

The Chair (jointly with the Chair of YESAB) and Director presented at a YESAA Forum January 26-29 that focussed upon Cumulative Effects Assessment, Management and Monitoring. The Chair and staff participated in the workshop where the topic was related to regional planning.