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## YLUPC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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**TO:** Yukon Land Use Planning Council  
**FROM:** Tim Sellars, Director  
**DATE:** April 19, 2024

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The following is an update of activities undertaken since March 13, 2024.

### **1. North Yukon Plan Review**

We have made a formal Recommendation for a plan review to be undertaken for the North Yukon Region. The Recommendation has gone forward to Government of Yukon, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation.

We received a response from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation. They shared a copy of their contiguous boundary map as agreed to with Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in expressed interest in being involved with the planning process if it includes the Upper Minor River area, south of Fishing Branch protected area.

### **2. Court of Appeal Ruling - NND vs YG/Metallic Minerals**

On April 9, the Yukon Court of Appeal released its judgment regarding the approval of Metallic Minerals exploration in the Beaver River Watershed land use planning area.

The ruling is generally supports the ruling of the Yukon Supreme Court in 2023. The judgement is in favour of NND's position, "remitting" the Metallic Minerals application based on the argument that the lack of consultation did not respect the NND right for meaningful participation in land and resource management decisions. The judges also found that Yukon breached its duty of good faith with respect to the intergovernmental agreement.

I am following up with YG to find out if they are going to further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

### **3. Dawson Planning Region**

The Commission is still awaiting feedback from the Parties on the Dawson Recommended Plan. There is no update on timing since last month's Council meeting.

The 2024-25 Dawson Work Plan and Budget is awaiting signature of the Commission Chair.

### **4. Communications**

This morning, the Council held a working session that included fleshing out the Communications Plan.

We have started an Instagram Account so that we can better track announcements from other organizations and governments as well as promote our announcements and events. This will complement our other communications channels.

#### **5. Traditional Knowledge Circle**

The Brooks Brook Summary Report has been posted on our website and we have received printed copies of the Proceedings for limited distribution.

The Circle met April 17-18. Outcomes will be presented later in today's agenda.

#### **6. Budget and Finance**

The Funding Agreement with Yukon has been finalized and is in your meeting package. Finance is tying up any loose ends from 2023-24 and the new fiscal year is under way.

#### **7. Council Member Appointments**

We have contacted CIRNAC and confirmed that the nomination process is underway for the YLUPC federal position. Neil's term ends June 15.