
YLUPC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Yukon Land Use Planning Council
FROM: Tim Sellars, Director
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The following is an update of activities since the October 23 YLUPC Meeting #4.

1. Communications

Minister's Meeting

Council will be meeting with Minister Streicker on January 13 to continue our conversations on how to move planning forward.

Boards & Committees Meetings

On January 14-15, there will be a UFA Boards & Committees gathering. It is entitled "Yesterday Today and Tomorrow is Here; Let's Connect".

Agenda items include:

- Spirit and intent of UFA
- Roles and responsibilities
- NWT board forum
- Barriers to implementation
- Discussions: governance, challenges, training, engagement

Funding Adequacy Letter

We are sending a joint letter to the Parties (Canada/Yukon/CYFN) to request a meeting about funding adequacy. UFA boards and committees are concerned about the lack of communication related to the 10-year funding agreement, which is overdue.

First Nations Leadership Meetings

We are working with YFWMB and YHRB to jointly request attendance at First Nation Leadership and Yukon Forum about boards and committees issues. Funding is a key underlying issue, but this is reflective of a general need for greater support for UFA boards and committees to implement the land claims agreements. We will be seeking to build upon our common interests and goals.

Video project

Sam and Mike have continued to work on video recordings of TK Circle Members. They are now making their way onto our website. In the future, these will also improve our social media communications and presentations.

Photo project

We have now catalogued a complete set of YLUPC and Commission photographs. There are over 4300 photographs that we have indexed and labelled. Photos are now searchable by date, location, event, name, and photographer. We have also removed duplicate photos and discarded many of the lower quality images. There are still redundant and poor-quality photos that need to be removed, but the work is substantially complete.

2. Dawson Planning Region

On November 25, Yukon provided proposed modifications for the Dawson Recommended Plan. The next step is for the Dawson Commission to develop a Final Recommended Plan. No timeline has been provided for development of the final plan.

The Dawson Commission is meeting December 11 to chart their path forward. Sam and I are attending that meeting in Dawson. John Glynn-Morris is being brought back to facilitate the commission meetings. The Dawson planners are Kirsten Reid, Kim Melton and Toshibaa Govindaraj.

The DRPC 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget is being developed based upon December 11 discussions. This will require YLUPC review.

3. Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Region

We are continuing to work with the Parties on an online annotated bibliography.

4. Peel Region

The YG-YESAB Supreme Court hearings about Michelle Creek were held November 27-29. At the hearings, there was substantial testimony related to Chapter 11, the Council's role in conformity checks, and the Peel plan's requirement for adequate baseline data before development occurs. The judge has reserved judgement on the case. We anticipate a judgement in the new year.

The Peel implementation committee has been holding regular meetings. They have shared their implementation tracking table with us, which shows the progress made in the region and the outstanding work.

We have proposed a new approach to Peel plan variance and amendment tracking.

5. Preliminary Work Plan and Budget 2025-2026

Each December Council is required to submit a Preliminary Work Plan and Budget to YG for the coming year. We have reduced some redundancy in the work plan this year, combining some of the duplicated topics. For the budget, we have included the indexed honoraria and salaries.

6. Holidays

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day. Most staff will be taking this time off.

Sam is departing on an extended leave, from January to the end of August.