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## YLUPC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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**TO:** Yukon Land Use Planning Council  
**FROM:** Sam Skinner, Acting Director  
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The following is an update of activities undertaken since April 19, 2024.

### **1. Upcoming Chance Oil & Gas Proposal**

Chance Oil and Gas are working on a proposal for a fairly large 10-year seismic and drilling program in Eagle Plains. Roughly two thirds of the project will be in the North Yukon Region with the remainder in the Peel Watershed. The proposal is anticipated to require a consistency opinion in late August or early September, and will be the largest (Executive Committee level at YESAB) and most complex consistency opinion to date.

Sam is developing more informative and responsive cumulative effects dashboards for each LMU, and deployed demonstrations for the LMUs of the proposal. We then met with representatives of Chance Oil and Gas and their environmental consultant, EDI, to hear more about the project and for them to hear what we need to perform a consistency check. EDI has done an impressive amount of baseline studies, including linear features and their recovery and ecological mapping for the study area.

We later met with reps from YG (EMR & Environment) to discuss technical details of the conformity. Very preliminary assessments indicate that the project won't be consistent with the plan because of its large footprint and lack of an approved access management plan in the North Yukon Region. Definitions and inconsistencies between the Peel Plan and its implementation committee's (PPIC's) Standard Terms and Conditions were also discussed. Some of these issues may be brought to the next PPIC agenda.

### **2. YG Disturbance Database Project**

YG recently started a large project to extend the usefulness of their disturbance database largely to support regional planning-related decisions and other land and resource decisions. Sam has attended project initiation meetings, and is the only non-YG participant.

### **3. Traditional Knowledge Circle**

Sam and Mike have been working on a webpage for the Traditional Knowledge Circle, but still need more content.

Mike continues to plan the gathering, develop a work plan, and reach out to various First Nations to arrange for community visits.

#### **4. Dawson Planning Region**

The Commission received feedback from TH on the Dawson Recommended Plan. See Item 3.

#### **5. Nacho Nyak Dun Region**

Staff continue to meet with the Parties on developing a regional annotated bibliography or values report. The biggest struggles include:

- How to organize by topic while honouring a wholistic view as well as ensuring Traditional Knowledge, climate change and cumulative effects are addressed wholistically.
- How to selected and distill out key information in the bibliography to be easily digested by a new commission.

#### **6. Communications**

Content was added to our website on: TK Circle, cumulative effects indicator gauge demo, the TH submission. We are working with our contractor to fix an issue with posting transient “posts” on our front page.