
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 undertaken since July 3 (Public Meeting #2).

1. Communications

Meetings and events

Over the past two months, YLUPC has hosted and attended a number of meetings and events, including:

- Land Relationship Gathering in Mayo – July 22-24
- Moosehide Gathering – July 25-28
- CYFN Annual General Assembly – July 30-August 1
- UFA Boards & Committees Meeting – August 8

Hosting of the Land Relationship Gathering was a major undertaking for the Council and staff. These other events have been further opportunities to have face-to-face discussions with our planning partners.

We have continued to reach out and have set up the following meetings:

- Kluane First Nation – September 4-5
- Teslin Tlingit Council – September 12
- Carcross/Tagish Tlingit First Nation – September 22

We will also be hosting booths at the following First Nation General Assemblies:

- Champagne & Aishihik First Nations – September 6-8
- Teslin Tlingit Council – September 11-13

2. Traditional Knowledge Circle

The Circle was mainly working to support preparations for the Land Relationship Gathering in Mayo on July 22-24, and subsequently participated in the debriefing.

We have completed the annual review of the Traditional Knowledge Circle and will present the results of that review. This review reflects on the accomplishments over the past year and looks forward to what can be accomplished in the coming year.

3. Boards and Committees Engagement

Following up on the discussions at the Land Relationship Gathering in Mayo, we worked with the Yukon Heritage Resources Branch and YESAB to host a director-level meeting of Boards and Committees. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss current priorities and explore issues in common. These included: training, funding, policies, and the Eagle Mine disaster. There was agreement to meet again, develop a joint letter to UFA Parties about the importance of land use planning, implementation funding requests, and getting onto a future Yukon Forum agenda.

4. Dawson Planning Region

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in have publicly released their feedback on the Recommended Plan and called on Yukon Government to provide their feedback.

Yukon Government has communicated that they will provide feedback "in the fall".

5. Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Region

The Council sent correspondence to leadership of NND and YG encouraging the approval of the General Terms of Reference and the establishment of the Commission. NND has indicated that they will send a response in the near future, and would like to appoint a Commission as soon as possible.

Staff are continuing to work with the Parties to upload information to an annotated bibliography online workspace.

6. Staffing

We have now completed the land use planner competition for the Dawson Regional Planning Commission. 9 candidates were interviewed for the position. A recommendation has gone forward to the Commission Chair (Debbie Nagano) for approval.

Julia Benn recently celebrated her 1-year anniversary at YLUPC.

7. Audit and Annual Report

Crowe-MacKay was in the office August 6-7 for the YLUPC and DRPC audits and subsequently worked on them through August.

Meanwhile, we have developed the Annual Report for Council review.