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Upcoming Release Announced for Draft Dawson Regional Plan

The Dawson Regional Planning Commission has announced that they will be releasing a Draft Land Use Plan for the Dawson region to the public in June.

The plan's release will be followed by the next phase of the public engagement steps for the Dawson region.

"We're excited that we will have a Draft Plan to share with the public very soon and then getting feedback on it," said Commission Chair Debbie Nagano. "Our Plan, which we call '*On the Land We Walk Together*'/ '*Nän kāk ndä tr'ädäl*', reflects our planning philosophy. It is meant to reflect community values and strike a balance within the planning region between a sustainable economy and ecological and cultural preservation."

"We want to emphasize that this will be a Draft Plan and that it will not be a decision," said Nagano. "It will be important for Yukoners to provide input to this Draft Plan, as it will form a blueprint for the stewardship of the Dawson region."

"We are looking forward to hearing from many people, including members of the public, businesses and non-government organizations, and anyone interested in the Dawson Region," said Nagano.

A Draft Plan will be the starting point for the next phase of the Commission's planning process, which will be to develop a Recommended Plan as set out in Chapter 11 of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.

The Commission will consider all feedback received during the public engagement process as they work towards completing the Recommended Plan. The Recommended Plan will then be considered by the Government of Yukon and the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation.

"Public feedback is so important for developing a successful Recommended Plan," said Nagano.

During the summer months, the Commission plans to conduct workshops to gather feedback from technical experts and key stakeholders.

In the fall, the Commission will launch a public engagement process which will include community workshops and public comments through the Commission's community engagement website. The Commission will provide information on how people can provide feedback as details are confirmed.



“For now, we want people to look forward to seeing the initial Draft Plan very soon, and to prepare to start providing comments on it in throughout the summer and fall. We need your help to get this right,” said Nagano.

More information on the Dawson Regional Planning Commission and about land use planning in the Yukon is available at www.dawson.planyukon.ca.

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