

## **Draft Director's Report: YLUPC: February 14, 2020**

### **Dawson Region Planning Commission**

The YLUPC staff worked with DRPC staff as they prepared the drafts of the “What You Said” report, which is a summary of the public engagement and input received on their planning products released in the fall (draft Resource Assessment Report, Issues and Interest document, Vision Statement). The Council submitted the Dawson Regional Planning Commission’s Preliminary Workplan and Budget 2020-2021. The Council continue to provide financial and administrative support for this Commission. The Director met with the Chair and Vice about the topic of interim measures and regional planning. A Senior Liaison Committee meeting occurred on December 7<sup>th</sup>, with the agenda including the White River First Nation’s involvement in the DRPC planning effort, the DRPC Workplan and Budget and the work of the Cumulative Effects Working Group.

### **Yukon Forum LEADS meeting**

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Council wrote to CYFN Grand Chief Peter Johnston and Energy Mines and Resources Minister Ranj Pillai a letter in response to the recommendations that were developed as part of the Yukon Forum’s review of *Chapter 11, Land Use Planning*. The Council’s letter highlighted its desire to work together to move forward with Yukon land use planning processes, to consider the recent Peel Supreme Court Decision as we move forward, to find commonality and creative new initiatives that support planning and continue to build upon the relationship that has been created through regular high level meetings. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Council met with the LEADS (senior Yukon Government officials and a representative from CYFN) about key topics relate to the review of the Chapter, including a new process for regional planning (draft statement prepared for consideration), concurrent planning, joint communications and further work to re-define the planning process.

### **North Yukon/Peel Implementation**

Two conformity checks were completed on the fiber optics cable project along the Dempster Highway (in both the Peel and North Yukon regions).

### **YLUPC: New Planning Process Brainstorming Session Follow-up**

The Council and staff had a half day follow up session to its Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 “brainstorming” session that focussed upon improving the regional planning process that is the basis for Chapter 11 planning.

### **Preliminary Workplan and Budget**

The Council submitted a preliminary workplan and budget for 2020-2021 on December 15, 2019 to the Yukon Government.

### **Meeting with the Mineral Development Strategy Panel**

The Chair and Director met with the Mineral Development Strategy Panel about the progress being made in regional planning, with topics covered including redefining and restarting regional planning now that the Peel plan has been approved, regional planning and cumulative effects, sub-regional planning and its link to regional planning, the need to define how plans are changed after they are approved, and incorporating new knowledge and traditional knowledge into decision making processes.

### **Teslin Regional Planning Commission**

The Council's staff continued to follow-up with the Teslin Tlingit Council's regarding its request for its regional planning work to begin and a meeting anticipated for early February was re-scheduled for later in the month.

### **Northwest Boreal Landscape Conservation Co-op Meeting**

YLUPC staff met with the Northwest Boreal Conservation Cooperative and the Carcross Tagish First Nation about sponsoring a gathering focussed upon *First Nation Planning*, Carcross, May of 2020.