



YLUPC Review of Dawson Recommended Plan

Request for Expressions of Interest

(August 22, 2022)

Yukon Land Use Planning Council (YLUPC) is seeking a review of the Dawson Recommended Plan that has been produced by the Dawson Regional Planning Commission.

This work will be used to inform YLUPC's formal submission to the Parties on the Recommended Plan. It is important that this review assesses the approach to planning and includes suggestions for plan modifications.

Background

The Recommended Plan has been delivered to the Parties (Government of Yukon, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in) and Affected First Nations (Na-cho Nyak Dun and Vuntut Gwitchin). The Parties are required to undertake community consultation on the plan before they make a decision whether to approve, modify or reject the plan.

In anticipation of the community consultation, YLUPC is seeking support for a review of the plan that takes into account: key planning principles and alignment with Chapter 11 objectives. This includes an assessment of the plan's use of indigenous knowledge.

Scope of Work

Key Topics

YLUPC would like the assessment of the plan to cover the following key topics, at a minimum. The consultant may identify additional assessment tools and criteria, and pursue those if agreed to by YLUPC's Project Manager (Director, Yukon Land Use Planning Council).

Ease of Use

There are various audiences for a regional land use plan and each has a role and responsibility. There are land users, assessors and regulators.

Ease of use questions for the assessment:

- Are these various users able to determine whether the uses proposed are consistent with the plan? Is the plan implementable?
- Does the plan follow a logical order? This is important in order for the audience to find key information they need.

- Does the plan provide clarity and certainty for all?

Plan Concepts

The plan is based upon a set of foundational concepts.

Concept questions for the assessment:

- Are the concepts that the plan recommends backed up by appropriate rationale?
- Are the vision, mission, principles and goals consistent with one another and with the details of the plan?
- Is it clear what the vision and goals for the region are?
- Are the land management units, land designations, and general management direction consistent and logical?
- The plan includes a cumulative effects framework with initial thresholds and proposals for future development. Is this approach logical and achievable?
- In what ways does the plan apply creative, innovative or new planning concepts that advance regional planning in Yukon?

Final Agreement Objectives

Regional Planning is undertaken under Chapter 11 of the First Nation Final Agreements.

Questions related to the Final Agreements are related to whether the plan is consistent with the objectives of the First Nation Final Agreements generally and specifically with Chapter 11.

- Does the plan provide guidance, certainty and reasoning to reduce potential for conflict between land uses? (11.1.1.2)
- Does the plan reflect knowledge and experience of First Nations People, such as the use of indigenous knowledge and planning approaches? (11.1.1.4)
- Does the plan apply social, cultural, economic and environmental policies to the management, protection and use of land, water and resources in an integrated and coordinated manner so as to ensure Sustainable Development? (11.1.1.6)
- Does the plan take into account oral forms of communication and traditional land management practices of First Nations People? (11.4.5.6)
- Does the plan promote the wellbeing of First Nations People, residents of the region, communities, and Yukon while having regard to the interests of Canadians? (11.4.5.7)

General Terms of Reference

The Parties (Government of Yukon and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation) established a General Terms of Reference for the Dawson Region.

- Did the plan meet the requirements as identified in the General Terms of Reference provided by the Parties?

Nature of the Plan

Recognizing that each region is distinct, it is still important that the Dawson Regional Land Use Plan takes into account adjacency with approved regional plans and address gaps in land and resource management.

- Is the plan consistent with adjacent regional and community land use plans?
- How does the plan address gaps in the land and resource management and protection framework?

Methods

YLUPC anticipates that the following tasks will be required in order to produce an adequate assessment of the Recommended Plan:

- Review of materials
- Jurisdictional scan
- Communication with Commission, YLUPC, Stakeholders, Government, First Nations to address specific questions the Consultant may have
- Analysis of information collected
- Report Writing

The Consultant is to arrange a project start-up meeting, progress meetings during the assessment process, and a presentation of findings once the final report has been delivered.

At the project start-up meeting, the scope of work will be reviewed and refined jointly with the selected contractor.

Deliverables

- Assessment report that answers the question: Based on the information and analysis, are changes recommended for the plan such that it should go back to the Commission for development of a Final Recommended Plan?
- Presentation of findings to the YLUPC council and staff.

Timeline

- Project is to commence upon signing of the contract.
- Project initiation meeting – Within 1 week of contract signing.
- Review of materials – To begin immediately after project initiation meeting
- Interviews – 2-3 weeks for interviews
- Present Draft Report - November 30, 2022
- Present Final Report – December 31, 2022

Expression of Interest

If interested, please provide the following by **September 9, 2022 (5:00pm Yukon Time)** to YLUPC@planyukon.ca :

- Commitment that you are available to do the work
- Corporate Profile
- Project Team names and qualifications
- Charge-out rate
- Commitment to being within the project budget of \$18,000 to \$20,000

Assessment and selection will be based upon the information provided above.

Questions about the review can be submitted to Tim Sellars, Director of Yukon Land Use Planning Council at: tim@planyukon.ca