



## 2022-2023 Meeting #2 September 29, 2022

9:00 am -12:00 pm

Yukon Land Use Planning Boardroom

# MINUTES

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### Participants

**Council:** Neil Salvin (Chair), Lois Craig (Member), Tess McLeod (Member).

**Staff:** Tim Sellars (Director), Joe Copper Jack (Senior Policy and Planning Coordinator), Michelle Christensen (Administrator and minute taker).

**Guests via ZOOM:** Nicole Percival (DRPC), Jocelyn McDowell (YG), Frank Andersen (CTFN), Don Toews (CTRRC), Jagger Jamieson (CAFN), and Natalie Lowry (Canada).

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The meeting was called to order at 9:04am.

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### 1.0 Review Agenda

Motion 2022-09-01: to approve the Agenda with no changes.

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Neil Salvin

*Motion Passed*

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### 2.0 YLUPC Minutes (Tab 1)

Council reviewed the July 29, 2022 Minutes and no changes were identified.

Motion 2022-09-02: to approve Minutes from Meeting #1, July 29, 2022 with no changes.

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Neil Salvin

*Motion Passed*

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### 3.0 Director's Report (Tab 2)

Tim Sellars presented highlights from the Director's report:

- Public engagement on the Recommended Dawson Plan is being led jointly by YG and TH – Dawson City and Mayo meetings are happening next week. YLUPC will attend Whitehorse meetings – dates have not yet been announced.

- Several Recommended Plan products have been produced: Highlights, Summary, an Illustrated Summary, as well as the full Recommended Plan itself.
- YLUPC staff will be attending the Northwest Boreal Partnership Gathering October 3-6; conference organizers are sponsoring YLUPC's attendance.
- Staffing update: Andrea Kenderova has been hired as the new Manager of Finance and Administration and Sam Skinner has returned from sabbatical.
- Staff are observing Truth and Reconciliation Day by wearing orange today.

### **Chair's Report**

- Policies and Procedures have been updated. There are ideas for further improvement.
- Council has prioritized Indigenous Planning and Traditional Knowledge and how they can be more effectively woven into land use planning.
- No response has come in yet on the Recommendations to the Parties that went forward in August.

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### **4.0 Dawson Region Update**

Nicole presented an update on behalf of the DRPC:

- The Parties are doing their public consultation from mid September 19 to November 20 (minimum of 60 days, with possibility for extension). More information can be found on their site [onthelandwewalktogether.ca](http://onthelandwewalktogether.ca) – it is nice that they used the DRPC's vision for their website. Meeting information will be posted on the website, and there will be updates on Facebook as well.
- Several Recommended Plan documents are now available – an Illustrated Summary, a 90-page Summary, an 8-page high level Highlights document as well as the full Recommended Plan, all of which are available in print form and on the DRPC's website.
- The Commission is working on a Methods Report, which should be useful for future commissions.
- Nicole will be attending Mayo and Dawson engagement meetings. No dates have been set yet for Old Crow, Beaver Creek and Whitehorse.
- DRPC's next scheduled meeting is for October 16 (in camera) and 17 (public), 2022.

### **Discussion**

- A question was raised about the status of the Cumulative Effects report because it informs the input that will be received on the Recommended Plan. Nicole said that the Terms of Reference states that the Commission will produce it and that the Parties will review it. The Commission is currently working on a draft that will go to the Parties today and will then be posted as a draft, pending Commission approval. It will be available for the public next week in draft form, and the final version will be



posted October 18. It is an important document, especially with regards to surface disturbance: it should be made public as soon as possible.

- Neil commented that the Commission did a great job on Cumulative Effects, and that there is lots of work to be done by the Parties on implementation and tracking. The Methods Report will be great for setting up future commissions.

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## **5.0 Finance (Tab 3)**

### **Dawson Planning Region**

The Commission has approved the Interim Report for 2022/23.

Motion 2022-09-03: to accept and approve the 2022-23 DRPC Interim Report to August 31

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Neil Salvin

*Motion Passed*

Motion 2022-09-04: to accept and approve the DRPCs Financial Statements to July 31, 2022.

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Neil Salvin

*Motion Passed*

### **YLUPC Finance and Administration**

Motion 2022-09-05: to accept and approve the 2022-23 YLUPC Interim Report, to August 31

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Neil Salvin

*Motion Passed*

Motion 2022-09-06: to accept and approve the YLUPC Financial Statements to July 31, 2022.

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Neil Salvin

*Motion Passed*

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## **6.0 Policies and Procedures (Tab 4)**

Council has been working to improve and revise its Policies and Procedures. Future work will involve separating staff vs. Council policies, and setting up Financial and Administrative, as well as HR policies and procedures.

Motion 2022-09-07: to accept the YLUPC's Policies and Procedures revisions.

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Neil Salvin  
*Motion Passed*

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## **7.0 New Business (Tab 5)**

### **5-Year Final Agreement Implementation Review**

Tim provided Council with some context for the review:

- Every 5 years Canada puts together a compendium of progress for land claims bodies. They requested that the Council provide an update, which they can then use to produce a summary.
- Staff prepared the update for Council review.

**Action 2022-09-29-01:** Council identified the following changes to be made to the 5-Year Final Agreement Implementation Review document:

- Move mention of consistency checks out of the “Organization Description” into “Key Activities”;
- Add picture representing the Dawson Plan handover from June, 2022: it is outside the reporting period; however, it is difficult not to report on such a significant milestone. They can remove it if necessary.

Motion 2022-09-08: to accept and approve the YLUPC's 5-Year Final Agreement Implementation Review submission, as amended.

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Neil Salvin

*Motion Passed*

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## **8.0 Correspondence and Media (Tab 6)**

Council did not review correspondence.

**Action 2022-09-29-02:** Council will spend some time at the next working session discussing how to better educate the media about Chapter 11.

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## **9.0 Round Table**

Don Toews, Chair of the Carcross Tagish Renewable Resource Council (CTRRC) thanked the Council for being invited: he's been with the RRC for 10-12 years.

Don highlighted some concerns on behalf of the RRC:

- Recovery of the Southern Lakes Caribou Herd in relation to land use concerns and planning issues.

- Asked if there is a plan to do comprehensive land use planning in the Southern Lakes and if it would be happening soon, or down the road 20-30 years.
- CTRRC would like to have access to board packages in addition to meeting agendas.
- CTRRC would like to get involved in long term land use planning with the Council, as an alternative way to protect fish and habitat.

Neil appreciated Don's comments and the work that the Carcross/Tagish First Nation (CTFN) has done and noted the following:

- It is the Council's hope that it won't take 20-30 years for land use planning to happen in the Southern Lakes.
- Under Chapter 11, Council is tasked with setting up and training commissions and providing guidance and financial support if necessary. CTFN has done a lot of work on their own with land use planning – the Council is on the outside of that process.
- If the region is ready for land use planning, YLUPC is ready to provide support.
- Boundaries for the area's land use planning have not been finalized.
- CTFN and YG are the Parties.
- Because it has taken so long to have three Plans completed, YLUPC has recommended to government that more than one commission be in operation at a time, that way land use planning for the entire Territory could be completed sooner.
- Some of the CTRRC's concerns can be addressed through other means, such as the Lands Act review, in the absence of land use planning. For example, there are now some regulations around where you can use ORV's in the high country on Pilot Mountain, and wetland policies, etc.
- If you want to get land use planning started it is important to let the Council know, however the decision is with YG and First Nations on whether to proceed.

Don thanked the Neil for his response and said that the RRC is questioned by CTFN – there is generally a lack of information, and nobody knows what the strategy is. He suggested that maybe CTRRC and CTFN and YG need to sit down and have a discussion: the RRC serves the public and it has no answers for them.

Neil concluded that land use planning is going to happen soon and communication is important. There is a perception that the YLUPC is not doing its job because planning is not moving ahead. If CTRRC would like a better understanding of Chapter 11 and how to get land use planning started, the Council/staff can be made available for a meeting.

Don commended the Council on this engagement.

Jocelyn commented that YG has reached out to settled First Nations to say that they're ready whenever the First Nations are ready to proceed with land use planning.



Lois commented that the Council made recommendations to the Parties, settled FNs and YG, that dedicated funds be set aside. A lot is riding on the Dawson Plan: there is major progress there, in terms of content.

Don said that he's been involved in planning for many years and that the biggest benefit of planning is the process itself. Regional forestry plans, caribou management plans: bits and pieces have already been done. It's not necessary to start from scratch with land use planning. Sometimes even just a planning framework is very useful.

Tim highlighted that YLUPC and the RRCs are both land claim bodies and have the same responsibility for implementation and reiterated that the Council would be happy to have further meetings to move planning forward. Tim noted that "How We Walk with the Land and Water" was a very good pre-planning exercise that would support land use planning.

Neil added that when commissions are established data gathering takes place – through the RRC a lot of that work has been done for the traditional territory already. Continuing to identify important areas etc. will help the commission to hit the ground running.

Copper Jack updated the Council about the Land Relationship Gathering that the Council hosted on November 24, and 25, 2021. Proceedings and Themes and Actions have been posted on the YLUPC website – they provide a good sense about what communities are saying in terms of Chapter 11. Recommended actions will make their way to decision makers. RRCs could have indirect input by discussing these with communities and First Nations.

***Action 2022-09-29-03: Council will ensure that all Chapter 11 Boards and Committees receive invitations for public meetings.***

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### **10.0 Schedule Next Public Meeting**

The Council tentatively scheduled the next public meeting for December 9, 2022.

Motion 2022-14: to adjourn Meeting #2 for 2022-23.

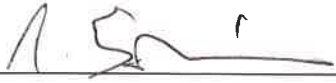
Moved by Neil Salvin

Seconded by Lois Craig

*Motion Passed*



Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes #2 2022-23 by Motion #2 at Regular Board Meeting #3 2022-23.

  
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YLUPC Chair

December 9, 2022

  
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YLUPC Director

December 9, 2022