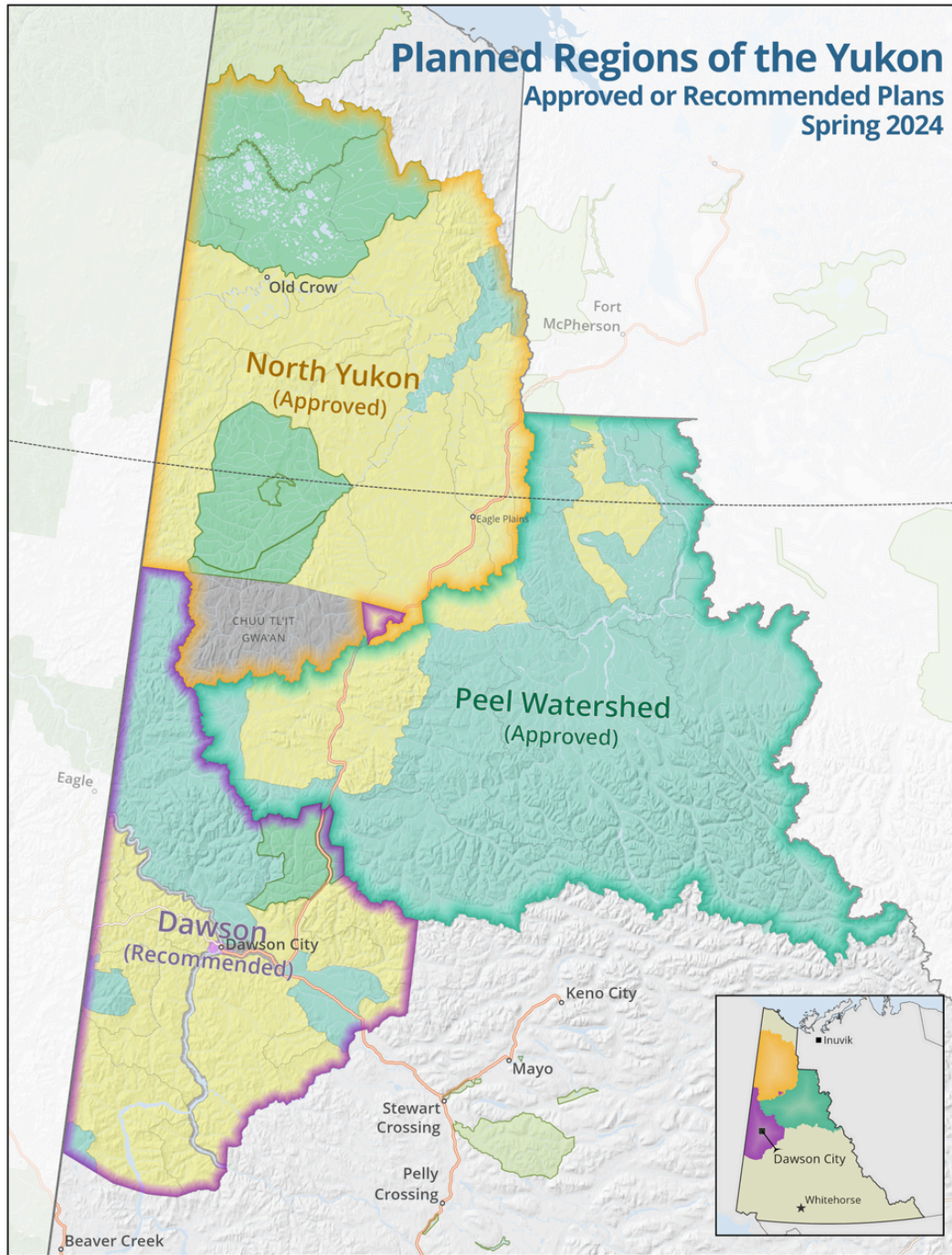




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## REGIONAL PLANS

Regional plans under Chapter 11 of the Umbrella Final Agreement and First Nation Final Agreements have been completed and approved in two planning regions:

- The North Yukon Plan was approved in 2009.
- The Peel Watershed Plan was approved in 2019.

In June of 2022, the Dawson Regional Planning Commission delivered a Recommended Plan for the region to the Yukon Government and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government.

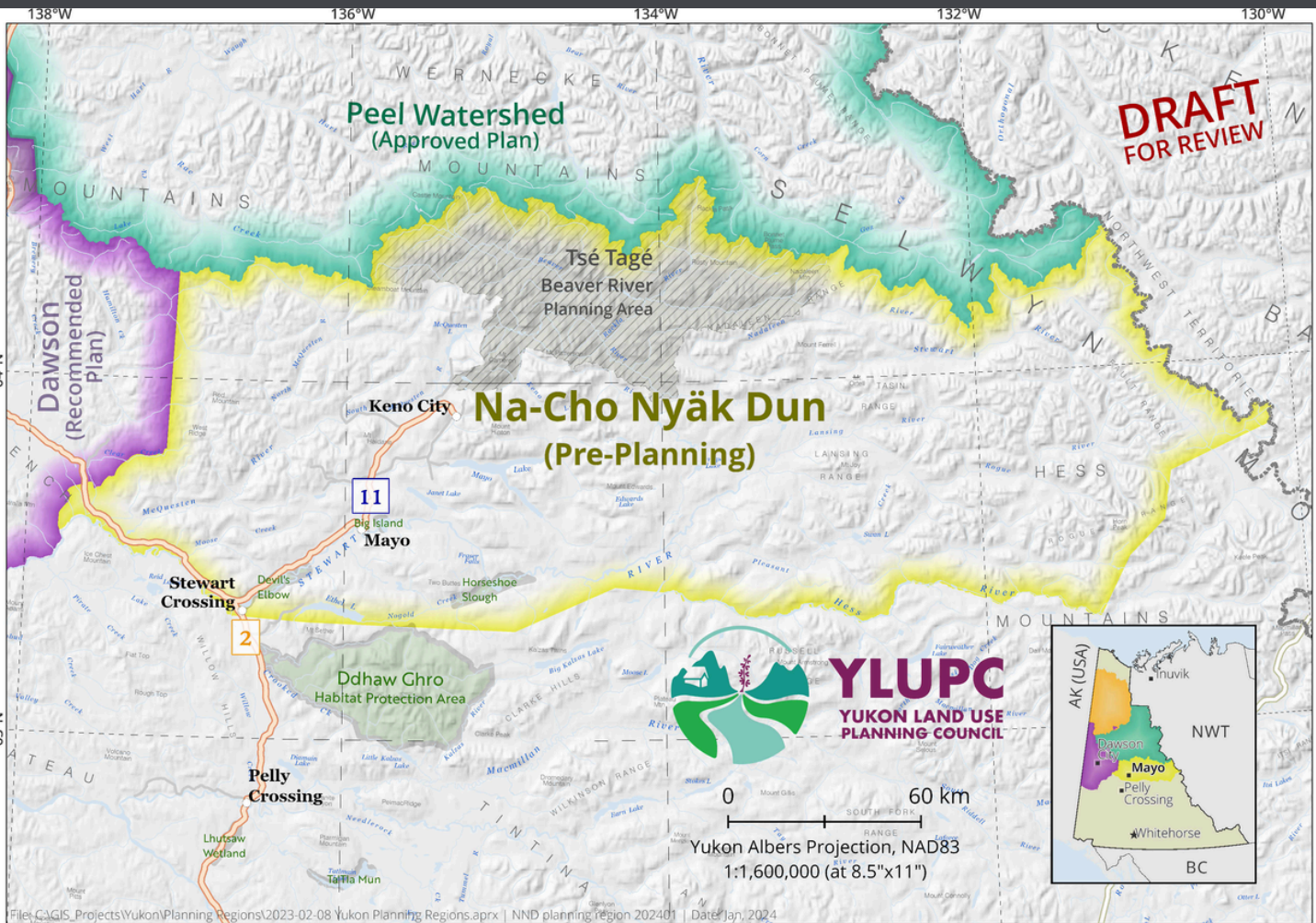
The Dawson Regional Planning Commission is awaiting a decision from these parties on whether to reject, modify, or accept the Recommended Plan.

We anticipate modifications to the plan will be requested by these parties soon.





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## FUTURE PLANNING

In October, 2023, The Council recommended that a Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (NND) Planning Commission be established. The two Parties are currently in discussions on a MOU, and the Council has recommended Terms of Reference for the work of a Commission. The Council is hopeful that the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun and Government of Yukon will soon reach agreement and initiate planning in this region.

In addition to the NND Planning region, there are several other candidate areas for subsequent planning under Chapter 11 of the First Nation Final Agreements. Based upon our 2016 recommendations and recent discussions between the various Parties, the next planning regions may include the Whitehorse (Southern Lakes), Teslin, and Kluane Regions. Party-to-Party talks are ongoing in each of these areas.

The Council is available to support any Chapter 11 Regional Planning Commission and is hopeful that other planning regions will soon be established. We can support the establishment of one new planning region this coming year (in addition to the ongoing support for the Dawson Planning Commission) and another region the following year. The Council has also recommended a review of the North Yukon Regional Land Use Plan, including re-establishing a commission to undertake the review.

The Council continues work on pre-commission activities throughout Yukon to support effective and timely planning that embraces traditional land relationship concepts and approaches.



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## EMERGING ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### North Yukon

The Council made a recommendation to the Vuntut Gwitchin, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Yukon governments to undertake an overdue review of the North Yukon Plan. A key consideration will be whether to re-establish the North Yukon Planning Commission.

If the Parties agree to review the plan, this will mark the first Chapter 11 land use plan review in Yukon: an important phase of implementation that ensures plans stay relevant through times of change.



### Cumulative Effects

Canada and Yukon have committed to a draft Ecological Cumulative Effects Framework by 2025. A cumulative effects framework will be valuable for future planning commissions and when conducting reviews of approved plans.

In the meantime, there needs to be greater effort put into tracking cumulative effects indicators on the land.



### Sub-Regional Planning

The Dempster Highway Corridor has been identified in multiple regional plans as a candidate for sub-regional planning. The Dawson Plan has also recommended sub-regional planning for the Yukon River Corridor and the Klondike Valley.

Meanwhile, sub-regional planning may also be a consideration in areas such as the Whitehorse periphery where land use pressure is diverse and complex.





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### Funding Pressures

Federal funding for regional planning has been extended only until 2025. The Council is hopeful that funding for the next 10-year period will be sufficient to adequately support regional planning in the rest of the Yukon.

Stable multi-year funding is important for effective plan development, plan monitoring, plan reviews and sub-regional planning across the Yukon.

### Embracing Traditional Knowledge


The Council has established a Traditional Knowledge Circle comprised of Yukon First Nation Elders including: Carl Sidney, Hammond Dick, Shirlee Frost, Roland Peter, Gary Darbyshire, and Angie Joseph-Rear. The Circle's Northern Tutchone seat is currently vacant. The Circle provides advice to the Council on how to embrace Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Ways and Doing into future planning processes.

The Circle hosted a Land Relationship Gathering at Brooks Brook in August 2023. A summary of the event is posted on our website. The Circle has begun planning for a summer 2024 gathering - details will be announced soon.



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