

Draft Public Meeting #3 Minutes

December 11, 2025 (9:00am-12:45pm)

Present

Council: Al Foster (Chair); Neil Salvin (Member - zoom); Carl Sidney (Member)

Staff: Tim Sellars (Director); Michelle Christensen (Administrator); Julia Benn (Finance Manager - zoom); Sam Skinner (Senior Land Use Planner); Micheal Jim (Land Relationship Planner - zoom).

Guests: Kirsten Reid (DRPC – zoom); Hannah Turner, Elizabeth MacDonald, & Dennis Zimmerman (YSSC – zoom); Tim Green (YHRB - zoom); Amber Church (YG - zoom)

1. Review Agenda

- Addition of FNNND lawsuit under item 7.

Motion to approve amended agenda.

Moved by Al Foster, seconded by Carl Sidney; *motion passed*.

2. Review Minutes/Actions from November 18, 2025 meeting

Motion to approve November 18, 2025 minutes.

Moved by Carl Sidney, seconded by Neil Salvin; *motion passed*.

3. Director's Report

- Things were quiet while YG was in caretaker mode.
- FNNND planning preparations have been ongoing.
- Budget is very tight – have had to cut spending in several areas.
- October Traditional Knowledge Circle meeting – got consensus on critical components of land relationship planning.
- Have been supporting the preparations for the UFA B&C meeting in January.
- Communications plan has been updated.
- Work on the new website is underway.
- 2024-25 annual report is complete.
- Met Yukon University about opportunities – links to youth engagement.
- Meeting requests have been sent out to CYFN Grand Chief and YG ministers of Environment and EMR
- Coordinating meetings with YG in the new year re: wetlands and mining.

Action: Tim to invite YESAB to meet with staff to discuss DO rules review.

4. YLUPC 2026-2027 Preliminary Workplan & Budget

- Priorities: Dawson planning region support; preparation for FNNND planning region; implementing approved plans (plan summaries for NY and Peel); communication and collaboration; embracing TK (TK Circle); and funding.
- Julia provided an overview of the proposed budget.

- Council expects a shortfall of \$150k. YG to respond to preliminary budget mid-January. Council will have until mid-February to make revisions.

Action: Tim to reach out to CYFN staff re: funding negotiation.

Action: Tim to cc Lisa Hutton and Brendan Hanley in budget cover letter.

Motion to approve YLUPC 2026-2027 Preliminary Work Plan and Budget for submission to Government of Yukon.

Moved by Carl Sidney, seconded by Neil Salvin; *motion passed*.

5. DRPC 2026-27 Preliminary Workplan & Budget

- Kirsten noted that this budget has been approved by the commission already.
- Commission role will be interim until plan is approved. Commission will drop down to one staff person for the period: i.e. senior planner.
- Commission will do consistency checks not full conformity checks.

Motion to recommend DRPC 2026-2027 Preliminary Work Plan and Budget to the Government of Yukon.

Moved by Neil Salvin, seconded by Carl Sidney; *motion passed*.

Action: DRPC to provide Council with feedback on interim period TOR by January 31, 2026.

Action: Tim to review Dawson-YG MOU scope to see if there are specifications re: interim period and ongoing commissions.

6. Communications

Website

- Staff presented draft of new website. Council commented it looks much more professional than the old site.

Action: Apply Carl's edit to TK Circle storymap – "A planning voice for Yukon's linguistic regions".

Action: Staff to move Google analytics tags to new site and work with BizonT to monitor.

Action: Staff to notify contacts of new website when launched.

Action: Staff to prepare cost comparison of old vs. new website hosting and support.

YLUPC 2024-2025 Annual Report

- Graphic-designed version has been printed and is ready for distribution.

Klukshu Land Relationship Gathering 2025 Report

- Graphic-designed version will be ready in January.

TK Circle Critical Components Poster

- Micheal presented the draft critical components poster and noted that it serves as guidance, not recommendations. Circle feedback still needs to be incorporated.
- Council discussed the idea of the Circle's definition of Traditional Knowledge being incorporated into the poster or having its own poster.

Action: Mike to review past TK Circle minutes and determine if the Circle made a decision re: having their own Traditional Knowledge definition.

7. Nacho Nyak Dun Region

NND GTOR amendments:

- Include the Beaver River watershed.
- Clarify that the commission will operate throughout the plan approval process.
- Other points include: change dates to be more flexible; change wording of RAR to “values report”; wording to reflect that commission members are independent.

Suggestions: Add definition of values; conformity of plan could be expanded to include recommendations for amendments; and review should be added to 13.12.

Action: Staff to revise and Council to approve NND GTOR amendments by email.

Motion to approve in principle the NND GTOR subject to amendments.

Moved by Neil Salvin; seconded by Carl Sidney: *motion passed*.

8. Salmon Recovery Plans

Dennis Zimmerman, Hannah Turner, and Elizabeth MacDonald with YSSC spoke about salmon recovery plans and how they link with land use planning.

- Recovery plans lack a solid implementation plan – that’s where YLUPC and commissions/plans could come in.
- Important for everyone to work together to ensure salmon have a voice.
- Council discussed the impact of mining on fish habitat. Placer authorizations are updated continuously – they do a good job protecting spawning habitat, but not juvenile habitat. There are stricter regulations elsewhere in Canada – here the regulations are 100 years old. Enforcement is an issue.
- Personhood of the Yukon River could assist with salmon recovery. CYFN legal review due end of fiscal year.
- 7-year moratorium – important piece of work – first time everyone along the river system in agreement on salmon recovery. Domestic as well as international support.
- Dennis noted that one of the goals of the panel meeting in January is for the parties to come to agreement on how to work together.
- YSSC doesn’t house data and that their mandate is not technical. Dennis can provide data contacts.
- Seven implementation action priorities for salmon recovery plan: ocean conditions; fishing restrictions; fish passage and hydroelectric dams; intergenerational knowledge transfer; placer regulations; hatcheries; and overwintering habitat.

Action: YLUPC and YSSC to set meeting before January 24 (YSSC panel meeting in Old Crow) to discuss salmon recovery plan implementation.

Action: Kirsten to follow up with YSSC in January 2026 re: how the Dawson plan can support the salmon recovery plan and possibly access data.

Action: YSSC to share ministerial letters re: implementation of land claims (for which there have been responses).

9. Correspondence



- YHRB has shared their annual report and a reminder of their mandate.
- Copper Joe Jack is offering a 5-month mentorship program beginning in January.
- Meeting requests have gone out to CYFN, ministers of EMR and Environment.

10. Media

- FNNND and TH court cases – implications for LUP process.

11. Upcoming Meetings

- YLUPC Xmas open house cancelled due to weather and won't be rescheduled.
- YLUPC workshop preparation - January 13 afternoon.
- UFA Boards & Committees workshop – January 14-15
- Staff to staff meetings with YESAB re: DO rules and YG re: wetlands and minerals, TBD.
- YLUPC-YSSC – January TBD.

Action: Staff to verify the end of Al's appointment as YLUPC chair.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Approval of December 11, 2025 meeting minutes at January 30, 2026 Council meeting.

Al Foster

YLUPC Chair

January 30, 2026

Date

Liz Allen

YLUPC Director

January 30, 2026

Date

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