



## Public Meeting #4 Minutes

January 30, 2026 (9:00am-1:00pm)

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### **Present**

**Council:** Al Foster (Chair); Neil Salvin (Member); Carl Sidney (Member).

**Staff:** Tim Sellars (Director); Michelle Christensen (Administrator); Julia Benn (Finance Manager - zoom); Sam Skinner (Senior Land Use Planner), Toshibaa Govindaraj (Land Use Planner).

**Guests:** Kirsten Reid (DRPC).

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### **1. Review Agenda**

- Working lunch and subsequent meeting with Minister today is cancelled: meeting rescheduled for Feb. 12.
- Addition of Dawson TOR for transition period and an update on planning progress under Item 7.

Motion to approve amended agenda.

Moved by Al Foster, seconded by Neil Salvin; *motion passed.*

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### **2. Review Minutes/Actions from December 11, 2025 meeting**

Motion to approve December 11, 2025 minutes.

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

Action item review highlights:

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

- *Nothing new to share, meeting no longer necessary.*

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

- *Done.*

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

- *Carl would like to be involved in meeting.*
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### **3. Director's Report**

- Council budget is tight - reductions and reallocations are necessary.
- DRPC funding for next fiscal is not looking promising.
- Planning in NND region may be affected by latest court case tied to treaty breaches.
- YLUPC may form a part of the UFA Boards and Committees working group.
- May not be funding for TK Circle meetings to continue.
- Communications: the new website is still under construction; annual report and Klukshu report are complete; Council is actively engaging youth in planning education and First Nations in land use planning opportunities.
- Toshibaa Govindaraj will be working for YLUPC until the end of March.
- Feb. 9-26 Tim will be away and Sam will be acting.

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#### **4. Meeting Debriefings**

- UFA Boards & Committees Workshop (January 14-15)
  - Report complete. Need to push the narrative “we are the experts”.
  - Some Council members felt the workshop was not productive.
  - Neil, Al and Tim expressed interest in being a part of the coordinating body working group.

Action: Staff to ask TPC if they have funding to support Council member honoraria for the UFA Boards & Committees working group.

Action: Staff to contact YG about Al's appointment/term expiration to ensure there's no gap.

- Yukon U Presentations (January 20 & 22)
  - Tim, Sam and Micheal made a presentation and did a planning simulation with the Renewable Resources class - got positive feedback.
- CAFN Meeting (January 23)
  - Productive meeting – will meet with Executive Council in March. There are opportunities to explore with their youth council and academy as well.

Action: For future chief and council meetings exploring planning opportunities with First Nations, bring a map of proposed boundaries; come prepared to discuss plan implementation; provide methods report, etc.

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#### **5. Na-Cho Nyäk Dun General Terms of Reference**

- Amendments based on experience from previous plan GTOR's have made NND's stronger.
- Amended GTOR will be sent to the parties shortly.

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#### **6. YLUPC 2026-2027 Recommended Workplan & Budget**

- Tim reviewed proposed budget cuts.
- Cuts include: suspending TK Circle, Council travel, Staff travel, Director salary, capital purchases, contract support, NND region support, Land Relationship Gathering.
- Discussion:
  - With the cuts, a small amount (\$10,000) may be available for reallocation.
  - TK Circle – will be put into abeyance, subject to funding reallocation or new funding availability. Consider making TK Circle meeting or Land Relationship Gathering part of the CYFN General Assembly to save on cost.
  - Consider incorporation of ceremony at the next TK Circle meeting to celebrate what has been accomplished.
  - Land relationship gathering – could review the last three gatherings and generate a report instead of holding another one or consider a meeting for just staff and Council. Could also explore external funding.
  - Decision: allocate \$10,000 to Special Projects and determine best use for this funding at upcoming Council Meetings.

Motion to accept YLUPC Recommended Workplan and Budget 2026-2027 and provide to Yukon Government, subject to changes.

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

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### **7. DRPC 2026-2027 Recommended Workplan & Budget**

- Commission is very disheartened to hear back from YG that no funding for the commission has been approved beyond 4-6 months after release of the Final Recommended Plan, meaning there will be no funding for conformity checks, which both parties have asked commission for help with.
- Engagement period is likely to take longer than 4-6 months.
- Agreement on the transition period GTOR.
- Council will provide the new DRPC Transitional GTOR to the Parties.

Action: Council to raise 2026-27 DRPC funding with Minister at upcoming meeting.

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### **8. Communications**

- Working on final changes to new website, hoping to launch next week.

Action: Michelle to ensure that Council is not paying both Bizonte and Computerisms for website hosting and domain registration.

Action: Sam to pull old maps from website by March 31.

- Klukshu Report is finished, however it will not be printed due to budget constraints.
  - Kirsten noted it is difficult to involve youth in the Council in general if they can't see themselves in the Council.
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### **9. Correspondence**

- YG responded to YLUPC and DRPC proposed workplans and budgets for next year – YLUPC will have to work within the existing budget and there's no funding for DRPC beyond 4-6 months of public engagement once the Final Recommended Plan is complete.
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### **10. Media**

- TH is taking YG to court re: amendments to mineral legislation.
  - FNNND has signed a precedent-setting MOU with Snowline Gold.
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### **11. Upcoming Meetings**



- LSCFN meeting, Feb. 2.
- Minister's meeting, Feb. 12. 1pm, pre-meeting at 11:30am.
- YFNED conference, Feb. 26-27.
- Yukon River personhood meeting, March 3.
- Meeting of the Chairs March 4, 10am-2pm.

**Action: Council to invite Dave Loeks and Shirlee Frost to annual meeting of the chairs despite the unavailability of funding to cover attendance.**

- Next Council meeting, March 24.
- CAFN Executive Council meeting, March 28.

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**Meeting adjourned at 12:45.**

Approval of January 30, 2026 meeting minutes at March 31, 2026 Council meeting.

Al Foster

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YLUPC Chair

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YLUPC Director

April 8, 2026

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