



YUKON LAND USE PLANNING COUNCIL

Yukon Land Use Planning Council: Common Land Use Planning Process

Background

The Yukon Land Use Planning Council identified objectives for a Common Land Use Planning Process in their Strategic Plan, 2002:

"The common land use planning process would be a consistent, reliable, equitable process that:

- *is developed in collaboration with Government and First Nations;*
- *enables broad participation in land use planning;*
- *is easily understood, publicly endorsed, and politically supported."*

In developing a common process, Council committed to consult with Government and First Nations on the process and related products. Council also committed to a review the common process with the Parties and other partners in regional planning. ¹

In consideration of "common" aspects of regional planning in Yukon, Council recognized that First Nation Final Agreements provide for local autonomy in preparing the precise terms of reference for planning within each region. Council believes that the development and approval of regional land use plans requires the collaborative effort of Governments and Yukon First Nations. Successful joint planning requires **common objectives, clear responsibilities and commitment** to development of an approved plan. A common land use planning process would provide a consistent starting point for each region, a reliable framework for support to Commissions, and an equitable distribution of planning resources throughout the Yukon.

Clarifying roles and responsibilities of all the partners in land use planning is an on-going and inevitable aspect of working together. Council has worked closely with the parties to clarify and refine roles and responsibilities at each stage of the planning process. In particular, the Parties requested clarification of who has the "lead" role at critical stages, more coordinated effort in areas of overlapping mandate, and clearer reporting relationships between the Parties, Council and Regional Planning Commissions.²

Council also recognized the need for discussion with First Nations on common objectives for planning within their traditional territory. At a workshop held in the Spring, 2002, several themes emerged that participants considered fundamental to successful regional planning, including: **building** capacity at a commission and community level; **linkage** with other planning; commitment of resources to **support** Commissions; **communication** and **public education**; and respectful **information sharing**.³

Finally, although planning is inherently cyclical, the priority for a Common Process lies in the production of **approved plans**. Further collaboration with the Parties will be required to clarify a common regime for the implementation of regional plans and monitoring of post-plan land management activities within each region.

The Common Land Use Planning Process presented here consists of:

- Schedule 'A'** - A Common Framework for Yukon Regional Land Use Planning;
- Schedule 'B'** - Description of the Objectives in a Common Framework;
- Schedule 'C'** - Roles and Responsibilities for Council, Commissions and the Parties
- Schedule 'D'** - Strategies for a Common Land Use Planning Process

¹ Yukon Land Use Planning Council, Strategic Plan, February 2002.

² Memorandum to North Yukon Senior Liaison Committee from Technical Working Group, April, 2002.

³ A Common Process for Yukon Regional Planning - YLUPC Workshop Proceedings, May, 2002.



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A Common Framework for Yukon Regional Land Use Planning

The common land use planning process consists of a framework of procedural milestones, participant roles and responsibilities and core strategies. In its most simple form, the common land use planning process is conceived as a series of broadly defined steps toward Plan approval. 4 broad steps, and procedural milestones are shown in detail in Figure 1. Much of the framework for these steps is established in Chapter 11 of the Umbrella Final Agreement.

Figure 1: A Common Framework for Yukon Regional Land Use Planning





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Description of the Objectives in a Common Framework

The path to an approved regional land use plan should achieve a common series of interim objectives and procedural milestones. These milestones represent critical stages in the process where decisions are required by the parties.

STEP 1. Establish Commission

Objective : Regional agreement on a collaborative, broadly based, public planning process.

1.1 IDENTIFY PROPOSED PLANNING REGION

The early work of the Yukon Land Use Planning Council was to identify planning regions based roughly on traditional territories. Eight potential planning regions have been recommended and 2 Commissions have been approved by the Parties. Resolving overlaps and refining boundaries, as well as reviewing priorities, is an ongoing task carried out by Government, Council, and First Nations.

In response to requests from the Parties for establishing new Commissions, Council will review and make recommendations on planning priorities. Regional resource management issues, and the capacity of all Parties to participate in a planning process are key factors in the decision to move planning forward within a region.

1.2 DEFINE PRIORITIES, PROCESS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR REGIONAL PLANNING

Both existing commissions were established through a working group, often referred to as the Area Specific Working Group (ASWG), made up of the Government and the First Nations. The ASWG helped them get together to make decisions about establishing a planning region, but is not mandated to make any decisions itself. The ASWG provided an avenue for communicating with each other before Commission startup.

An ASWG focuses on a particular planning region (as opposed to planning in general). The ASWG's main task is to decide what instructions should be given to the Commission before it is appointed. These instructions become the General Terms of Reference.

It is important to note that an ASWG might not be formed for every planning region, or might be called something else. In the Peel Region, for example, the Parties have agreed to a protocol called "The Peel Action Plan" which sets out the priorities, process and participants for establishing a Commission in the Peel River Planning Region. In any case, the parties MUST engage in discussion with one another in order to prepare General Terms of Reference.

1.3 PREPARE GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE

The General Terms of Reference (GTOR) can be thought of as the instructions to the Commission from the Parties. The GTOR says how the land use plan should be written, and how the Commission should operate while developing the land use plan. It addresses planning issues, commission operations, budgeting, and timing. Developing the GTOR is guided by the Parties, but is often written by the Council.



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STEP 2. STARTUP OF COMMISSION

Objective : Commission capacity to commence planning activities

2.1 COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Commission is established by the Parties. The Commission is established when a) the Parties formally approve the GTOR by signing it; b) the Parties nominate members to the Commission; and c) the Minister appoints and notifies the Commission members.

2.2 COMMISSION START-UP

The Start-up period is the time when the Commission organizes itself. Some of the tasks include holding initial meetings, developing operational guidelines, establishing relationships with the parties, creating a budget, setting up an office, hiring staff, participation in training and briefings on regional land use planning.

2.3 PLAN TO PLAN (Precise Terms of Reference)

Preparing to plan is what the Commission does before it starts the actual research and planning. The Commission will map out its strategies and actions for the next two years by writing a precise terms of reference, a communication strategy, a public consultation strategy, an information management strategy. These documents take the form of a workplan and budget for the Commission. The Parties participate in this by reviewing documents.



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STEP 3. PREPARE PLAN

**Objectives : Regional planning is linked to other planning and land management processes;
Resources are committed to the process and production of land use plan;
Communities understand and participate in regional planning activities;
Respectful exchanges of information occur among participants in the process**

3.1 ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

This is the initial step in the actual process of planning. In order to write a land use plan, there must be an understanding of who the interested stakeholders are, and what the existing land use issues are. Identifying issues will require consulting the public, as well as researching. Issues will be compiled into an issues document.

3.2 GATHER INFORMATION

Once issues have been identified, the Commission will oversee the gathering of technical information and traditional knowledge pertaining to the issue areas.

3.3 PLAN SCENARIOS

Part of the Commission's consultation process will include asking other people, such as residents, researchers, and interested agencies and government departments for help on shaping the land use plan. Plan scenarios highlight parts of the plan that need attention and input. They are sometimes thought of as plan options, but should not be thought of as complete concepts.



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STEP 4. PLAN APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION

Objective : Approved Land Use Plan.

4.1 DEVELOP PLAN FOR RECOMMENDATION

Eventually, the Commission will develop a plan for the entire planning region that takes into account all the issues that were identified throughout its research. This plan will be reviewed by the Parties and the public in draft form, and will be revised as needed.

The Commission will recommend a completed plan to the Parties for review. This plan is considered the final draft plan, and enters the approval process that is set up in the Final Agreements. Before being reviewed by the Parties formally, it should have been reviewed by the working groups at a policy level and at a technical level in order to make the approval process easier.

4.2 APPROVAL OF REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN

The draft plan is reviewed by the Parties and accepted, rejected, or modified. Governments review the parts of the plan that pertain to non-settlement land; First Nations review the parts that pertain to settlement land. The final draft plan is revised again by the Commission as appropriate, and submitted back to the Parties. This is considered the final plan. However, the final plan can still be rejected, approved, or modified by the Parties, in consultation with one another.

4.3 IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN

After a regional plan has been approved, the Parties are expected to use the Plan to guide land use and resource management decisions. This would include the authorizing of land, water or resource use under the provisions of a Development Approval Process (DAP).



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Roles and Responsibilities for Council, Commissions and the Parties

Partner	Role	Responsibilities
Council	Process Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure Council has adequate staff and skills to participate in Chapter 11 activities Assist Parties to build capacity to participate in Chapter Support GTOR and operating guidelines through the FTPs (i.e. monitor Commission for compliance with these documents) and implement remedial action when these documents are not being complied with Review and approve Commission budgets Encourage communication between Parties and Commission Assist Commissions, at their request, with technical, administrative, and planning support Advise members when they are contravening cause-related guidelines
Regional Commission	Plan Developer and Author Liaison to the public and the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operate in compliance with General Terms of Reference, Final Agreements and Financial Agreements Ensure First Nation is consulted on annual budgets. Communicate with parties, Council and interested agencies Define internal policies for conduct of Commission Members Advise members of any contravention of internal operating guidelines
Government (Canada, Yukon, First Nations)	Land Claim Implementers Approval Body Information Provider Reviewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Land Claim Nominate members for YLUPC (CYFN, Canada, YTG) Ensure governments have adequate staff to participate where they have agreed to implement the Chapter 11 process (Canada, YTG) Ensure FN has appropriate staff to participate where they have agreed to implement the Chapter 11 process (FN) Inform Commission and Council when GTOR, FA, and FTPs are not being complied with. Consult with Council and Commission on proposed changes to GTOR if necessary. Provide timely feedback on annual budgets (FN) Approve annual budgets and provide funds to Commissions and YLUP Consider linkages between regional land use planning and other water and land planning processes Provide technical support when requested Provide policy-level advice (i.e. advise when Commission is likely to contravene policy) Stay informed of Commission activities Recommend removal of members for cause if necessary (YTG) Removal of members if necessary. (Canada) Respond to formal Council Recommendations in timely fashion

1.1 IDENTIFY PROPOSED PLANNING REGIONS				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role	Lead	Land Claim Implementor		
	Information provider			
	Researcher			
	Concept developer			
Responsibilities	Develop criteria for prioritizing planning regions		Explore broader planning issues, planning goals, boundaries and information requirements for each region and identify implications for regional planning	
	Identify priority regions & consider factors leading up to the recommendation for establishing a Commission		Respond to Recommendations of YLUPC	
	Make formal recommendations to Government and affected FN on planning matters			
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Review of Planning PrioritiesResponse Protocol			
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">YLUPC establishedFTP for Yukon Land Use Planning CouncilRecommendation on Planning Regions and Priorities(Formal Council Recommendation)			



1.2 DEFINE PRIORITIES, PROCESS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR REGIONAL PLANNING				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role	Lead			
	Facilitator		Participant	Participant
Responsibilities	Determine level of support for an Area Specific Working Group or alternate protocol for reaching consensus on planning priorities and process			
	Develop protocol regarding communication on priorities, process and participants			
	Convene meeting of participants (ASWG)		Assign technical staff to ASWG	Assign technical staff to ASWG
	Chair meetings and distribute comments		Fund own participation on ASWG	Fund own participation on ASWG
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meetings with parties and CouncilLetters			
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Area Specific Protocol is adopted (eg. North Yukon ASWG, Peel Action Plan)			
Reference	11.3.3.2 (identification of planning regions and priorities for preparation of regional land use plans) ; 11.3.3.3 (general terms of reference, including time frames); 11.3.3.4 (boundary of planning regions);			



1.3 PREPARE GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role	Lead			
	Participant at technical level		Participant at technical level	Participant at technical level
	Drafter of GTOR		Consensus-builder at technical level	Consensus-builder at technical level
	Approval facilitator		Approval body at senior level	Approval body at senior level
Responsibilities	Encourage resolution of overlaps, provide technical support		Agree on overlap areas	
	Agree to proposed planning boundaries		Agree to proposed planning boundaries	
	Assist parties to agree on expectations		Identify policies and priorities to be addressed in a regional plan	
	Draft GTOR document		Agree on expectations of Commission	
	Make formal recommendation		Circulate document within First Nation	Circulate document within government
	Track and explain recommendation		Provide co-ordinated response with other parties to GTOR recommendation	Provide co-ordinated response with other parties to GTOR recommendation
	Letters, Response Protocol		Internal review process	Internal review process
Strategies				
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft GTOR document complete Parties at ministerial/regional director general level sign recommended GTOR (First formal recognition of RLUPC) 			
Reference	11.3.3.2 (identification of planning regions and priorities for preparation of regional land use plans) ; 11.3.3.3 (general terms of reference, including time frames); 11.3.3.4 (boundary of planning regions); 11.3.3.5 (other matters that gov't and FN agree upon)			



2.1 COMMISSION APPOINTMENT(Nomination , Appointment and Orientation of Members)				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role			Lead	
	Information Provider		Nominator	Nominator
Responsibilities	Provide information to prospective Commission members on process, roles & responsibilities of Commission members		Respond within 60 days to request for nominees –	Respond as soon as practicable to request for nominees
			Consider the familiarity and compatibility of prospective nominees	
			Make reasonable attempts to achieve consensus on Nominees	
			Nominate Members	
	Track nominations			Appoint members to the Commission as soon as is practicable
Strategies	Word of mouth, ads, orientation prior to nomination			
Milestones	Minister (YTG), Regional Director General (DIAND) and First Nations Chief nominate members to Canada Minister of DIAND sends appointment letter to members			
Reference	2.12.2 (Ministerial appointment of Board members; conflict of interest; removal for cause; training; length of terms) 11.4.1 (Agreement to establish a regional land use planning commission) 11.4.2 (Representation on Commission; candidate selection criteria; consensus on nominees) 11.3.4 (YLUPC Secretariat may provide assistance to Commissions)			



2.2 COMMISSION START-UP				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role	Lead			
	Mentor Technical Resource	Public Commission	Budget consulting body	Budget approval body (Canada)
Responsibilities	Participation in initial Commission Meetings			
	Enable Commission to accomplish initial tasks	Participate in initial Commission Meetings		Assign technical staff resources for orientation to Chapter 11
	Provide orientation on land use planning, and Implementation Plan requirements	Identify Commission training requirements		
		Participate in Orientation Workshops		
	Introduce finance and budgeting procedures	Develop budget/work plan	Review budget and workplan	Review and approve budget and workplan (Canada)
		Forward budget to FN for consultation		
	Negotiate FTP		Provide orientation as per IP requirements	
	Ensure Commission operates in accordance with GTOR	Develops operating guidelines, consensus model, distribute to Parties		
		Hires staff and secures office space		
	Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start-up Meet & Greet• Starter Kit• Initial Budget & Workplan template• Orientation Workshop		
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission holds start-up meeting• Budget and workplan approved by Ottawa, FTP signed• Commission chair selected• Operating guidelines approved by Commission and distributed to Parties			



2.3 PLAN TO PLAN				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role		Lead		
	Assistant to Commission	Author of PTOR	Review agency	Review agency
Responsibilities	Provide technical assistance with PTOR if requested	Write PTOR		
		Develop consultation, communication and information management strategies		
	Review PTOR in a timely manner	Distribute PTOR to parties and Council for review	Provide technical level review of PTOR in a timely manner	Provide technical level review of PTOR in a timely manner
			Provide a single voice from within FN on PTOR	Provide a single voice from within each gov't on PTOR
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTOR Template (standard PTOR requirements) • Define PTOR requirements in FTP • Senior Liaison Committee • Technical Working Group • Response Protocol 			
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTOR • Communication Strategy and Commission Response Protocol • Public Consultation Strategy • Information Management Strategy • Terms of Reference for SLC/TWG 			
Reference	11.4.5.2 (precise terms of reference) 11.3.4 (YLUPC Secretariat may provide assistance to Commissions)			



3.1 ISSUES IDENTIFICATION				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role		Lead		
	Assistant to Commission	Author	Information provider	Information Provider
			Research facilitator (if applicable)	Research Facilitator (if applicable)
Responsibilities		Writes issues document	Technical staff assists in gathering issues	
		Distributes issues document to parties and Council		Provide interpretation of relevant policy and program initiatives from within government
	Reviews and responds to document in a timely manner	Allows for further discussion of document if necessary	Reviews and responds to document in a timely manner	
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public hearings• Workshops• Bibliographic and library research• Consultation with technical and special experts			
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public event• Issue and Current Land Use Map• Issue summary document			
Reference	GTOR should outline expectations of document distribution PTOR should outline scope of issues and consultation SLC and TWG terms of reference 11.3.4 (YLUPC Secretariat may provide assistance to Commissions)			



3.2 GATHER INFORMATION				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role		Lead		
	Assistant to Commission	Data collector	Information provider	Information provider
Responsibilities	Assist Commission with research if requested	Gather existing scientific and traditional knowledge information	Technical staff gathers existing scientific information and traditional knowledge (through Technical Working Group)	
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TWG coordinates internal information flow• Meetings with researchers, government, industry, stakeholders			
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information Sharing Agreements (if necessary)• Technical documents• Resource Inventory			
Reference	PTOR SLC/TWG terms of reference 11.3.4 (YLUPC Secretariat may provide assistance to Commissions)			



3.3 PLAN SCENARIOS				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role		Lead		
	Assistant to Commission	Data collector	Information provider Reviewer	Information provider Reviewer
		Author		
		Public consultation facilitator		
Responsibilities	Assist Commission with research and analysis if requested	Develop plan options and land use designations	Provide technical and policy information from within Governments/FN	
		Seek public input on a range of planning options		
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meetings with researchers, government, industry, stakeholdersMeetings with TWG and SLCPublic forums			
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public consultation eventsPresentation materials			
Reference	SLC terms of reference 11.3.4 (YLUPC Secretariat may provide assistance to Commissions)			



4.1 DEVELOP PLAN FOR RECOMMENDATION				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role		Lead		
	Reviewer	Author and Recommending Body	Reviewer	Reviewer
Responsibilities		Chair Technical Working Group		
		Coordinate technical review		
		Write and revise draft plan		
		Inform public of revisions		
	Review draft plan	Recommend final Draft Plan	Review draft plan	Inter-departmental review of draft plan
	Develop Response Protocol for Recommendation			
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public forums • TWG/SLC Review 			
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft plan published • Letter of Recommendation to Ministers and Chief 			
Reference	11.6.1 (RLUPC shall forward land use plan to gov't and FN)			




4.2 APPROVAL OF REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role	Lead			
Responsibilities	Plan Reviewer	Plan Revisor	Approval body	Approval body
	Review LUP	Revise plan according to Gov't and FN, with written reasons	Approve, reject, or propose modifications to the draft plan for settlement land	Approve, reject, or propose modifications to the draft plan for non-settlement land
			Consult with government and affected First Nations as required	Consult with YFNs and affected Yukon Communities
	Respond in a timely manner		Respond in a timely manner	Respond to draft plan in a timely manner
Strategies				
Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved Land Use Plan 			
Reference	11.6.0 (Approval Process for Land Use Plans) 11.6.3.2(Consultation with FN and affected communities)			



4.3 IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN				
	Council	Commission	FN	Canada/YTG
Role	Monitor	Monitor	Lead Implementers	
Responsibilities	Undertake periodic review of regional land use plans		Authorize land, water and resource use in compliance with approved Regional Plan	
		Review Projects referred to Commission under Development Assessment Process (DAP)	Request input from Regional Planning Commission on Project applications under Development Assessment Process (DAP)	
	Recommend process for amending regional land use plans	Assess need for amendment of the Plan		
	Recommend process for preparation and approval of sub-regional and district plans prepared jointly by First Nations and Government under the provisions of UFA Chapter 11 .		Develop sub-regional and district plans for Settlement Lands in conformance with approved Regional Plan	Develop sub-regional and district plans for non-Settlement Lands in conformance with approved Regional Plan
			Where sub-regional or district plans are prepared jointly, conduct planning in accordance with Chapter 11 (ie. Use the Common Land Use Planning Process)	
		Prepare budget for sub-regional planning (if re-designated as the planning body)		Provide funding for sub-regional or district planning body
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Assessment Process 			
Reference	11.4.5.10 (Monitoring for compliance to Plan) 11.7.0 (Conformance to Plan in land, water and other resource decisions) 11.8.0 (Preparation of sub-regional and district Plans) 11.9.4 (Funding for sub-regional and district plans)			



		Strategies for a Common Land Use Planning Process			
		YLUPC Objective			
		Encourage Common Process	Advocate Planning Principles	Assist Planning Commissions	Collaborative and Equitable Participation
CLUPP Objectives	Establish Collaborative Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross cultural training for all parties should be provided prior to commission start up. • The parties should consult one another about their nominees early in the process to speed up appointment by the Federal Minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations should undertake a needs assessment to identify capacity building and information priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A "Commission Member job description" should be provided to potential candidates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Regional Planning Commissions as the primary instrument for land use planning.
	Develop Board Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A process for resolving disputes during the planning process should be in place, along the lines of the elders panel or dispute resolution board envisioned in the UFA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissions should establish a community presence, through a walk-in office, to provide information throughout the planning process. Consultations between the Commission and the public should occur at least every 3 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Management and Board Administration skills should be a priority for the initial supporting staff position. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YLUPC should take the lead in orienting potential commission members, the affected YFN and other parties.
	Link to Other Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Commission should use similar information management practices, including common language (terminology), mapping techniques (software) and information storage(map library). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure First Nation involvement in all land use decisions on and off settlement lands within their traditional territory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial training should focus on building working relationships among all participants and on understanding the expectations of the Parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parties are responsible to make the plans a reality and should take the lead on building capacity.
	Commission Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Senior Liaison Committee should coordinate the review and approval process to achieve consensus among the Parties prior to a ceremonial formal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use opportunities such as Career Days at local high schools and Yukon College to promote careers in land use planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep First Nations informed and involved in setting up Commissions and starting to plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the impact of devolution on the capacity of the Parties to participate in planning.
	Communication & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high level (Yukon wide) Memorandum of Understanding on Information Sharing should be developed to ensure cooperation between parallel planning processes.signing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Knowledge information should be consolidated, and policies adopted to promote understanding of First Nation interests while providing protection for sensitive cultural information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a high level of support for existing Regional Planning Commissions 	
	Information Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Senior Liaison Committee should coordinate the review and approval process to achieve consensus among the Parties prior to a ceremonial formal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Knowledge information should be consolidated, and policies adopted to promote understanding of First Nation interests while providing protection for sensitive cultural information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YLUPC should continue to support Commissions as and when requested. 	
	Approved Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure RPC's and RRC's are linked to land use decision making before, during and after the planning process. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain language resource reports should be prepared by the Commissions early in the process. • Commissions should be provided with a basemap, for recording First Nation and other stakeholder land interests identified through community input 	