

Regional Planning Funding



Funding Basic Information

- Land Claim Implementation Plans: Canada committed \$7.4 m to regional planning for plan production
- YLUPC was provided core funding \$447,000 annual to help commissions
- This money is “indexed” to take into account inflation
- There will be ~ \$4.6 million left after DRPC finishes its work, 4 more plan envisioned



Table 3: Factors Contributing To Variability in Planning Cost		
Factor	Comment	Effect
Lack of Access to Information	The absence of current, accurate, scientific or traditional knowledge may result in higher costs for data gathering.	Increase
	The absence of development assessment criteria may increase costs for data collection.	Increase
Complexity of Issues	In regions with greater developed or recognized potential for resource use or access, more extensive consultation may be required.	Increase
	Where other Boards or organizations are engaged in resource planning within the region, additional consultation may be necessary to establish the required linkages.	Increase
Regional Geography	Large planning regions may incur higher travel costs and increased data collection costs	Increase
	Regions farther from Whitehorse may incur greater communication and travel costs.	Increase
	Regions with greater landscape variability may require more data collection.	Increase
	Regions with large single resource allocations are already being managed and don't to be as comprehensively planned (e.g. forestry, oil & gas, parks)	Decrease



Time is \$ Issues

- Commissions have been taking (much) longer than 3 years to complete the plans
- The information collections stage has been a major reason for this, financial adm. another
- The length of time for Options, Draft Plan, Recommended Plan, Final Recommended Plan is also very time consuming
- It is very difficult to do all of this in ~3 years, ~ \$1 million dollars



Time is \$ Issue

- The commissions point to the slowness of the Parties in providing information or being timely and clear in their response



Break-out Session Set-up

- If the Parties agree to a 3 year process, how can the Commission be kept accountable to that timeframe? How can the Parties help?
- How can the Council best assist the Commission to meet its timeframe and stay on budget?



Ideas that Might Help Reduce RLUPC costs

- YLUPC provide financial administration for all future commissions
- Parties provide (prepare?) the basic Resource Assessment Report information
- YLUPC provide meeting facilitation services when needed by a Commission
- YLUPC provide core technical services: GIS modelling etc.



Ideas that Might Help Reduce RLUPC costs

- YLUPC provide financial administration for all future commissions
- Parties provide (prepare?) the basic Resource Assessment Report information
- YLUPC provide meeting facilitation services when needed by a Commission
- YLUPC provide core technical services: GIS modelling etc.



Ideas that Might Help Reduce RLUPC costs

- YLUPC take on more human resource related work (coordinate hiring processes, staff evaluations, contracting, other tasks)
- Parties/YLUPC produce templates for typical products required of the Commissions
- YLUPC sponsors workshops that relate to specific regional planning regions planning problem



Ideas that Might Be Worth Exploring

- Provide funds on a “staged” basis based up planning product
- What encouraging a contractor vs a staff model? (Staffing model costs roughly \$350,000 per year: would a contractor be cheaper?)

