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**Peel Watershed Planning Commission:  
 Meeting #10 Minutes  
 May 24, 2007  
 Mayo, Yukon**

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**In Attendance:**

**Peel Watershed Planning Commission**

Albert Genier – Chair  
 Peter Kaye  
 Steve Taylor  
 David Loeks

**Support Staff**

Brian Johnston – Senior Planner  
 Kathleen Zimmer – Office Administrator

**YG Staff**

Jim Bell – Senior Planner, EMR

**Absent**

Marvin Frost

**Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Review of Agenda**

<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
Meeting began at 9:05 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian thanked all Commission members for attending.</li> <li>• Commission members reviewed the agenda.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commission members would like to add principles (parameters) of planning. These should follow the statement of intent. Add to item # 8.</li> <li>○ Add media strategy to Director’s report.</li> <li>○ Add Sam Wallingham’s resignation to Chair’s and Members’ Reports.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Review of Agenda</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<p><b>Motion #1:</b>  <b>To accept the agenda as presented with the omission of agenda item # 3 and addition of above items.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Kaye      2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Taylor      All in Favour      Passed by Consensus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commission discussed the addition of tenure planning but agreed to get an understanding first for discussion later.</li> </ul>	<p>1. Brian to get information on tenure planning.</p>

<b>Agenda Item #2: Review and Approval of Special Meeting # 5 Minutes, March 20, 2007</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Commission reviewed the minutes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #2:</b>  <b>To accept the Special Meeting # 5 Minutes, March 20, 2007, as presented.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Loeks      2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Taylor      All in Favour      Passed by Consensus</b></p>	

<b>Agenda Item #3: Chair’s and Members’ Reports</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<p>Chair’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam Wallingham resigned from the Commission on May 23, 2007 due to a heavy workload in his professional capacities. The Commission expressed their gratefulness to Sam for his commitment, his time, and his contribution. Jim Bell asked the Commission if they had suggestions of possible candidates.</li> <li>Albert Genier reported on the recent Chair’s meeting and the revised MOU. YLUPC is to take the revised MOU back to their next meeting.</li> <li>Albert had discussed with Shirlee Frost, the Chair of the North Yukon Planning Commission, the</li> </ul>	<p>2. Brian to give Jim Bell conflict-of-interest evaluation template.</p>

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<p>possibility of a meeting with the Tr’ondek Hwech’in to convey some of the lessons learned from the NYPC and PWPC planning experiences. Albert added that it was the desire of the Chairs to meet with the Tr’ondek Hwech’in before the signing of their GTOR. The Commission suggested that it might be useful for all of the parties – NYPC, PWPC, YLUPC, YTG - to meet with the Tr’ondek Hwech’in to discuss the lessons learned from the previous planning experiences. Jim Bell remarked that future GTOR work plan schedule will take into account the start up time of the Commission.</p> <p>Member’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Steve Taylor enquired about the habitat suitability workshop held in Dawson. He remarked that it was a good cross section of hunters, trappers and elders. Brian said that the information gathering in Dawson went very well and that the product is coming together. Steve also informed the Commission that the Tr’ondek were getting ready for planning, working on the overlap issues and going forward with the GTOR. Steve currently has the Lands portfolio for the Tr’ondek government and is ready to join the new Commission if asked.</li> <li>▪ Peter Kaye informed the Commission that the GTC had discussed the issues surrounding the Mayo gathering. Peter also informed that Commission that the school curriculum had added land use planning and he talked about different ways of educating kids on land use planning and the possible role of YLUPC.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item #4: Director’s Report</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Johnston reviewed his report with Commission members and highlighted key points.</li> <li>• Brian reviewed the work on the PWPC website. The Commission discussed the content on the website and recommended some alterations to the labels of some downloadable files.</li> <li>• The Commission requested an introduction to Sam Skinner, the new Planning Analyst, next time the Commission meets in Whitehorse.</li> <li>• Brian reviewed his meeting with YESAB. He had given YESAB a status report on the NYPC and PWPC and discussed how land use planning fits into the assessment process.</li> <li>• Brian commented that it was time for the Commission to start expanding on its Statement of Intent and delve into the principles it intends to pursue in order to implement the Statement of Intent. He</li> </ul>	<p>3. Brian to change the labels on the website.</p>

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stated that he and Dave Loeks will be working on a draft principles document to be circulated to the Commission and discussed at the next meeting. Dave offered to take the lead on this exercise.	

<b>Agenda Item #5: Data Collection Update</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Heritage Resources Summary is expected early June from Ruth Gotthardt at YTG.</li> <li>▪ The Tourism &amp; Recreation Resources Summary is expected from Cathryn Paish at YTG in July. Ms. Paish also recommended that the PWPC pursue further input from the Yukon First Nations Tourism Association and the Yukon Outfitters Association.</li> <li>▪ John Miekle is summarizing the habitat suitability information.</li> <li>▪ Brian met with Richard Corbet from Oil &amp; Gas Branch – YTG, regarding the oil and gas potential in the Peel. As he did with the NYPC, Mr. Corbet is working up the numbers for a potential oil &amp; gas development scenario in the Peel watershed. He worked on the following assumptions: a) there is a minimum of 20BCM of commercially viable gas; b) extraction of gas in the Peel watershed would not begin until about 20 years after the Eagle Plains gas play is tapped. His initial calculations determined that the development scenario would result in a total footprint in the basin of 0.12% (of 10,300 square kilometers). One of the biggest issues would be increased access once the roads are built. Mr. Corbet indicated that the Oil and Gas Branch can restrict access to permit holders, if desired. Brian reported that Mr. Corbet’s report is expected to be submitted to the PWPC by the end of May.</li> </ul>	4. Brian to ask Richard Corbett for a summary and a list of assumptions.

<b>Agenda Item #6: Conservation Assessment</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sam Skinner is working well with the members of the Conservation Technical Advisory Group (CTAG) and the hotspot values should be ready in the fall to take on the road.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item #7: Planning Framework Options</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brian reviewed the difference between results-based and prescriptive frameworks. Like the NYPC, the preferred path for the PWPC is a results-based framework, although there will need to be prescriptive components – especially with respect to recommended protected areas and for minimizing land use conflicts.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item #8: Land Use Designation System Discussions</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brian presented the revised land use designation system to the commission members.</li> <li>The Commission remarked that conservation should not be confused with preservation. Conserve means to use wisely, not <i>don't</i> use.</li> <li>Brian noted that the NYPC had given the Dempster Highway its own designation, whereby development footprints in the corridor were not considered to contribute to the footprint thresholds in each of the land management units that the highway crosses.</li> <li>A Commission member commented that some people are worried about the calcium on the road and the effect on water quality and the berry bushes on the side of the road.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item #9: Follow up to YG Letters</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Bell discussed how land use planning has gained a greater priority in his department, and how EMR would like to track the data requests to maintain efficiency in the planning process.</li> <li>The Commission remarked that going through EMR for all YTG requests would be cumbersome and the Commission does not want to create another layer of bureaucracy that will increase timelines. The Commission is more interested in efficiency and timelines and pure, unfiltered information. The Commission commented that it is important that the Commission makes the call as to what data is necessary for their planning needs, with consultation with the domain experts. The Commission expressed concern that there have been occasions when information being funneled between various YTG departments and the PWPC has been filtered by the YTG land use planning office and/or EMR. The messages have been altered and, on various occasions, the PWPC message has been presented with a negative tone. The Commission does not want</li> </ul>	

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<p>information filtered to everyone through one department, as it is not an efficient use of time and resources, and the messages sometimes change by the time they reach their destination. For the sake of efficiency and improving communications, the PWPC will be happy to cc the land use planning office of its data requests to domain experts.</p>	

<b>Agenda Item #10: National and International Initiatives</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion was deferred.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item #11: Discuss and Approve MOU</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission reviewed the proposed changes.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item #12: Staffing</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission reviewed the secondment agreement for Sam Skinner. It was explained to the Commission members that the Planning Analyst position will require a salary adjustment concurrently when the adjustments are made for all of the staff positions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #3:</b>  <b>The Peel Watershed Planning Commission agrees to second Sam Skinner as a Planning Analyst form the Yukon Land Use Planning Council for the duration of his employment agreement (April 23, 2007 to March 31, 2008) The salary for this position is \$56,000.00.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Taylor      2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Loeks      All in Favour      Passed by Consensus</b></p> <p>The Commission reviewed other staffing issues (IN CAMERA)</p>	

<b>Agenda Item #13: Financial Update</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathleen reviewed the financial information and budget variances to date.</li> <li>• Adding Dave and Peter as signing authorities is moving forward. Albert Peter is not letting his name stand for reappointment to YLUPC in August when his term expires. Therefore, his name will have to be taken off signing authority. It is easier to do this all at once.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #4:</b>  <b>To remove Albert Peter, member YLUPC, as signing authority on Peel Watershed bank account.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: 1<sup>st</sup> Albert Genier      2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Kaye      All in Favour      Passed by Consensus</b></p>	

<b>Agenda Item #14: Correspondence</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian reviewed the correspondence.</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item #15: Next Steps</b>	
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible board meeting in September.</li> </ul>	

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm

Approval of Peel Watershed Planning Commission Meeting # 10 Minutes (May 24, 2007, Mayo, Yukon)



Chair



Senior Planner

Date