

PEEL WATERSHED
PLANNING COMMISSION
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**Peel Watershed Planning Commission:
Meeting #3 Minutes**

June 2, 2005
Whitehorse – YLUPC Board Room

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In Attendance:

North Yukon Planning Commission

Albert Genier – Chair
Steve Taylor – Member
Marvin Frost– Member
Sam Wallingham– Member
Abe Wilson - Member

Support Staff

Brian Johnston – Coordinator/Land Use Planner
Kathleen Zimmer – Office Administrator
Ron Cruikshank – Executive Director, YLUPC
Gerald Isaac – Meeting Facilitator

Agenda Item #1: Welcome

Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting began at 9:05 pm Gerald Isaac provided welcoming remarks. 	

Agenda Item #2: Review Agenda	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission members reviewed agenda. <p>Motion #1: To accept the agenda as presented. Moved: Albert Genier 2nd Sam Wallingham All in Favor Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #3: Delegates	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No delegates were present. 	

Agenda Item #4: Review Minutes and Action Items	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments. <p>Motion #2: To accept April 8, 2005 Minutes and all prior minutes. Moved: Albert Genier 2nd Sam Wallingham All in Favor Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #5: Director’s Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director’s report was not completed due to the busy consultation schedule. 	1. Brian to complete

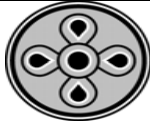
Agenda Item #5: Director’s Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam Wallingham requested a report via email at a later date. Steve Taylor requested that the report be simple and to the point. Albert Genier requested that the report be completed no later than July 15, 2005 	director’s report and email to Commission members no later than July 15, 2005

Agenda Item #6: Memorandum of Understanding	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission members noted that the preamble should also include Tr’ondek Hwech’in, Na-cho Nyak Dun, and Tetlit Gwichin First Nations. <p>Motion #3: To accept and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Yukon Land Use Planning Council and the Peel Watershed Planning Commission, with noted amendments. The term of the MOU is June 1st, 2005 to March 31st, 2005. Appendix B of the MOU is the Payment Schedule guaranteeing \$352,455 (three hundred and fifty two thousand Four hundred and fifty five dollars) funding the 2005/2006 fiscal year. Moved: Steve Taylor 2nd Marvin Frost All in Favor Passed by Consensus</p>	2. Make changes noted to the MOU.

Agenda Item #7: Signing Authorities	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhoda Merkel talked briefly about the requirements to change signing authorities. <p>Motion #4: Effective June 2nd, 2005, the Peel Watershed Planning Commission will have the following names as signatories on CIBC Bank Account # 80 – 7219717.</p>	3. Rhoda to arrange additional signing

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Discussion Topic	Action Item
<p>1. Brian Johnston 2. Kathleen Zimmer 3. Albert Genier 4. Marvin Frost 5. Steven Taylor 6. Sam Wallingham</p> <p>7. Ronald Cruikshank 8. Rhoda Merkel 9. Albert Peter 10. Doug Phillips 11. Ian Robertson</p> <p>Moved: Sam Wallingham 2nd Albert Genier All in Favor Passed by Consensus</p>	<p>authorities.</p>

Agenda Item #8: Logo	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gerald Isaac explained what the logo represents and that there would be different formats for business cards, letterhead, envelopes etc. The logo represents the heartbeat, which breathes life into and provides a natural rhythm for the Peel Watershed. A red dot in the middle of the logo represents the heart. Four droplets of water surrounding the heart represents the First Nations connected to the Peel region. Inner symbols are melded together within an outer drum to symbolize the “Commission working together in unity”. Albert Genier asked if it would be possible to have a beaded logo for art purposes. Sam Wallingham asked if it could have a more beaded look. Several Commission members asked about the possibility of obtaining hats with the logo as a crest. The Commission congratulated Richard Vladars and Ruth Carroll on the logo and translation. <p>Motion #3: To accept the attached Logo as the official symbol for the Peel Watershed Planning Commission.</p>	<p>3. Kathleen and Gerald to research beaded logo and baseball hats.</p>

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<p>Moved: Steve Taylor 2nd Marvin Frost All in Favor Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #9: Website Usage	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Hamm, YLUPC, gave an overview on website usage, taking Commission members through all areas of the website, explaining how to sign in and the various advantages of checking the website on a consistent basis. Ron Cruikshank recommended Geological Bulletin 4.22. Jeff demonstrated how to add events to the calendar. • Commission members commented that they would like to see additional photos of the Peel Watershed included as well as the new logo. • Jeff Hamm explained that new things will be added to the website on a continual basis and should be considered a good resource. 	<p>4. Jeff to put logo and more photos on website.</p>

Agenda Item #10: YG Fieldwork Presentation – Barney Smith	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barney Smith gave an overview of the work that will be carried out this summer in the Peel Watershed Planning Region by various YG departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June – Fisheries work at Margaret Lake ○ July 6 – 16 – Floatplane work to count and categorize fish. ○ Heli sharing with Geologists to gather info on sheep and Bonnet Plume Caribou. ○ Search for rare plant species in the refugia areas. ○ Geologists at Crest property. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ River trip to check peregrine falcons. ● There are 15 eco-districts to research and there may be a need to revisit the area next summer to fill in any gaps in the data. ● Steve Taylor asked whether any work would be done on archeological sites in the area. Barney Smith replied that John Store has done some work and will keep his eyes open this summer when he is in the area. ● Albert Genier asked whether or not any water quality analysis would take place. Barney Smith replied that it is standard procedure. ● Barney Smith said that the Commission needed to think about their requirements: maps, briefings, talk with elders etc, and how it would like the information presented. There should be a summary of the information, concerns, and gaps by November 2005. 	

Agenda Item #11: Reports and Discussion Regarding Community Consultations	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission members expressed disappointment over lack of industry involvement, lack of interest from the general public, and fewer than expected presentations from YG departments. ● Steve Taylor felt strongly that more public meetings in each community and door-to-door meetings are the key to obtaining more comments from the public. Steve also suggested getting a schedule of all UFA board and committee meetings for possible face-to-face consultation. ● Sam Wallingham expressed that there needed to be a concerted push for industry involvement. ● Albert Genier felt that the Commission should be a neutral body and would not like the perception that industry has a direct line or access to the Commission. ● Ron Cruikshank suggested that calls to industry representatives versus individual companies would be appropriate. ● All Commission members felt that they needed to work on information gathering at the ground level in their own communities. ● Ron Cruikshank suggested that a meeting with Minister Archie Lang and a meeting with the senior liaison group could help with participation from YG departments and other governments. 	<p>5. Commission staff to work on follow- up strategy.</p> <p>6. Ron to arrange SLC meeting for Sept/ Oct.</p>

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<p>liaison group could help with participation from YG departments and other governments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marvin Frost suggested that more presentations could be made at Commission board meetings and that the TWG was also an important issues and interests gathering tool and not to forget that even more information will come forward during community info gathering sessions. • All Commission members felt that there was not adequate information and that without additional input and participation from interested groups, public and governments, the plan would have much less chance for success. Commission members also determined that there was a need for a follow-up strategy to get groups to recognize their responsibility to contribute to the process. The following strategy was agreed upon: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter follow-up on public consultations. Keep the public, agencies and governments informed 2. Invitations to present either in writing or at board meetings to other agencies, public and governments 3. Calls to key people/agencies 4. Call for additional YG department presentations – tourism, transportation, and wildlife 5. Formation of Subcommittee to gather outstanding information 6. Contact with other UFA standing boards and committees to gather additional information 7. Staff phone calls to follow up additional opportunities to gather information 8. Go to the meetings of other agencies, governments etc. to raise the concerns of lack of interest and input and to gather information • Commission members also identified other areas where more information was needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development corridor ○ Existing highway right of way ○ Wind River trail. ○ No hunting corridors ○ Roads to Resources 	

Agenda Item #12: TWG Meeting – Dawson City, June 16, 17	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission members agreed that more information was required before a TWG meeting to summarize interests and issues and to wait until fall, with additional information and presentations coming in over the summer. • Ron Cruikshank mentioned that YG wanted to talk to the Commission at the TWG meeting about what a Land Use Plan should be. • Sam Wallingham and Albert Genier agreed that this would be premature. • Commission members agreed upon a deadline for additional oral or written presentations of August 19th with the ability to present in person to the Commission at the next board meeting in Dawson City, August 25, 2005 • Some Commission members, recognizing the budgetary limitations, expressed concern over the cost of the TWG meetings and who would pay what. • Gerald Isaac replied that the GTC TWG member had already inquired whether their cost for travel etc. would be covered under the GTOR and the “extraordinary expense” clause. • No decision was made on what constituted an extraordinary expense and the Commission decided they would deal with this when the issue arose again. • Commission members inquired who was on the TWG: Jeff Hamm, YLUPC, Jim Bell, YG, Brian Johnston, PWPC, Norman Snowshoe, GTC, Melissa Valja, VGFN, Joella Hogan, NND, Renee Mayes, THHN, Tim Sellars, YG, and Albert Genier, Chairperson, PWPC. 	<p>7. Brian to notify TWG, participating governments and YLUPC in writing that the meeting dates of June 16, 17 are cancelled and the next meeting date will be decided at August 25th board meeting.</p>

Agenda Item #13: Annual Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission reviewed the requirements as per the MOU. 	<p>8. Brian Johnston to email the Annual Report to all Commission members no later than June 13th, 2005.</p>

Agenda Item #14: Financial Update	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathleen Zimmer produced financial information to date but stressed that a variance report at this time would not be very valuable, as most costs for the community consultations had not come in yet, and would likely be over budget. • Commission members asked if the line items in the budget were flexible. Kathleen Zimmer replied that yes, with reason and this issue should be revisited after all the community consultation costs were in. 	<p>9. Variance report to be produced for next board meeting.</p>

Agenda Item #15: Correspondence	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All correspondence was reviewed and letters to involved First Nations requesting an opportunity to present or set up a booth at the General Assemblies were approved. 	

Agenda Item #16: General Assembly Schedule	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission members reviewed the schedule and will check their personal schedules to check for availability. 	

Agenda Item #17: In Camera	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission discussion. 	

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<p>Meeting adjourned at 3.15 pm</p> <p>Next board meeting: August 25, 2005, Dawson City, Yukon</p> <p>Approval of Peel Watershed Planning Commission Meeting # 3 Minutes (June 2, 2005, Whitehorse, Yukon)</p>		
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Chair	Coordinator / Land Use Planner	Date