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**Peel Watershed Planning Commission:
 Meeting #5 Minutes**

November 8 – 9, 2005

Alpine Bakery / YLUPC Boardroom, Whitehorse, Yukon

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In Attendance:

Peel Watershed Planning Commission

Albert Genier – Chair
 Steve Taylor – Member
 Marvin Frost– Member
 Sam Wallingham– Member

Support Staff

Brian Johnston – Coordinator/Land Use Planner
 Kathleen Zimmer – Office Administrator
 Gerald Isaac – Meeting Facilitator

YG Staff

Jim Bell, EMR

Vacant – 2 member positions

DAY 1

Welcome	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting began at 2:45 pm Gerald Isaac provided welcoming remarks. 	

Agenda Item #1: 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: 1st Sam Wallingham 2nd Steve Taylor All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #2: Minutes	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were reviewed. <p>Motion #2: To accept August 25, 2005 Minutes with spelling correction of O'Donoghue. Moved: Albert Genier 2nd Marvin Frost All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #3: Chair's and Member's Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<p>4.1 Members Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albert Genier gave a verbal report on the RRC meeting in Mayo. He will forward a written report on this event to members and administration Steve Taylor was at the PCMB meeting in Inuvik for the previous 4 days. He is also a member of that board. He canvassed the other members of the PCMB at the meeting and concluded that not enough was known about the PWPC process and some members were not even aware that land use planning was happening in the Peel Watershed. Commission members agreed that it is important to ask the PCMB for a presentation or submission and if funding for this is a problem, Brian Johnston may be able to give a presentation at their next meeting. <u>The lines of communication should remain open and the PCMB should be kept informed</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Albert Genier to provide written report of the RRC meeting in Mayo. Brian to follow up with the PCMB and either ask for a presentation / submission, or the possibility of doing a

<p>meeting. The lines of communication should remain open and the PCMB should be kept informed of the PWPC process. Steve Taylor did pass on some information to the PCMB but would like more follow-up. Deanna Lemke is the coordinator and Don Russell is the technical member. Steve Taylor will let Brian Johnston know when the next PCMB meeting is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He also wondered if the RRC offices were being kept informed and Brian Johnston commented that this was the case. • More discussion took place on possible ways to keep government, communities and agencies up to date. After the issues report is formally released, PWPC will be authoring another newsletter. 	<p>presentation at PCMB’s meeting</p>
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Agenda Item #4: Director’s Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Johnston reviewed his report with Commission members and highlighted the problem of collecting fish data. PWPC staff met with Al Von Finster, DFO Whitehorse staff, and Susan Thompson, YG fisheries technician to discuss data collection. DFO does not have funds available at this time to assist in any data collection. Brian is currently checking with DFO in NT to see what data is available. • The RRC’s may also have more data available. The rivers downstream from Aberdeen Canyon may be more important but most data is collected from upstream. • The other option is to contract the work out like NYPC did. It will cost more than NYPC because there is more data to collect. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Brian to send follow-up letter to DFO requesting them to make funds available for data collection in future. 4. Ask First Nations for funding for fish research.

Agenda Item #5: Commission Member Update	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Johnston and Gerald Issac gave an update. Yukon Government has nominated 2 people for the vacant YG Commission member position. Three First Nations have commented on the nominees. VGFN has not commented yet. • The GTC has nominated Peter Kaye. Gerald drafted a letter to each First Nation with a template of an approval letter to expedite the process. • Ron Cruikshank commented that when the new commission members were appointed, an orientation session would be required. This would be an appropriate time to review lessons learned 	

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Discussion Topic	Action Item
and the progress of the first year as a Commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. 	

DAY 2

Agenda Item #6: Report of Senior Manager’s Meeting	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting began at 9:25 am • Ron Cruikshank reviewed the Senior Manager’s Meeting and gave an update on what is happening at the Yukon Land Use Planning Council. • The recent presentation from YLUPC to the senior managers made the managers aware of land use planning and their role. Unfortunately, YESAB and the Executive Council did not attend. • The Commission commented that other groups were also missing; the North Yukon – Dempster Highway group and Northern Accord group. They should be talking to PWPC. Initiatives come forward that will impact on planning in that area. Development Corporations for First Nations should also be on our stakeholder list. • Ron Cruikshank commented that YG must improve consensus-based decision making with First Nations. They must work together as they must both approve the plan. • The YLUPC will be meeting with Archie Lang. The PWPC should do a “needs assessment” and formally document what needs can be filled by YG. Also to be discussed is the nominees from YG and GTC, the process of consultation and appointment. • Currently, the focus of YG is on the NYPC plan – how to review and approve. However, YG is also educated on the needs of PWPC. • YLUPC is holding a chair’s meeting and strategic planning session. Items on the agenda will include cumulative effects, YESAB, and oil and gas dispositions. 	

Agenda Item # 7 Review of Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board - Recommendations for their participation	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission suggested that the GTC wants consultation and input into the planning process. • The Commission should meet with the Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board if at all possible. • Brian Johnston asked the GTC to comment upon the PTOR but there was no response. • Brian Johnston will be touring Inuvik/Ft McPherson/Aklavik in December. He will be gathering some land use planning information such as digital GIS data and putting out feelers for more information. It is a good way of starting to work together if the GTC is open to sharing. However, they might have a problem with sharing traditional knowledge. • Commission members suggested that PWPC contact Ken Nordine from Lebarge Environmental regarding contaminants in the Peel Planning Region and, Brett Hartshorn may have additional maps. • Ron Cruikshank commented that the MVEIRB does not have any jurisdiction. • Jim Bell suggested that it would be appropriate to be kept up to date on transboundary projects. • Ron Cruikshank said that the approval status is between First Nations and YG and the issue is dealt with in the G.T.O.R. 	<p>5. Brian Johnston to contact Ken Nordine and Brett Harshorn for information.</p>

Agenda Item #8: Preparation for Stakeholder Presentations	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission agreed that presentations are part of the public process however; it would be a good idea to receive the presentations in advance. Private presentations should not be allowed. • The Commission agreed that there was a need to hear from the Geological Survey of Canada and the Porcupine Caribou Management Board. • Steve Taylor is concerned that the “little people” who possess local and traditional knowledge such as: hunters, trappers, and elders will not be involved. • Brian Johnston assured the Commission the various workshops will engage those knowledgeable community people. 	<p>6. Brian Johnston to contact the GSC.</p>

Agenda Item #9 Presentations	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Johnston gave an overview of the transportation presentation. There was not much new information presented. The Department reviewed the history of the Dempster Highway. The department can produce scenarios but will need more information. • The Commission recommended that the PWPC should try to obtain an aggregate resource map, right of way maps, trails, airports, and trap line, and other access routes maps from the department if that information is available. They noted that environmental assessment is not necessary when following existing routes • Ron Cruikshank suggested that Tr’ondek Hwech’in First Nation has good maps. • Albert Genier said that Nacho Nyack also have some maps that may provide useful information. 	<p>7. Brian Johnston to follow up with the Dept of Highways and additional maps.</p>

Agenda Item #10: Discussion of Data Collection Phase	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Ryder did a presentation to show Commission members what layered data looks like and the process to collect the data. • Brian Johnston reviewed the process the PWPC would be going through. • The Commission asked what problems the NYPC had encountered. • Brian Johnston replied that the NYPC recommendation was to have the biophysical map prior to the community consultation/workshops on wildlife etc. The map is expected by February/March 2006. That is the reason why heritage information gathering will be first on the agenda. It does not require the biophysical map. • There is incomplete fisheries information. Brian Johnston will continue to pursue funding from DFO to collect fisheries information. • Brian Johnston will also contact Regional Economic Development to pursue funding for consulting work on an objective look at mineral development and opportunities for the Peel planning region. • The Commission agreed that pursuing funding from Regional Economic Development was a good plan and also recommended looking at the Fekete report on oil and gas, and the Rail line report. 	<p>8. Brian Johnston to pursue funding from Regional Economic Development.</p>

Agenda Item #11: Review of Draft Issues Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albert Genier is attending a meeting with the Dempster Hwy Northern Economic Development Accord group and will stress the importance of working with the PWPC. There has to be some agreement on overlaps. Page 7: The Commission agreed that it was not the mandate of the PWPC to say that there would be absolutely no development. Brian Johnston to change this. The Commission did not want to attribute issues to any one group or name so that all issues would have equal weight. The Commission instructed Brian Johnston to change the phrase “will not” to “should not”. Brian Johnston asked what the Commission wanted to do with the discussion sections, remove for now or call the sections by another name. The Commission agreed that the sections should be renamed to “Potential Management Direction”. The Commission asked Brian Johnston to review the language of the Issues Report and keep it consistent with the UFA. <p>Motion #3: To accept the Issues Report as presented with changes as per discussion Moved: Sam Wallingham 2nd Steve Taylor All in Favor Passed by Consensus</p>	<p>9. Albert Genier to get back to Brian Johnston with meeting details.</p> <p>10. Brian Johnston to make suggested changes.</p>

Agenda Item #12: Correspondence	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission suggested that the correspondence page be changed to identify people’s official titles. 	<p>11. Kathleen Zimmer to change correspondence format</p>

Agenda Item #13: Financial Update	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen Zimmer reviewed the financial information. 	

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Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions. 	

Agenda Item #14: Next Steps	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLC meeting in the near year. Next meeting date to be determined depending upon schedules. 	

Agenda Item #15: Roles & Responsibilities of Commission Members	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission reviewed the list provided by Brian Johnston 	

Meeting adjourned at 5.35 pm		
Approval of Peel Watershed Planning Commission Meeting # 5 Minutes (November 7 - 9, 2005 Whitehorse, Yukon)		
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Chair	Coordinator / Land Use Planner	Date