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**Peel Watershed Planning Commission:
 Meeting #9 Minutes**

**December 19, 2006
 YLUPC Boardroom, Whitehorse, Yukon**

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In Attendance:

Peel Watershed Planning Commission

Albert Genier – Chair
 Peter Kaye
 Steve Taylor
 Sam Wallingham
 David Loeks

Support Staff

Brian Johnston – Senior Planner
 Gerald Isaac - Facilitator
 Ron Cruikshank – Director, YLUPC
 Kathleen Zimmer – Office Administrator
 Graham Baird – Planner

Presenters

Gaye Hanson – Conflict of
 Interest Mediator
 Don Reid – Conservation
 Priorities

Absent

Marvin Frost

Welcome

Discussion Topic

- Meeting began at 9:45 am
- Gerald Isaac provided welcoming remarks.

Action Item

Agenda Item #1: Review Agenda	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission members reviewed agenda and agreed to add Bonnet Plume Outfitter’s issue under Director’s report. <p>Motion #1: To accept the agenda with changes as outlined.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Steve Taylor 2nd Sam Wallingham All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission members reviewed minutes. <p>Motion #2: To accept Meeting # 8 Minutes (October 13-15, 2006) as presented.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Dave Loeks 2nd Sam Wallingham All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p> <p>Motion #3: To accept Special Meeting # 4 Minutes (October 30, 2006) as presented.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Peter Kaye 2nd Sam Wallingham All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	<p>1. Ron to write letter to VGFN regarding approval process. CC to all parties. This item was left over from Meeting # 8.</p>

Agenda Item #3: Chair’s and Member’s Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair and members have nothing to report at this time. 	

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 key points. • Brian reviewed the Bonnet Plume outfitter issue. • The Commission discussed the issue and agreed that they could not support the unauthorized land use. There is a process in place and it should have been followed. 	<p>2. Brian to write a letter to the Minister regarding Bonnet Plume Outfitters.</p>

Agenda Item #5: Conflict of Interest Discussion (In camera)	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission reviewed the conflict-of-interest matrix for each Commission member and suggested management strategy options. • The Commission discussed and agreed on the following management strategies that would apply to all members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission member to notify PWPC in advance of running for public office. 2. When a Commission member is speaking to a public audience, they should make it clear who they are representing. 3. Unless agreed upon, only the Chair speaks for the Commission. 4. Commission members should immediately notify PWPC if they acquire any contract that pertains to the Peel planning region. 5. Commission members to immediately notify PWPC if they develop any business interest that pertains to the Peel planning region. 6. Commission members are restricted from participating in any negotiation or decisions for local Commission related contracts. <p>Motion #4: To accept the general management strategies as presented above.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Steve Taylor 2nd Dave Loeks All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission reviewed and recommended management strategies for each member who had conflicts other than those pertaining to the general management strategies with the exception of Marvin Frost, who was absent. 	

Agenda Item #5: Conflict of Interest Discussion (In camera)	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<p>Motion #5: To accept the management strategies as discussed and recommended for Albert Genier.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Sam Wallingham 2nd Dave Loeks All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p> <p>Motion #6: To accept the management strategies as discussed and recommended for Steve Taylor.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Albert Genier 2nd Sam Wallingham All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p> <p>Motion #7: To accept the management strategies as discussed and recommended for Peter Kaye.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Dave Loeks 2nd Sam Wallingham All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p> <p>Motion #8: To accept the management strategies as discussed and recommended for Sam Wallingham.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Albert Genier 2nd Steve Taylor All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #6: Salary Comparison Discussion (In camera)	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission reviewed the issue. 	

Agenda Item # 7 Conservation Assessment Presentation	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Reid presented the draft Conservation Priorities Assessment: Criteria and Indicators Report. The Commission discussed the validity of goal # 2 and agreed to leave it in for the time being. The Commission questioned whether or not there were any plant species to indicate climate change. 	<p>3. Don Reid to define high value wilderness landscapes.</p>

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Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to provide comments by January 10, 2007 	

Agenda Item #8: Data Collection Update	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian updated the Commission on the data collection to date and what had yet to be obtained. The Commission reviewed the Biophysical map. Commission members enquired if there was any information on horse trails. Commission members expressed concern that there were large areas in the planning region for which nothing is known. They do not want these areas to be discounted. Graham Baird explained that this is why they were doing habitat suitability workshops where the biophysical setting was examined and then tested by asking where people have seen animals. From there the information is extrapolated to other areas of similar settings. 	

Agenda Item #9: Traditional Knowledge – its role in planning	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian reviewed the role of traditional knowledge (TK) in the planning process. Brian explained that there are ways to convey things to public without giving away privileged information. There should be a presumption of good faith on behalf of the First Nations. The PWPC signed a confidentiality agreement with the GTC and it has worked very well. Brian discussed heritage information sent by Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in First Nation. The information was collected at the workshop that was put on by PWPC. PWPC allowed the heritage department to keep the information and organize for PWPC. Unfortunately, when THH sent the information it was too broad and general to be useful for regional planning. Brian will work with the THH heritage director, Jodi Beaumont, to make the information useable while still maintaining privacy. 	<p>4. Brian to write a letter to Tr’ondek Chief and Council and Heritage department regarding use and role of TK</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Loeks suggested looking at the HBC archives for information. 	

Agenda Item #10: Proposed RRC Meeting	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian gave the Commission some background on the proposed meeting. CPAWS obtained funding to hold a First Nations RRC and public meeting in Mayo. The meeting will be focused on the Peel Watershed Land Use Planning process. All of the RRC’s and the Commission are invited. Brian explained that it was premature to have another RRC meeting until there are more reports and other information completed for discussion. He hopes that after the production of more reports and information, the RRC’s will be able to provide much more valuable comments. Brian explained that there is a fear that this will be a CPAWS agenda exercise. Consequently, the process will not be even minded. The Mayo RRC has concerns about this meeting. However, they would like to meet with Brian prior to the gathering to discuss their role and the public’s in the planning process. The GTC will not be attending and they made it clear that they will not attend any meeting not convened by the Commission. 	<p>5. Brian to write a letter to RRC’s outlining how they can contribute to the LUP process and at what point. He will also include what has been done to date and how they have contributed.</p>

Agenda Item #11: Review of SLC Meeting	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian presented the compromise timeline to the SLC that the Commission had agreed upon. The SLC wants to consult with the YLUPC. Hugh Monaghan said that they would provide written comments within 10 days. Brian commented that actually, the Council had already recommended the new timeline when they approved the Interim Budget and Work Plan for recommendation to YG. Brian commented that the SLC would have to come up with a concrete plan on how to go faster if they did not approve the extension. In addition, when the original timeline was drafted, it did not 	

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<p>take into account the complexities of the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GTC has provided a letter endorsing the work plan and budget. • Brian also remarked that when YLUPC looked at timelines for other plans, they concluded that the average for a Yukon Regional Land Use Plan should take 4 1/2 years. 	

Agenda Item #12: PWPC Website	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The old website was functional but the new one will have better visual value. Richard Vladars is working with a consultant and the new website should be up and running the end of January. • There will be added presentations and more content including the Commission’s biographies. • CPAWS had asked why all the letters the PWPC received are not posted on the website. Brian replied that the names and cities will be listed as people who sent letters in response to CPAWS letter writing campaign, and that the letters will be available for public viewing in the commission office. 	<p>6. Add stakeholder presentations to PWPC website and remove direct link to the CPAWS Conservation Plan.</p>

Agenda Item #13: Financial Update	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathleen reviewed the financial information and budget variances to date. 	

Agenda Item #14: Correspondence	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian reviewed the correspondence. • The highlight was the letter of endorsement for collaborative work from Dept of Environment, YG. 	

Agenda Item #15: Next Steps

Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat Suitability workshops in Mayo and Fort McPherson • Board meeting in February in Fort McPherson. (TBA) 	

Meeting adjourned at 5.40 pm

Approval of Peel Watershed Planning Commission Meeting # 9 Minutes (December 19, 2006 Whitehorse, Yukon)

Chair

Senior Planner

Date