



**PEEL WATERSHED**  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
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## **Media Release**

### **Peel Commission Works to Complete Recommended Plan Sept 23, 2009**

Following an extensive public and Party consultation and review period since last spring, The Peel Watershed Planning Commission has received approval through the Yukon Land Use Planning Council to proceed with an extended workplan that will result in a Recommended Regional Land Use Plan being submitted at the end of November. Following its release, the Plan will be presented by the Yukon Government for public review likely after the New Year. After that time, the Plan Parties<sup>1</sup> will have opportunity for review and the approval bodies will then determine its acceptance, modifications, or rejection in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Umbrella Final Agreement.

Commission Chair, Albert Genier is pleased with the extent of input received through the Draft Plan consultation process noting that many clear suggestions were offered to improve the document for clarity, simplicity and functionality. "As a result of our work this year, the Commission is now drawing upon an expanded body of scientific and traditional use information, new data, advice and direction. This will help us articulate a Plan to meet the agreed terms of reference, statement of intent and planning principles."

In preparing the Recommended Plan over the next several weeks, the Commission will work through its internal process, and any new information will be posted on its WEB-site at [www.peel.planyukon.ca](http://www.peel.planyukon.ca). A file on the Draft Plan public input is available on-line (see [downloads-planning input](#)) and/or in hard-copy form at its office. All other submissions from the Parties will be made available at the time of Recommended Plan release.

For further information on the Commission or planning process can be obtained from our office at 667-2374 or toll-free 1-866-353-2374. Other matters of general interest concerning regional land-use planning can be directed to the Yukon Land-Use Planning Council 667-7397.

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<sup>1</sup> Plan Parties: Governments of Yukon, Na-Cho Nyak Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Gwich'in Tribal Council and Vuntut Gwitchin (note: GTC is not an approval Party)