



PEEL WATERSHED
PLANNING COMMISSION
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**Peel Watershed Planning Commission:
Special Meeting #5 Minutes
March 20, 2007
Teleconference**

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In Attendance:

Peel Watershed Planning Commission

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

Support Staff

Brian Johnston – Senior Planner
Kathleen Zimmer – Office Administrator

Welcome

Discussion Topic

Action Item

- Meeting began at 5:05 PM

Agenda Item #1: Review Agenda	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<p>Motion #1: To accept the agenda as presented.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Dave Loeks 2nd Peter Kaye All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #2: Review and Approval of Previous Minutes	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<p>Motion #2: To accept the Meeting # 9 Minutes, December 19, 2007 as presented, with typo corrections.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Marvin Frost 2nd Sam Wallingham All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #3: Chair’s and Members’ Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marvin talked about the open houses in Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic. He thought they went well except for the presentation made by James Andre from the Tetl’it Gwichin Renewable Resource Council (RRC). Marvin remarked that the RRC’s are a public body and should not be operating behind the public process. • Brian remarked that James Andre phoned and asked if the presentation he read at the Commission’s public meeting in Fort McPherson – a public statement resulting from the Mayo gathering – would be posted on the Commission website. Brian confirmed that the Elders’ Statement and the vision statement from the gathering would be posted on the website shortly. • Albert told the Commission that he had been appointed as a councilor for the Nacho-Nyak Dun Government. 	

Agenda Item #3: Chair’s and Members’ Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter commented that a meeting was scheduled between Gwich’in Tribal Council (GTC), Tetlit Gwich’in and the RRC. The GTC and the Tetlit Gwich’in agreed that individuals from RRCs would not speak on behalf of the GTC with respect to regional land use planning in the Peel watershed. Decisions and comments would come from the Tribal Council. 	

Agenda Item #4: Director’s Report	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With respect to additional staffing, Brian would like to combine the Conservation Assessment position and the Planner position if possible. Finding the right person may be difficult. • The Conservation Technical Advisory Group (CTAG) will be meeting March 27 to review data and look at modeling. • The Technical Working Group is meeting April 3rd. Brian reviewed the agenda and asked if any of the local commission members would like to participate. • Review of the NYPC land use designation system. Brian asked for comments. This is precedent setting in the Yukon and has garnered support from YG. • The new website will be launched soon. Richard Vladars designed the website and managed the contract for its construction. Jeff Hamm provided technical assistance. We will advertise the launch. • The terms for Commission members are up in October. YG will start the work on this in May. 	

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Annual Work Plan and Budget	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission members reviewed the Work Plan and Budget. <p>Motion #3: To approve the 2007-2008 Work Plan and Budget as presented.</p>	

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Annual Work Plan and Budget	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
Moved: 1st Sam Wallingham 2nd Dave Loeks All in Favour Passed by Consensus	

Agenda Item #6: PWPC Draft Press Release	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission members reviewed the draft press release. Brian explained that the press release will hopefully clarify the difference between the CPAWS-led consultation exercise and the official PWPC land use planning exercise. The press release will be sent to various newsgroups and organizations. There is no guarantee that it will be published. • The Commission members agreed that every opportunity should be taken to get the PWPC message across. The Commission will prepare for media questions and in depth interviews. • The Commission questioned where the RRC’s stand on the Mayo gathering and if they should request it in writing. The Commission members cautioned that only official responses from the First Nation or the RRC’s, would be considered to represent their respective bodies. One RRC member’s opinion does not represent or speak for one or all RRC’s. • The Commission discussed other potential media strategies. <p>Motion #4: To approve the PWPC Draft Press Release as presented.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Sam Wallingham 2nd Steve Taylor All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brian to circulate the PWPC press release to Yukon News, Whitehorse Star and Inuvik Drum. 2. Brian will draft a list of potential questions and answers for upcoming media interviews.

Agenda Item #7: MOU Agreement – Discussion and Decision	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission members reviewed the original MOU and a revised version that could be presented at the upcoming Chair’s meeting. • No decision was made at this time. The Commission will await the results of the Chair’s meeting. 	

Agenda Item #8: Preparation for Chair’s Meeting	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian commented that no date has been set for the Chair’s meeting that was supposed to take place in March and that the main issue would be the job descriptions, reclassifications, salary ranges and the MOU regarding roles and responsibilities. • The Commission members agreed that they are getting frustrated with Council’s lack of movement in these areas which may jeopardize the staffing of both Commissions. 	

Agenda Item #9: Conflict of Interest – media strategy (in camera)	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred until the next meeting. 	

Agenda Item #10: Signing Authority	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathleen reviewed the signing authorities for the Commission. <p>Motion #5: To approve the addition of Peter Kaye and Dave Loeks as signing authorities for the Peel Watershed Planning Commission CIBC bank account # 72-19717.</p> <p>Moved: 1st Sam Wallingham 2nd Albert Genier All in Favour Passed by Consensus</p>	

Agenda Item #11: Next Steps	
Discussion Topic	Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask YLUPC for a date for the Chair’s meeting. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve the TWG and get them on board with timelines and requested resources. • Next Meeting: Mayo, May 2007. 	

<p>Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm</p> <p>Approval of Peel Watershed Planning Commission Special Meeting # 5 Minutes (March 20, 2007 Whitehorse, Yukon)</p>		
<p>_____</p> <p>Chair</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Senior Planner</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Date</p>