

DRAFT MINUTES
YTG North Yukon Regional Land Use Planning
Interdepartmental Working Group Meeting
May 16, 2001 – 10:00 am

Present: Wally Hidinger, C&TS
Riona Freeman, Economic Development
Katie Hayhurst, YPAS, Renewable Resources
Denise Peters, Tourism
Jerome McIntyre, Renewable Resources
Beth Hawkings, GIS, Renewable Resources
Bob Kuiper, Economic Development
Marg Crombie, Economic Development

Absent: Jim Bell, Yukon Development Corporation
Cathryn Paish, Tourism
Ruth Gotthardt, Heritage Branch, Tourism
Randy Lamb, Environmental Assessment, Renewable Resources
Val Loewen, Habitat, Renewable Resources

1. Minutes from the last meeting

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2. Updates

- The Whitehorse workshop will be at the Alpine Bakery on June 8 (9am-4:30pm) & June 9 (10am-4pm). The Commission will use June 7th for additional presentations if needed.
- The Friday session on June 8th will largely be for government presentations whereas Saturday will be used for public presentations.
- The workshop originally scheduled for June 2nd in Old Crow will now focus on introducing the Commission to the Community. Issues and Interests will not be discussed at this time, but a follow up workshop on issues and interests will take place in Old Crow on June 18&19.
- To date, the organizations which have formally indicated that they will be making presentations to the Commission include Eagle Plains Resources, Northern Cross, Anderson Exploration, CPAWS, DFO, Environment Directorate (DIAND), Canadian Wildlife Service, Yukon Conservation Society, Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board.
- The Council has also indicated that the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the NND may be making presentations as well.
- The draft letter to VPC on YTG issues and interests has been reviewed by Jim, Don & Bill. A request has been made to place it on the next DMRC agenda.
- The VPC has requested a meeting with Lois Craig and EcDev officials to discuss the Oil and Gas disposition process. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the evening of June 7th. It is anticipated that the Commission will be seeking clarification on how they can be involved or provide input into the disposition process. Consequently, a position or answer to this question should be developed prior to the meeting.

- It was pointed out that the latest YLUPC newsletter states that the Council is working on a “Oil and Gas Resource Book for Planning Commissions”. It was suggested that the Yukon Government should review and comment on this document before it becomes public.

3. YTG Presentations

It was pointed out that the Commission had provided guidelines on the format of the presentations. The time limit for presentations are 30 minutes. The Commission has also requested that half of the YTG presentations be done in Old Crow, and half in Whitehorse.

The following YTG presentations were confirmed:

- Oil and Gas (actual presenter still needs to be confirmed)
- Mining – (likely Grant Abbott but actual presenter still needs to be confirmed)
- Heritage - Ruth will do a heritage presentation in Whitehorse. Megan Williams of the VGFN Heritage Office has agreed to do a presentation in Old Crow
- Tourism - Cathryn will do a presentation in Old Crow rather than Whitehorse, but still needs to discuss the content of presentation with the Old Crow Steering Committee members

YTG presentations that require further discussion:

- Fish and Wildlife – need to determine if Val Lowen will be doing a joint presentation with CWS.
- YPAS – the DM Task Group that is heading up the Implementation Review will discuss the possibility of having a YPAS presentation at a meeting tomorrow. Katie felt that if a presentation were done, it should discuss the relationship between the LPT and the Commission planning processes. She thought that it may be possible to break the presentation into two parts, one covering the status of the Implementation Review and other covering the technical aspects of protected areas. The process related presentation could be handled by Don Hutton and Janet Moodie in Whitehorse, whereas the second presentation on conservation values and the technical aspects of protected areas could be done in Old Crow.
- Wally indicated that C&TS would not be giving a presentation as the letter to VPC adequately covered their concerns.