



TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE TR'ONDËK HWËCH'IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (REDP)

COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION 2014-15

TR'ONDËK-KLONDIKE World Heritage Project

Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 25, 2014

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Natural Resources (Lands) Conference Room, 12 noon

Members in attendance: Debbie Nagano (TH, Heritage), Myrna Butterworth (Resident), Barb Hogan (YG, Historic Sites), Micah Olesh (City of Dawson), Paul Robitaille (Klondike Visitors Association), Dick Van Nostrand (Resident), David Rohatensky (Parks Canada), Greg Hakonson (Resident), Lee Whalen (TH, Heritage), Frank Blanchard (TH Resident), Paula Hassard (TH, Heritage, WH Project Manager), Samson Hartland (YCM- by phone), Tara Christie (KPMA- by phone)

Regrets: Dan Davidson (Dawson City Chamber of Commerce), Rick Lemaire (YG, Tourism & Culture), Laura Mann (Dawson City Museum)

Chair: Debbie Nagano

Recorder: Paula Hassard

Welcome

The Chair welcomed new members Samson Hartland representing the Yukon Chamber of Mines, and Tara Christie, representing Klondike Placer Miners Association.

Business arising from Minutes of August 7, 2014

None.

Business arising from Project Management Report of September 25, 2014

Presented.

Re: Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) and Boundaries

The Project Management Committee summarized the results of their tour in August with consultant Christophe Rivet, visiting most of our proposed places as part of a cultural landscape. Christophe's feedback overall was very positive, validating that our site is viable and can be appreciated at the world level. He suggested using terms such as the 'impact' of the gold rush on both cultures to frame what we wanted to say about resilience, changing ways of life, and maintaining traditional land use. This is necessary to be understandable and acceptable to the international community, fitting within UNESCO criteria without losing our integrity.

Discussion occurred about the suggestion to narrow down the boundaries to a more immediate area that still has a 'chain of evidence' to tell the whole story, rather than trying to capture everything. For example, Christophe felt that the view of the Klondike Dawson from Tr'ochëk – where the fish weirs would have been - was very evocative, and selected salmon fishing to illustrate ongoing TH land-use. This is partly because the archaeological evidence is confined to river sites, whereas activities such as moose hunting occurred over a wide expanse of the traditional territory, with likely fewer physical remains.

T-K has two activities that have been continuously happening since the gold rush up to the present day – the indigenous lifestyle as well as the tradition of placer mining. There are no other world heritage sites that celebrate continuous mining; they are all relict. This puts us in a rare category of living evolving landscapes along with a few agricultural sites.

Later in the meeting, the working maps with boundary and buffer options were examined, based on Christophe's proposed options. The biggest change since the April version is removing the Chandindu/ Tombstone extension.

Re: Mining Industry Participation

We are very pleased that the KPMA and YCM responded to our invitation with letters of participation, agreeing to represent the mining industry on both the Advisory Committee and Buffer Zone Working Group. It is critical to have their input and we appreciate the time taken out of their busy schedules. The KPMA letter acknowledged that it will be a multi-year project and there will be many opportunities for stakeholder endorsement at later stages, as the process evolves. For consistent KPMA representation, it has been recommended that a consultant should be contracted as part of the project.

Re: Buffer Zone Working Group

Two working group sub-committee have been formed and are making progress. Debbie, Lee and Paula started meeting with a Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in group, and Barb, Lee and Paula with the mining industry group, identifying initial concerns and suggestions.

Re: Current Resource Situation

We are still awaiting a decision on the Strategic Industries funding application.

Date for Next meeting

Tentative date is Thursday, October 30, 2014, at noon in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Natural Resources (Lands) Conference Room.