

YESAA Oversight Group Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:00am-11:00am
Elijah Smith Building, Room 4B

Record of Decision

Participants

Dionne Savill, Oversight Group Chair
Martin Guilbeault, Director, CIRNAC Yukon Region
Rachelle Hawthorn, Analyst, CIRNAC Yukon Region
Brian MacDonald, Oversight Group Member
Jasmina Randhawa, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government of Yukon
Keith Maguire, Director, Government of Yukon
Andrew Smith, Senior Planner, Government of Yukon
Daryn Leas, Oversight Group Member (by phone)
Emmie Fairclough, Oversight Group Member (by phone)

Introductions

- The Oversight Group last met on May 9, 2019, with representatives of YESAB and CIRNAC's Northern Participant Funding Program in attendance.
- Jasmina Randhawa, Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Programs and Intergovernmental Relations, will be taking over for Brian MacDonald as Yukon's representative on the Oversight Group. This will be confirmed through correspondence from Government of Yukon shortly. This change will be reflected in Oversight Group materials as required.

Oversight Group Engagement with First Nations and other Stakeholders

- The Oversight Group's Joint Communications Strategy to publicly release and engage on the approved priorities has been approved by all Parties.
- The Oversight Group is committed to including the views of First Nations and groups who are not party to the Reset MOU and agreed upon the following engagement approaches:
 - Industry: Government of Yukon will send correspondence on behalf of the Oversight Group to provide an update on the Oversight Group's work and invite input on the approved priorities and items for discussion for the YESAA Forum.
 - First Nations without Final Agreements: Canada will send correspondence on behalf of the Oversight Group to provide an update on the Oversight Group's work and invite input on the approved priorities and items for discussion for the YESAA Forum.
 - Transboundary First Nations: Canada will send correspondence on behalf of the Oversight Group to provide an update on the Oversight Group's work and invite input on the approved priorities and items for discussion for the YESAA Forum.
 - Environmental Organizations/Boards/Councils: Canada will send correspondence via e-mail to provide an update on the Oversight Group's work to the approved distribution list.

- On behalf of the Oversight Group, Dionne Savill will meet with Laura Cabott, the recently appointed Chair of YESAB, to provide an overview of the Oversight Group's work.
- The Oversight Group would like to ensure a broad and inclusive engagement approach in sharing its priorities and updates on its work through the implementation of the Joint Communications Strategy.

Action Items:

- A meeting will be scheduled between the Chair of the Oversight Group and the Chair of YESAB, with a summary of the meeting to be shared with Oversight Group members.

Approve Release of Oversight Group Communications Products

- The draft correspondence presented for engagement with First Nations and other stakeholders was approved by the Oversight Group.
- In implementing the Joint Communications Strategy, the Oversight Group's web page will be launched first, followed by correspondence through letters and e-mails.

Action Items:

- Publish Oversight Group web page.
- YG to send correspondence to Industry.
- Canada to send correspondence to First Nations without Final Agreements, Transboundary First Nations, and Environmental Organizations/Boards/Councils.

YESAA Forum

- The YESAA Forum Terms of Reference have been updated with input from Yukon First Nations through the Lands and Resources Managers group, Council of Yukon First Nations, Government of Yukon, Government of Canada and YESAB. The Oversight Group endorsed the updated version of the YESAA Forum Terms of Reference, dated September 11, 2019.
- As per the YESAA Forum Terms of Reference, the Steering Committee will be composed of representatives from Canada, Yukon, Yukon First Nations Governments, CYFN and YESAB. The Oversight Group will put forward names of representatives for the Forum Steering Committee.
- The first YESAA Forum event is tentatively scheduled for November 5-6, 2019, at the Yukon Inn. Initial items and priorities for discussion at the Forum were discussed, including an introduction and update from the Oversight Group, a review of the updated YESAA Forum Terms of Reference and outcomes of the previous YESAA Forum, and cumulative effects assessment and management. Seeking input from the Forum on prioritizing issues to be addressed through the Forum was also discussed. Once established, the Steering Committee will finalize the agenda and topics for discussion.
- All Oversight Group members will make best efforts to attend the Forum event.

Action Items:

- Oversight Group members will put forward names for the YESAA Forum Steering Committee by the end of next week (September 20) in order to move forward in establishing the Steering Committee.

Amendments to the Oversight Group Terms of Reference

- The Oversight Group endorsed the following amendments to the Oversight Group Terms of Reference:

8.2 The representatives will rotate the responsibility to chair meetings of the Oversight Group on an annual basis, or as otherwise agreed to by the Oversight Group. The Chair will be responsible to ensure that the meetings are carried out in a respectful and constructive manner.

16.1 Secretariat and administrative support to the Oversight Group will rotate with the Chair's representative organization. All associated costs will be borne by that respective organization.

- Dionne Savill will remain as the Chair of the Oversight Group for the next year, until July 2020. The responsibility will then rotate amongst Yukon, a Yukon First Nation representative and Canada on an annual basis moving forward.
- Correspondence from Government of Yukon that is forthcoming will serve as formal notification to appoint Jasmina Randhawa as Yukon's representative on the Oversight Group, and as such it was agreed that no amendments will be required to the Terms of Reference.

Other

- The Oversight Group discussed the development of scoping papers to better frame each priority issue when giving guidance for discussion of these topics through the YESAA Forum. This will help to ensure the topics are approached with a common understanding of the issue and to support progress in moving issues forward.

Next Meeting Date

- The next Oversight Group meeting will be scheduled for the last week of October, with the date and time to be confirmed.