

YESAA Oversight Group Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019 1:30 – 3:00 pm
TTC Whitehorse Boardroom, Yukon Inn Plaza

Record of Decision

Participants

Dionne Savill, Regional Director General, CIRNAC Yukon Region & Oversight Group Chair
Martin Guilbeault, Director, CIRNAC Yukon Region
Shane Kilpatrick, Manager, CIRNAC Yukon Region
Rachelle Hawthorn, Analyst, CIRNAC Yukon Region
Jeremy Weyerman, Program Manager, CIRNAC (by phone)
Brian MacDonald, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government of Yukon & Oversight Group Member
Keith Maguire, Director, Government of Yukon
Andrew Smith, Senior Planner, Government of Yukon
Daryn Leas, Oversight Group Member
Emmie Fairclough, Director of Lands and Resources, TTC & Oversight Group Member
James MacDonald, Senior Analyst, CYFN
Tim Smith, Executive Director, YESAB
Heidi Rumscheidt, Policy Officer, YESAB
Kirk Cameron, Board Member, YESAB

Update to YESAB on the Oversight Group and Approved Priorities

- Dionne provided an update on the Oversight Group's work and thanked YESAB for contributing to the development of its priorities. The Oversight Group would like to continue working with the Board, and asked for feedback on the approved priorities and how they may be addressed collaboratively. As an initial step, it was agreed further work will be required to define and scope the priorities.
- YESAB expressed a shared interest in the revitalization of the YESAA Forum.

YESAA Forum

- The YESAA Forum Terms of Reference were updated to reflect the current context, and to draw connections to recent events, including the outcomes of Bill C-17, the YESAA Reset MOU, and the establishment of the Oversight Group.
- The Oversight Group sought feedback on the draft Forum Terms of Reference from Yukon First Nations with Final Agreements at CYFN's Land and Resource Managers meeting held February 19, 2019.
- The Oversight Group will play an important role in providing guidance and direction to the Forum, and will address any recommendations made by the Forum. This is a substantive change that was made in an effort to support follow-up and action issues addressed at the Forum.
- The Oversight Group sought feedback from YESAB on the draft Forum Terms of Reference. The substance of YESAB's comments focused on fleshing out the purpose of the Forum and its connection to addressing the Oversight Group priority areas.
- A YESAA Forum is planned for Fall 2019.

Action Items:

- Schedule a separate meeting with YESAB to review the remainder of their input on the draft Forum Terms of Reference
- Finalize the Forum Terms of Reference

Presentation on CIRNAC's Northern Participant Funding Program

- The Program Manager of CIRNAC's Northern Participant Funding Program provided an overview of the program and specifically sought feedback from the Oversight Group and YESAB on the development of an independent Application Review Committee. This Committee will be responsible for evaluating and making decisions on project funding.
- CIRNAC would like to ensure the Committee membership and structure properly reflects the Yukon context, and would like to seek specific input on these matters.

Action Items:

- Further input and/or questions can be provided by e-mail to Jeremy Weyerman, whose contact information will be shared by CIRNAC.
- An invitation to the next Land and Resource Managers meeting in June was extended to CIRNAC's Northern Participant Funding Program to provide additional engagement opportunities with Yukon First Nations.

Oversight Group Joint Communications Package

- A Communications Strategy was developed collaboratively by the government of Canada, the government of Yukon and the Council of Yukon First Nations, to publicly release the Oversight Group's priorities and provide further information to the public.
- Input and approval of the strategy are required from the Oversight Group.

Action Items:

- The Oversight Group will approve the Communications Strategy by e-mail.

Annual Terms of Reference Review

- The Oversight Group is considering an amendment to the Terms of Reference to identify the term of the Chair and have the secretariat rotate with the Chair.

Action Items:

- The Oversight Group will review the Terms of Reference and bring any proposed amendments in writing for review at the next meeting.

Next Steps

- The next Oversight Group meeting is planned for late August 2019.