

Chapter 22 – Regional Economic Development Planning Process

for the Traditional Territory of the
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

CURRENT OBJECTIVES

- To develop a Regional Economic Development Plan for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.

PURPOSE

- To promote sustainable economic development for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and for all residents and commercial and industrial interests within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory, in accordance with the provisions and the principles of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.

PARTIES TO THE CHARTER

- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
- Government of Canada as represented by the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor)
- Yukon Government as represented by the Department of Economic Development

TEMPORAL BOUNDARIES FOR THE PLAN

- The plan will focus on both near term (1-4 years) and longer term (5-10 years) economic planning within the Traditional Territory of Tr'ondek Hwech'in.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Made up of all levels of government.
- The City of Dawson may also assign one or more representatives to sit in an ex officio capacity.
- This committee sets the strategic direction for the development of the plan, including identifying and outlining the process to be taken in the development of the plan.
- Recommends approval of the plan to the Ministers and Chief of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- The advisory committee will be made up of key members of the community who represent a cross section of interests. The role of the advisory committee is to provide advice on the development of the plan.

TASKS

- There are five key tasks to be undertaken.
- The first three tasks have been completed.
- Task 1: Prepare a high level social, demographic and economic scan of the economy in TH Traditional Territory (TT).

- Task 2: Assess the potential for development in at least the 8 sectors specified in the THFA (communication, culture, transportation, agriculture, energy, non- & renewable resources, tourism).

- Task 3: Community-based primary research to develop values framework as a basis to prioritize the specific economic development initiatives identified in Task 2 according to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in values and objectives as well as the principle of Sustainable Development.

- Tasks 4 and 5 are the next tasks to be undertaken.
 - Funding is in place;
 - The consulting team has been engaged and
 - The anticipated completion date is March 31, 2012.

Task 4 (2011/12):

- Develop a Regional Economic Development Plan, incorporating the findings of Tasks 1 to 3 and ensuring all other relevant economic plans and strategies are effectively integrated. This will include identifying & recommending measures necessary to coordinate the development and implementation of all such plans.

Task 5 (2011/12)

- To prepare a detailed Implementation Plan which recommends the actions Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Government of Canada, and Government of the Yukon should take to implement the Regional Economic Development Plan.