

## Assessing and Selecting Planning Regions

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### Introduction

This session will review the factors YLUPC considers when making its recommendations regarding priority planning regions in the Yukon.

### Background

The Yukon Land Use Planning Council is mandated to make recommendations to Government and each affected Yukon First Nation on the identification of planning regions and priorities for the preparation of regional land use plans. To date, the Council has recommended that the Yukon is divided into 8 planning regions and Terms of Reference be developed for the following regions:

1. North Yukon (completed)
2. Northern Tutchone (draft completed)
3. Peel Watershed (completed)
4. Dawson (completed)
5. Daak Ka (this became the Teslin Regional Planning Commission Terms of Reference)

Terms of Reference have yet to be developed for:

1. Whitehorse
2. Daak Ka
3. Kluane
4. Kaska

To help it with its task of recommending the next priority region, Council has developed a simple set of questions which, once answered, will allow for regional comparisons and an evaluation of the likelihood that a commission can be successfully created in a region. This is the Council's *Assessing Priority Planning Region* worksheet.

### Issues

When the Council has examined the remaining potential planning regions, by answering the questions on its "Assessing Priority Planning Region" evaluation sheet, it finds ***that all of the remaining planning regions have some constraints that prevent the easy selection of the next planning region.*** The Council would like to make a recommendation of the next planning region by the end of this calendar year and begin the process of developing the regional commission's Terms of Reference.

### Questions for the Break-out Participants

Examine the Questions on the Council's "Assessing Priority Planning Region" Worksheet:

Do you agree that the questions the Council is asking are worth asking?

Are there any key questions that are not being asked?

Which 3 of these questions are the most important ones?