

“Planning For Success”

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YLUPC Chair Patrick Rouble

Introductions:

Welcome all. Introduce yourself, YLUPC members, Pearl Callaghan and Mel Stehelin

Thank _____ for welcome and prayer and acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün and Ta’an Kwäch’än First Nations

When I was asked to sit on the Council, my first question was, “Are you sure? I have a bit of baggage in that area...” I guess, one man’s baggage is another man’s experience. And 9 years in office and 23 years in the Yukon has given me a lot of experiences. I know what it is like to go door to door in my community and ask people what they think about things. I know what it is like to travel to all of the communities in the territory and meet with First Nation Chiefs, Mayors and other community members and ask what they think about things. I know what it is like to hear conflicting and opposing views on subjects. I know what it is like to make decisions that you think are in the best interest of the community. I know what it is like to compromise on some problems so that you can work on the big problems. And I know what it is like to struggle through decisions with political,

philosophical, pragmatic and practical considerations pulling you in different directions.

And then I thought about whether or not I personally wanted to sit on the council

There aren't many things more contentious in the territory and it doesn't exactly have the best track record. There have been numerous starts to plans and numerous reasons why they went sideways. And here we are, years after the agreements were signed, with about half of the funds that we started with and only 1 plan having been implemented, so far. Honestly, this didn't look like as much fun as sitting on say the Lotteries Board or the Art Centre Board.

But I accepted the position and the challenge- Probably for the same reasons that you folks are here. I believe in our community, our responsibilities and our future and I want to work to ensure that they are successful.

Now, I don't have a background in Land Planning, but I do have experience developing and implementing strategic plans and for 3 years I taught Business Planning courses at Dana Naye Ventures. There I helped over 200 individuals prepare their own Business Plans. I didn't write their plan for them, instead I helped them through the process. I see some similarities between that and my current positions.

In that environment I often used the quote that is attributed to Dwight D. Eisenhower that, “plans are nothing: planning is everything”. And I still value that quote. To me, it is the process that is important, - understanding the situation, the objectives, the constraints, the logic, the expected outcomes. If you don’t understand these things it can be very hard to understand why a plan includes the decisions and directions that it does. And, I think that the individual needs to see where they fit into the plan. That’s important too. And we need to realize that plans are living and evolving documents. Just like the world we live in. For example, the world’s population has double since I was born and I can only imagine what it will be when I get to 100. I’m not sure how that will change life on Earth, but our plans, policies and regulations will have to address it

Those are some of my initial thoughts on planning and we are here to discuss other perspectives and ideas, and to, as the sign says “Plan for Success”. As I mentioned, we have had a lot of examples in the territory to learn from and now we need to continue the process of working together to create practical forward-thinking regional land use plans throughout the Yukon.

In some regards we have our work cut out for us. We are at a challenging time, with the uncertainty of the Peel situation. And as my predecessor, Ian Robertson noted we need to find a way to restore public confidence. I don’t have the answer to how we are going to do that, but I believe that we have a responsibility to that and to present

approvable plans that meet the agreements.- And within our existing budget envelop. As I'm sure you are aware, as part of the review of the agreements we lobbied for additional resources and were told that no additional resources would be forthcoming.

I'd like to thank Ron and the folks in the office for putting together some of the speaking notes, and including the mandate and objectives for the Council, but I think that most of you are familiar with who we are and what we do. And if your not, then please come and talk to one of us at the break , visit our office or take a look at the materials that we have posted on the web.

We have a busy two days ahead of us and I hope that all of you will share your ideas, thoughts and concerns. And that we can leave here on Wednesday with a greater understanding of each other, the situation and the best way forward. Good luck in your endeavours.

I'd like now turn the microphone over to fellow council member Pearl Callaghan, All the best.

**Ms. Pearl L. Callaghan,
Member, Yukon Land Use Planning Council**

Opening Remarks

Pearl introduced herself as a new member to YLUPC and summarized her biography:

Pearl brings a valuable and varied skill set to the Council as a citizen and past General Council member of the Teslin Tlingit Council. Recently Pearl was hired in the Executive Office of the Council for Yukon First Nations. Pearl was appointed in August 2013 as a member of the Yukon Land Use Planning Council, a board established by the Umbrella Final Agreement, Land Use Planning, Chapter 11.

Pearl has extensive experience representing Aboriginal interests within First Nation governments and other organizations, the Government of Yukon, and local environmental and economic development organizations. Among others, she has been part of the First Nations Environmental Steering Committee, the Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council, the Yukon Anniversaries Commission, the Yukon First Nations Tourism Association, Indian and Northern Affairs National Sustainable Development Working Group, a member on the Dispute Resolution Board, the Constitutional Review Committee for the Teslin Tlingit Council, the Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council, past President for the Northern Cultural Expressions Society and she currently sits on the Investment Committee for the Teslin Tlingit Council.

She was also the Executive Director for the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board for over five years and she then went on to serve as the Renewable Resources Manager for the Teslin Tlingit Council for six years. She demonstrated Operations Leadership skills in her last position with the Alaska Highway Aboriginal Pipeline Coalition from September 2008- March 2013.

Her education includes an Environmental Science and Renewable Resource Management from Lethbridge Community College, first year Business Management from Malaspina College and a number of small courses focusing on Aboriginal leadership, Final and Self Government Agreements, Land Claims implementation Plans, negotiations, communications, and conflict management.

Pearl's Concluding remarks:

This would be a new experience for me and I would like to be part of a team working towards a common land use planning process for the Yukon. I believe that I could contribute a great deal as a Board member on the YLUP Council to carry out the objectives of Chapter 11 of the Umbrella Final Agreement. I am somewhat free to attend all the meetings and travel and I bring good knowledge and experience as a board member to this table. Further I have a good working knowledge of First Nations governments and their structures and their role as a partner in the Umbrella Final Agreement. The Land is very important to me is important and I share the definition of "Land" in the

Council's Frequently Asked Question:

*The term **land** refers to all water, air, living organisms, natural resources and natural processes including surface and subsurface interests.*

***Land use** is any activity that involves the land in any way. Some examples of land use in the Yukon are subsistence activities such as hunting, trapping, fishing and traditional uses; industrial activities such as construction, mining and energy production; and other human uses such as tourism, recreation, agriculture and communication. Land use can also refer to non-human uses. Protected areas such as parks and ecological reserves are also considered land uses. Balancing economic, social and environmental needs is a complex task, because land use varies widely.*

***Land Use Planning** is the tool often used to balance these needs. It is a value-based process that guides decision-making regarding the land, and attempts to consider the various land-based needs. Land Use Planning is the process of making educated judgments about how the land should be shared and used. These judgments are based on what we know about the land, and how we hope to relate to the land as humans. In other words, there are two important elements to Land Use Planning: understanding the land and its users and making decisions about how to manage that land.*

I look forward to the challenge and being part of the team to establishing land use planning in the Yukon!