



PEEL WATERSHED
PLANNING COMMISSION
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The Peel Watershed Planning Commission – an independent body comprised of four First Nations and two Yukon Government nominees – has been tasked with developing and recommending a regional land use plan to the Yukon Government and the affected First Nations governments.

The Peel Watershed Planning Commission has a well-defined planning process. Some stakeholders and interest groups have also undertaken initiatives, such as the gathering in Mayo in February. These events can contribute to the public dialogue, but they should not be confused with the Peel Watershed planning process. The Commission welcomes these contributions, as its responsibility is to consider *all* perspectives and recommend a plan that meets the interests of First Nations, Yukoners, and Canadians as a whole. The Commission provides abundant opportunities to all sectors of the public to participate in its planning process.

To date, the Commission has held numerous consultation and information sessions in Mayo, Dawson, Old Crow, Fort McPherson and Whitehorse. The Commission also organized and hosted a First Nations Gathering in Dawson last summer, as a means of allowing the affected Parties to hear each other's perspectives. A variety of planning documents and supporting documents are available on our new website, www.peel.planyukon.ca. We welcome public feedback on these documents throughout the planning process.

The Commission will continue to release planning documents for public review and comment, and will continue to solicit feedback through community consultations.

The Commission encourages everyone with an interest in the Peel watershed to get involved in the Commission's planning process. Comments and opinions can be expressed to the Commission in a number of ways: speaking with a Commission member, contacting the Commission office by phone, email or letter, making a presentation to the Commission, attending public consultation sessions, or by speaking with one of the responsible First Nation governments. The Commission expects that First Nations and Renewable Resource Councils will present their official views through formal channels.

We look forward to increased participation from the communities, stakeholders and the general public in our planning process.

If you have any questions or comments, we invite you to contact the Peel Watershed Planning Commission at (867) 667-2374 or 1-866-353-2374.

Regards,

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