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Peel River Land Use Planning Commission  
Whitehorse YT

Dear Sir/Madam

The Silver Trail Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Association is a member of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce and is on record at the June 2009 AGM of the YCC as abstaining from any resolution that the YCC made regarding the Peel Watershed Land Use Planning submissions. However, the majority of the YCC members voted to make a submission strongly stating that the YCC was concerned regarding the staking rights in the area. We respect the democratic way in which this was done.

However, this letter is to advise the commission that at the April 26, 2009 AGM of the STCC and TA the PRLUP was discussed at some length in relationship to the interests of our membership and with reference to our 2006 strategic plan which encouraged us to develop a position paper on the plan. The development of the plan has been the subject of much local interest over the last several years and an excerpt from the 2009 STCC and TA AGM minutes is as follows:

*The PRLUP was handed out and it was noted that public response to the PRLUP needs to be in by the end of June. There was also a request from the Yukon Chamber of Mines through the YCC to support a position paper they had written against the stringent conservation requirements they saw in the plan. Discussion ensued. There was effort to find a unified voice of some aspect of the plan. However, given the diverse nature of the membership it was determined that we could not support the Chamber of Mines position and we needed to respond to YCC that we could not support the*

*position and give reason as to why. It was also suggested that individuals make the time to make individual submissions to the Commission prior to the June date.*

The YCC has been apprised of our position since it was made at the April AGM and while we recognize the right of the majority to make statements on the part of the whole; the STCC and TA membership felt strongly that there was no unified voice among our membership to be able to speak one way or the other and individual submissions were encouraged.

Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Sincerely

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President

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