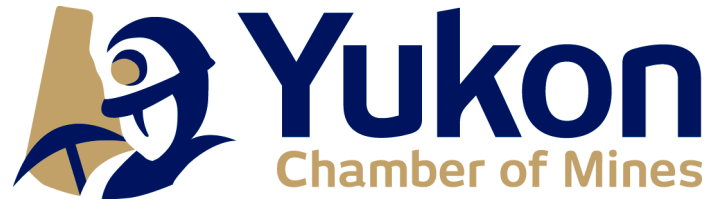


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Yukon Chamber of Mines to Review Final Recommended Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan

Whitehorse, Yukon – The Yukon Chamber of Mines, on behalf of its membership, will comprehensively review the Final Recommended Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan and participate in future consultations by the Parties leading to the adoption of the Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan.

The plan was released by the Peel Watershed Planning Commission to the Parties of the plan - the Government of Yukon, the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in - on the night of Sunday, July 24 and to the public on the evening of July 25.

“The Yukon Chamber of Mines firmly believes that decision-making taking place in any government-led process, including land use planning, must be founded on principles of balance and fairness that equally recognize and respect appropriate levels of protection and co-existence for all land users,” said Yukon Chamber of Mines President Claire Derome.

As throughout the Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Planning process, the Yukon Chamber of Mines put forth solution-oriented recommendations that balance protection and critical historic, cultural, archaeological and ecological sites and their surrounding lands with areas of high-known mineral potential and advanced exploration work.

“We support the process and look to the Parties to be resolute that the plan recognizes and respects all land uses in the Peel region,” continued Derome. “The Yukon Chamber of Mines believes that mineral exploration, in addition to its significant economic contributions, can provide important knowledge of the environment and provide expertise and a constructive approach to the Peel plan and all future land use plans in the territory.”

The Yukon’s mining and exploration industry adheres to industry Best Practices and works within strict legislation, regulations and requirements for reclamation to minimize its environmental footprint and support co-existence with other land uses.

For more information about the Yukon Chamber of Mines and its industry Best Practices, please visit www.yukonminers.ca.

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