



Planning Committee for the Beaver River Land Use Plan:

Note to file re: Mayo community meeting

Date: January 21, 2019

Location: Village of Mayo Community Hall

Time: 5:00pm. – 8:00p.m.

In attendance 62 people

Steve B. and Lesley C. introduced the purpose of the evening and provided an introduction to the planning process. The following are comments provided by the meeting attendees;

- There needs to be clarification on who can use the road - users need NND permission because road is on settlement land.
- Concern about poaching and cutting wood on traplines. Need to protect water.
- SMA's are possible to protect high value areas
- Information should be gathered one on one as well as community meetings
- The Committee members should go on the land with the elders to better engage
- Planning should be for the entire Steward River Watershed
- FNNND planning committee representatives need to be stronger with YG
- Staking has occurred all around my grandfather's cabin
- Site specific parcels are too small to teach traditional ways
- Impacts of hunting, there are fewer moose, there will be places to go if moose disappears
- Important to have food security for the family
- What happens when moose are depleted – it is the bread and butter of the people
- What happens after the mine shuts down – could it be like what happened in Faro
- Need to have hunting regulations
- Mayo Renewable Resource Council representative noted that there may need to be harvesting restrictions, with a road there will be more human activity, wood from the road construction should be salvaged, there could be more forest fire with more human activity.

- Regional biologist indicated that there are 4 studies underway: fall moose, caribou habitat (some caribou collared in Rackla R area), wetlands mapping and fisheries (trout survey at Kathleen Lakes).
- Yukon Geological Survey will do mineral potential studies both surficial and bedrock analysis.
- There is Dolly Varden (char) in the watershed
- There is salmon in watershed
- Future activities in other areas will have an impact on this area.
- Moose are down 33% in 15 years
- Consider harvest restrictions
- Important calving area
- Road will bring in more hunters
- Why is there not a staking moratorium while the Parties are developing this Beaver River Land Use Plan?
- There was discussion about Airships rather than access roads as an option.
- Attendees want to know more about airships.
- There were concerns expressed that the road was staked as mining claims rather than identified as a road: there was a question if this was legal.
- A comprehensive road feasibility study should have been done before the road was permitted.
- Concern there is a road permitted before a plan.
- Usually it would be just for a winter road
- How does Barrick Gold pulling out of the area east of the Tiger deposit impact the road/did Barrick pull out because of no access?

The facilitators asked the attendees to share one word about the Beaver River. The following are the results of the roundtable comments:

- Pristine, Moose, Clean water no road.
- Untouched
- Healthy
- Unique
- Wetlands both sides of the river
- Moose feed along rivers if the wetlands were destroyed the moose and beaver could disappear.
- Economic opportunity
- Road - destruction
- Protect water
- Jobs but keep the land clean

- Protect water
- Healthy intact ecosystem
- Protected
- Pristine
- Land is not for sale
- Protect land water and air
- Pristine - protect for future generations
- Protect the land
- Traditional laws
- Calving hunting area should be protected
- Cart ahead of the horse
- Patience
- Ancestral protection and respect
- Teach children what to do
- Our traditional territory is suffering we need to manage habitat to manage moose
- Look at the whole traditional territory
- Stop mining claims
- Clean water is priceless
- Road is the thin edge of the wedge need to look at bigger picture
- Scale does not make sense need larger to smaller
- Beloved traditional territory
- Reconciliation – righting historic wrongs
- Clear objectives, water objectives, pristine area.
- Protect land water air and traplines
- Timing is too fast plan before road
- Leave land alone
- Lifeblood
- Critical to come up with what is going to work
- Need people on the ground to enforce regulations
- Leave land alone
- Historical land of ancestors – protect surrounding areas
- Law of the land – respect
- Who benefits?
- Whatever happens everyone and everything should benefit

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.