



TR'ONDEK HWECH'IN CHAPTER 22 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PROJECT CHARTER

DATE

June, 2007

INTRODUCTION

The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement (THFA) came into effect September 15, 1998. Chapter 22 of the THFA sets out Economic Development Measures for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in with the objectives of:

- providing the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (as Yukon Indian People) with opportunities to participate in the Yukon economy;
- developing economic self-reliance for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in; and
- ensuring that the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in obtain economic benefits that flow directly from the Settlement Agreements.

3.0 of Part 1 of Schedule A to Chapter 22 of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement directs the Parties (Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Yukon and Canada) to jointly undertake the preparation of a regional economic development plan for the Traditional Territory of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

The Final Agreement, section 3.1 states: "No later than two years after the Effective date of this Agreement, Government and the Tr'ondek Hwech'in shall jointly undertake the preparation of a regional economic development plan for the Traditional Territory of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in."

Section 3.3 goes on to clarify that the regional economic development plan shall:

- 3.3.1 examine the state of the economy in the Traditional Territory of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in;
- 3.3.2 assess the potential for development in the areas of communication, culture, transportation, agriculture, energy, renewable and non-renewable resources and tourism in the Traditional Territory of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in;
- 3.3.3 recommend appropriate types of economic development activities which are consistent with the principles of Sustainable Development;
- 3.3.4 recommend priorities for economic development in the Traditional Territory of

- the Tr'ondek Hwech'in;
- 3.3.5 recommend measures to integrate the Tr'ondek Hwech'in in economic development opportunities plan required pursuant to 22.3.1 with the regional economic development plan for the Traditional Territory of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in;
 - 3.3.6 recommend measures to integrate the regional economic development plan with other relevant economic plans and strategies, including any economic plans and strategies prepared by or on behalf of Government;
 - 3.3.7 recommend actions which Government and the Tr'ondek Hwech'in should take to implement the regional economic development plan;
 - 3.3.8 recommend whether limits or other restrictions are required for commercial activities within the scope of Part II of this schedule, and if limits or other restrictions are required, recommend what those limits or restrictions should be;
 - 3.3.9 provide for periodic review and evaluation of the regional economic development plan; and
 - 3.3.10 recommend a process of amendment for the regional economic development plan.

PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT CHARTER

This project charter outlines the goals and objectives of the project and sets clear roles and responsibilities and anticipated timelines related to the development of the regional economic development plan.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To develop a Regional Economic Development Plan (the "Plan") for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement. The Plan will incorporate and address the related requirement to develop an Economic Development Opportunities Plan pursuant to 22.3 1 of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

To promote sustainable economic development for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and for all residents and commercial and industrial interests within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory, in accordance with the provisions and the principles of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement.

PARTIES TO THE CHARTER

- The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

- The Government of Canada as represented by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- The Yukon Territorial Government as represented by the Department of Economic Development

TEMPORAL BOUNDARIES FOR THE PLAN

The plan will identify both near term (1-4 years) and longer term (5-10 years) opportunities.

PROJECT STATEMENT OF WORK

Prepare and approve a project work plan identifying timelines and resources for preparation of the plan, including the identification of Government programs that can be accessed to assist TH to participate in this planning process. (The Oversight Committee will develop a budget for the fiscal year to accomplish the work identified in the workplan).

The Oversight Committee will develop clear guidelines on when and how to include the City of Dawson, as well as existing commercial and industrial interests within TH Traditional Territory. In addition, consideration will be given to how to include interested residents of TH Traditional Territory to allow for their full participation in the development of the Plan.

The Oversight Committee will develop a clear definition of breadth & scope of the regional plan.

Prepare a high level social, demographic and economic scan of the economy in Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory.

Assess the potential for development in the sectors of communication, culture, transportation, agriculture, energy, renewable and non-renewable resources and tourism in Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory.

Community-based primary research to develop values framework as a basis to prioritize the specific economic development initiatives identified in Task 2 according to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in values and objectives as well as the principle of Sustainable Development.

<p>Develop a Regional Economic Development Plan, incorporating the findings of Task 1 through 3 and ensure all other relevant economic plans and strategies are effectively integrated with this plan. This will include identifying and recommending measures necessary to coordinate the development and implementation of all such plans.</p>
<p>Prepare a detailed Implementation Plan which recommends the actions Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the Government of Canada, and the Government of the Yukon should take to implement the Regional Economic Development Plan.</p>
<p>Prepare an Economic Opportunities Plan (reflected in Section 22.3.1 of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement), which identifies specific economic development opportunities for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in arising from the final agreement , the Regional Economic Development Plan, and its Implementation Plan. I thought that we had agreed at the meeting that the opportunities plan would be linked to and flow out of, the reg. plan...and that we were not focusing on going back to address identifying opportunities arising from the final agreement...</p>
<p>Ensure that the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Economic Action Plan and Economic Opportunities Plan can be effectively implemented and administered within the broader context of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final and Self-government Agreements.</p>

PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

This project will be managed by a committee structure. There are four key committees involved in the oversight of this project:

- 1. Oversight Committee:** This is a committee made up of all levels of government. Each party may assign as many representatives as it chooses. The City of Dawson may also assign one or more representatives to sit in an ex officio capacity. This committee sets the strategic direction for the development of the plan, including identifying and outlining the process to be taken in the development of the plan. This is also the committee that will recommend approval of the plan to the Ministers and Chief of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in.

Consultants will be hired as required to carry out the work identified by the Oversight Committee.

- 2. Project Directors:** Project Directors appointed by the governments of Yukon and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in will be responsible for the day to day management of the project. The Project Directors will act as the key project axis point to manage questions from consultants.

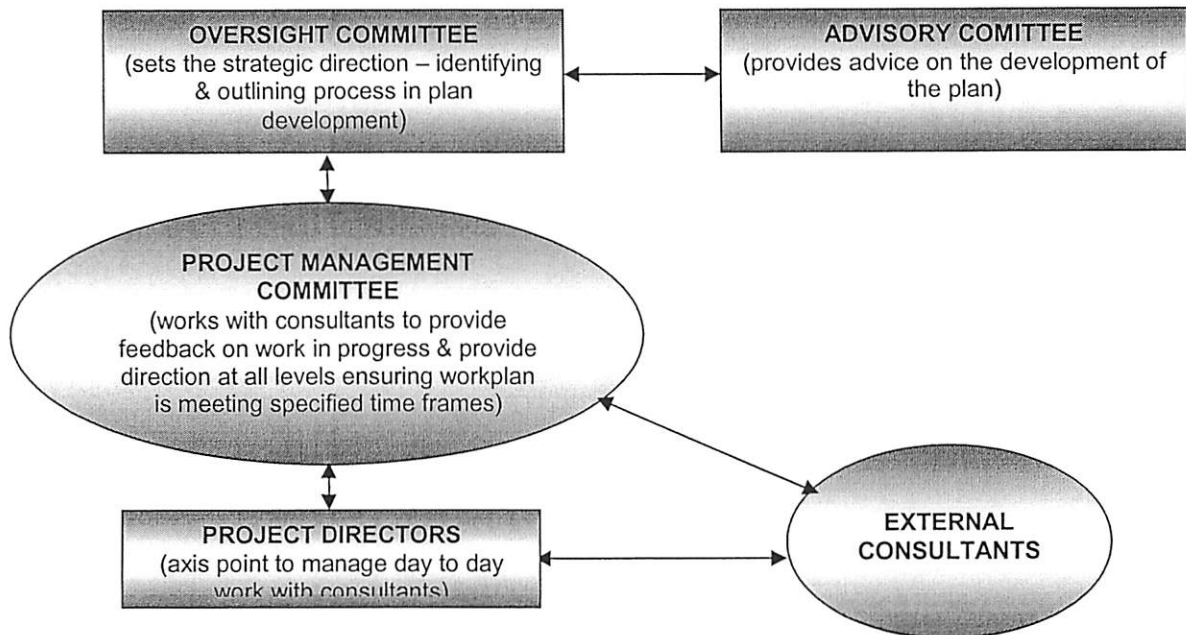
- 3. Project Management Committee:** This is a management committee made up of

one member from each of the 3 parties to the Charter. The role of the Project Management Committee is to work with the consultant(s) to provide feedback on works under progress and to provide required direction at all levels of the process to ensure that the workplan is being met within the specified time frames. This committee will meet regularly to ensure that the workplan is on target.

4. **Advisory Committee:** The advisory committee is made up of key members of the community who represent specific interests. The role of the advisory committee is to provide advice on the development of the plan (they serve as a sounding board on process and content).

PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROCESS & SUMMARY OF ROLES

The project will be organized into five (5) key management steps as illustrated in the attached Project Management Process Flow Diagram and as further specified below:



TIME FRAME

The project will be completed no later than December 2008. See attached workplan for Key Milestones and proposed budget. (I think we said in the meeting that we would not include a budget in the charter?)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN SIGN-OFF

The Oversight committee will recommend approval of the plan to the Yukon Minister

of Economic Development, the Chief of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in, and the Federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. The plan will be signed-off by all three senior officials.

There will be provisions within the plan for a process to amend the regional economic development plan.

PROJECT CHARTER SIGN-OFF

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, as represented by the
Chief

Yukon, as represented by the
Minister of Economic Development

Canada, as represented by the
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada