

# DDRRC

DAWSON DISTRICT  
RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL



## ANNUAL REPORT

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

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### Current Council Members as of March 31, 2024

Name	Status	Expiry
Mark Wierda (Co-chair)	Full YG Appointment	Aug 22/2027
Dan Reynolds (Co-chair)	Full YG Appointment	July 21/2026
Ian Fraser	Full TH Appointment	Jan 10/2027
Kyler Mather	Full YG Appointment	Nov 30/2025
Darren Bullen	Full TH Appointment	Jan 10/2027
George McLeod	Full TH Appointment	April 19/2025
Duncan Smith	YG Alternate	Nov 30/2025
Ali Anderson	TH Alternate	Jan 10/2027

### Administration

Position	Name
Executive Secretariat	Nick Wozniewski

### Staff

Position	Name	Project
Meeting Cook	Rachel Hunt	Regular Meeting Meals

### Activity Report

Regular Meetings: 14

Committees of the Council: 1 (Finance, Staff and Training, Operation Procedures)

Other (special) meetings: 1

### General Administration Update

The Dawson District Renewable Resources Council (DDRRC) was established under the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement as a primary instrument for local renewable resources management within the Traditional Territory of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. The DDRRC has three Yukon Government appointees with one alternate member and three Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in appointees with one alternate member.

The DDRRC's mandate is to collect and communicate public input to assist in the management of renewable resources. The DDRRC, acting in the public interest, may make recommendations to the Minister of Environment, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) Government, the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board and the Salmon Sub-Committee, on any matter related to the management of fish, wildlife, and forest resources.

The Council meets twice a month for regular public meetings from October to June. The office is open to the public Monday to Friday, 10AM to 4PM except for in the summer when the Council take a break from holding regular meetings.

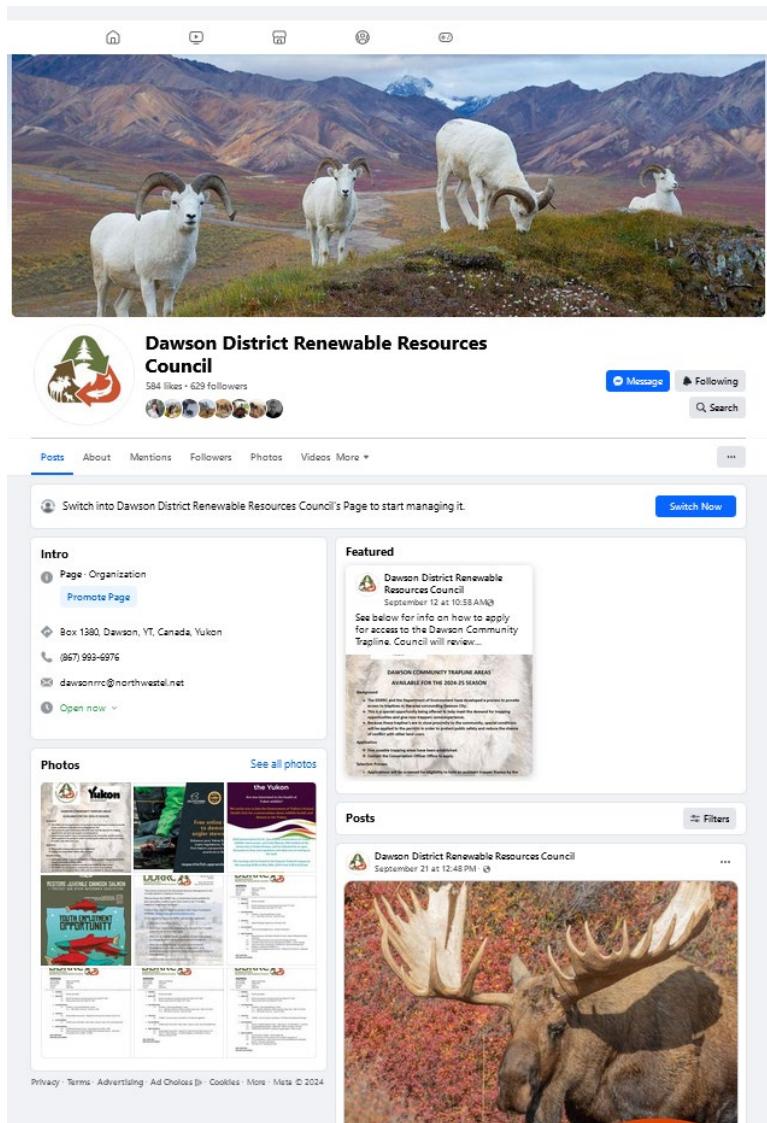
## Administration

Nick Wozniewski was hired as the Executive Secretariat in October of 2020. The office is located above the CIBC building, #978 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Office #6. The 2023/24 audit was performed by BDO Canada LLP.

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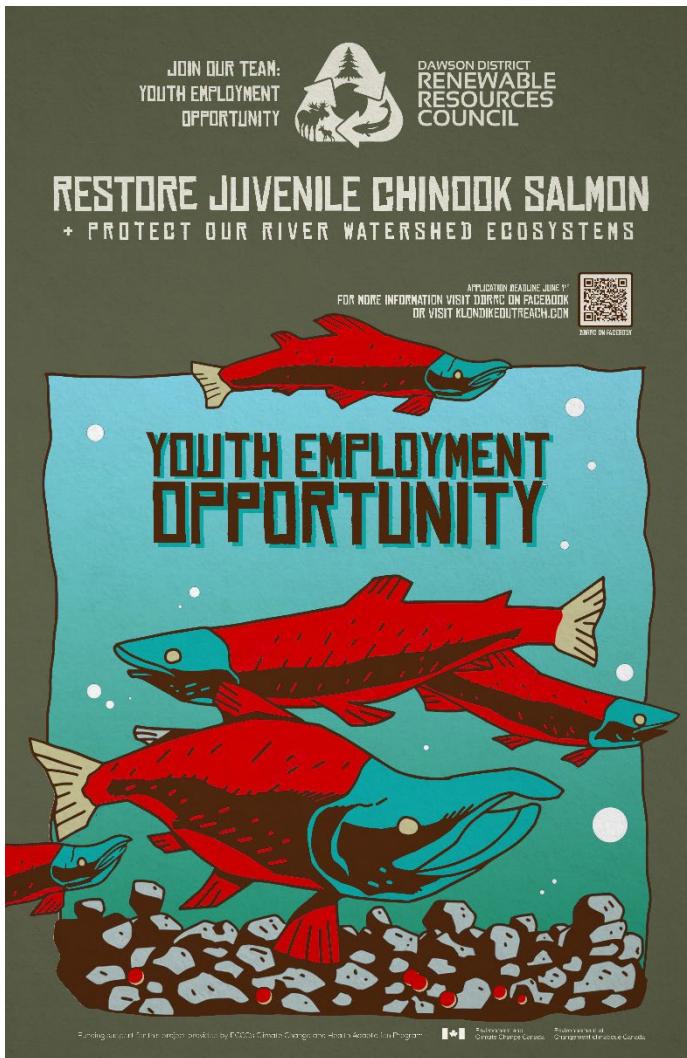
## Council Activities:

### 2023 Annual General Workshop (AGW) – April 14/15

The DDRRC attended the 2023 AGW in Whitehorse, we sent four Councillors to gather with other RRC reps to listen, share and identify ways to build on the RRC responsibilities outlined in the Final Agreements. DDRRC Co-chair Dan Reynolds participated in a panel discussion of experienced RRC members to share perspectives on why they participate and the changes they have experienced throughout their careers in co-management of renewable resources.

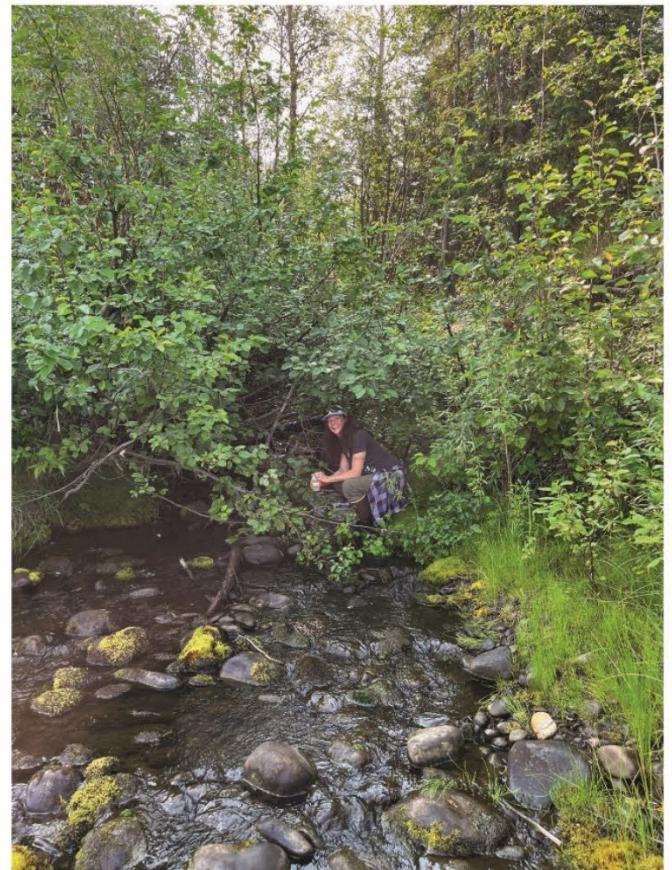
### Chinook Salmon Conservation Project

In the summer of 2004 large numbers of juvenile Chinook Salmon were observed in pools along the Klondike River near the Germaine Creek confluence. The pools were not joined to the Klondike River by surface flows. The juveniles had been stranded in the pools as the flow levels in the Klondike River declined following the spring flood. At the time the DDRRC were developing a stream stewardship project. Salvage of stranded juveniles became a core activity during the initial life of the project (2006 – 2018). The Stream Stewardship project paused after 2018 but in 2021 we resumed the salvage aspect of the project. In late 2022 the DDRRC received confirmation of funding support from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to expand the project in coming years to offer youth mentorship and training opportunities. During the summer of 2023 the DDRRC hired four youth to assist with delivering this project, we also hired Natasha Ayoub (local salmon PhD researcher) to mentor the youth.

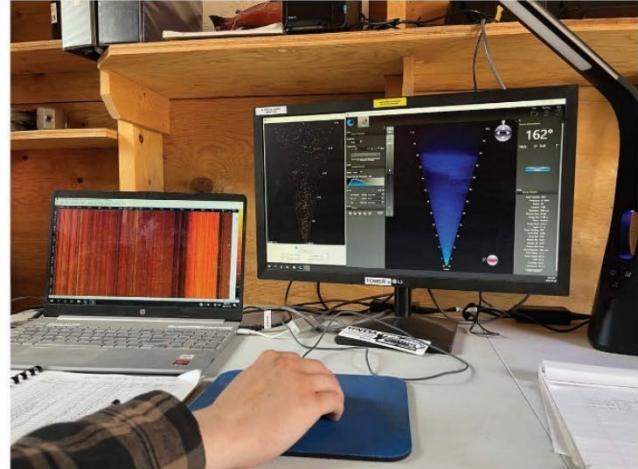


← Youth Job Advertisement

Upper Left: Checking inventory - North Klondike  
Upper Right: GPS Data Collection  
Lower Left: Juvenile salmon caught in net  
Lower Right: Natasha Ayoub - Sampling water temperature



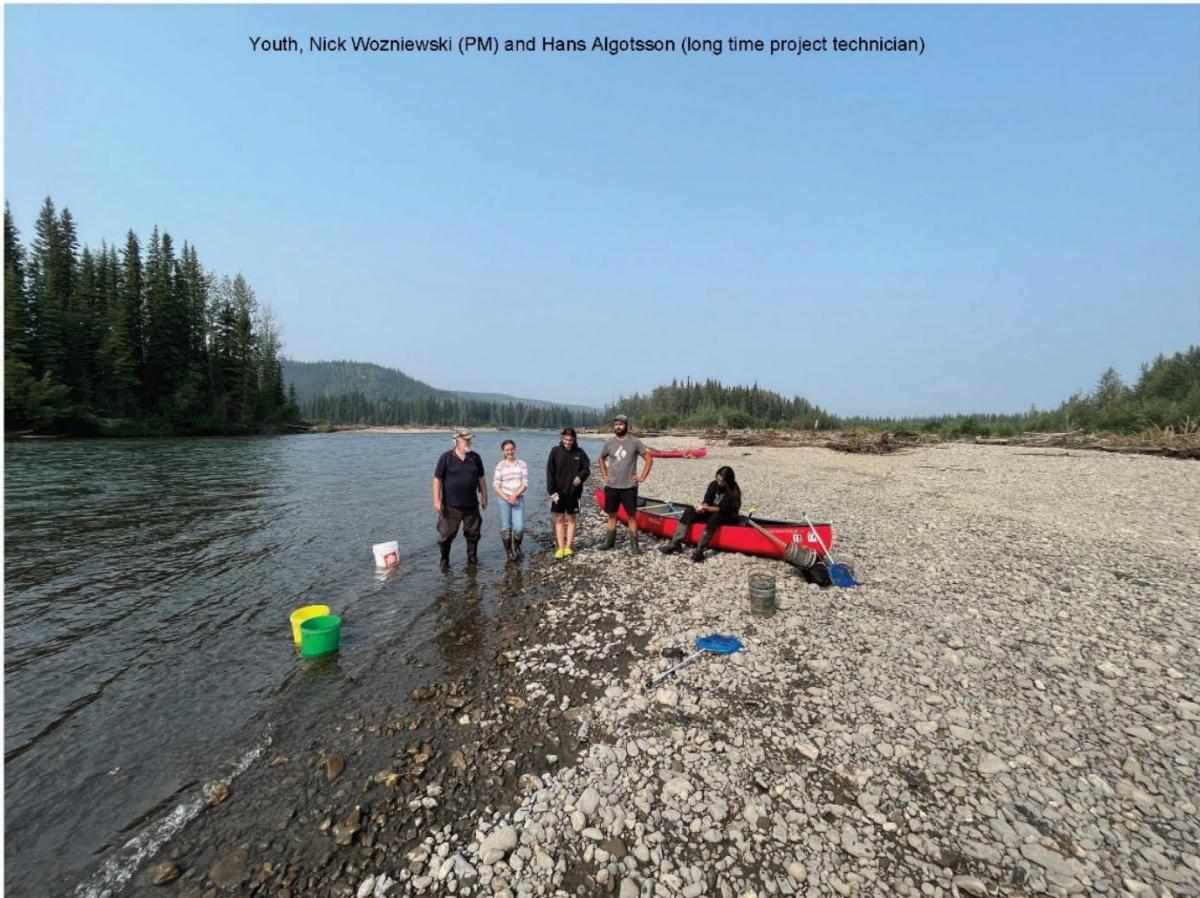
Upper Left: TH Klondike Sonar Station  
Upper Right: Sonar Station Monitor  
Lower Left: Disembarking at Glenboyle Avulsion  
Lower Right: Fish in buckets alongside Gee trap's, counted before release



Releasing salmon into the Klondike River



Youth, Nick Wozniewski (PM) and Hans Algotsson (long time project technician)



### Dawson Regional Land Use Plan (DRLUP)

The DRRRC continued its participation in the development of the DRLUP. The DRRRC had specific interests to bring to the attention of the Planning Commission regarding Access / Implementation, Key Species (i.e., Caribou and Salmon), Traditional Economy and Wetlands. We supported the Commission's very important role in promoting collaboration within our region for all. With the draft DRLUP not yet finalized we supported the Commission to remain intact and ready to assist the parties (YG and TH) with finalization of the plan.

### Canada's Grizzly Bear and Wolverine Management Plans

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is developing a national Management Plan for Grizzly Bear and Wolverine in Canada. DRRRC Councillors attended introductory workshops on this initiative.

### Local Knowledge Survey Project

The general purpose of the Local Knowledge Project is to better understand and document changes that are taking place in the environment, within the Dawson Region. The survey questionnaire was designed to document changes to hunting access, harvested species, trapped species, large game like moose and caribou, berries, edible plants and fish. Every year we have been conducting surveys with a core group of 20-25 knowledge experts. The information is used by the DRRRC to better understand what changes are taking place in the environment and the need for further wildlife or fisheries studies or harvest regulation changes. The Fall 2023 survey was the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in which we have been conducting interviews.

### Modernizing Outfitter Quotas

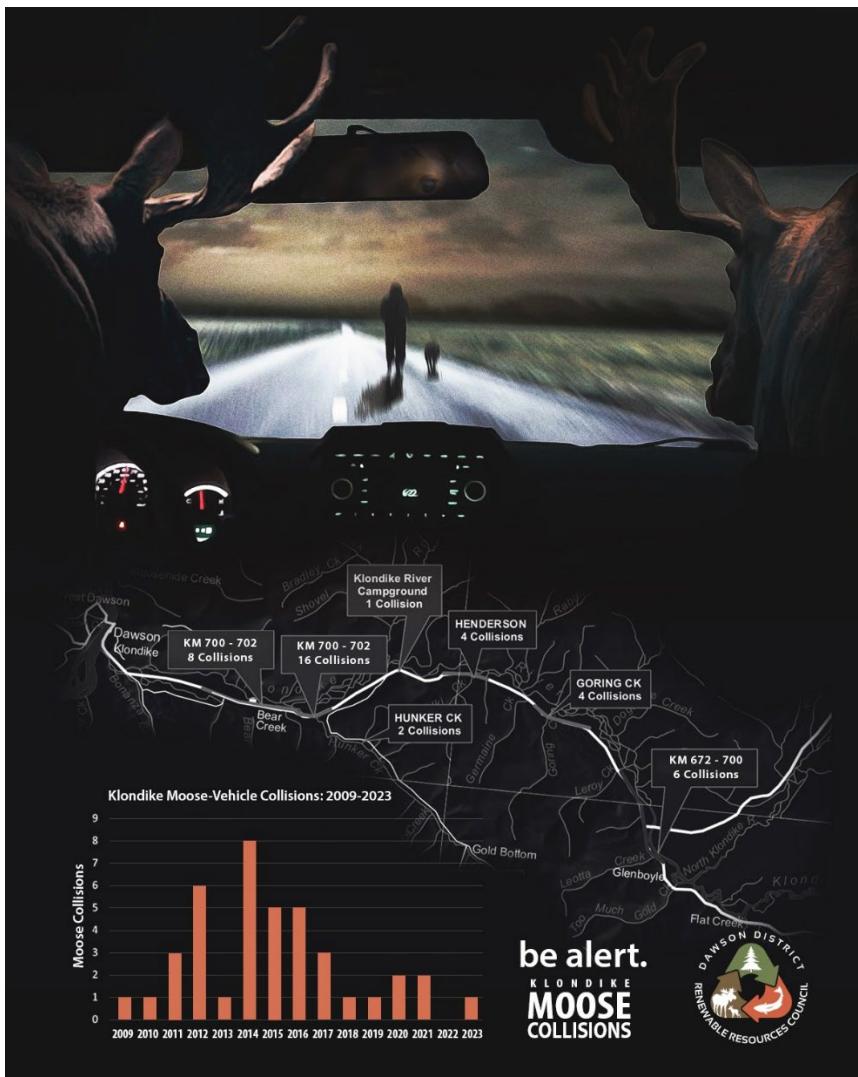
The Yukon Government is working towards modernizing its approach to establishing outfitter quotas. In January 2022, the Council responded in writing to the Minister of Environment recommending that multi-year quotas be accommodated within the new Guidelines to Establish Outfitter Quotas. The Council feel multi-year quotas are beneficial to outfitters, they enable them to sufficiently plan and sustain their operations. Multi-year quotas also assist regional biologists long-term by providing a reliable and accurate proportional projection of the local harvest. We suggested that options be considered that allow multi-year outfitter quota permits to exist if they can be quickly amended when required to protect First Nation subsistence harvest rights and sustain healthy populations of moose, caribou, sheep, and other key species. The Yukon Government and the DRRRC will work closely on modernizing the approach to establishing outfitter quotas. We hope to soon participate in a review of the Guidelines to Establish Outfitter Quotas and contribute to any amendments that may result from the review.

### Moose-Vehicle Collision Advocacy

The DRRRC continue to advocate for road safety upgrades within the Dawson City area to help reduce the occurrence of moose-vehicle collisions. We are working closely with the Yukon Government on a pilot project to install motion sensing cameras in problematic areas. We are also advocating to improve lighting on dangerous sections of the Klondike Highway, we have observed that regular signage, brushing and speed limit changes do little to prevent collisions. Our persistent efforts contributed to YG Highways and Public Works conducting some brushing work and a temporary installation of talking signs.



We also continue to carry out strategic media campaigns during months in which moose-collisions frequently occur using an effective advertisement we developed in 2022:



### Forty Mile Caribou Herd

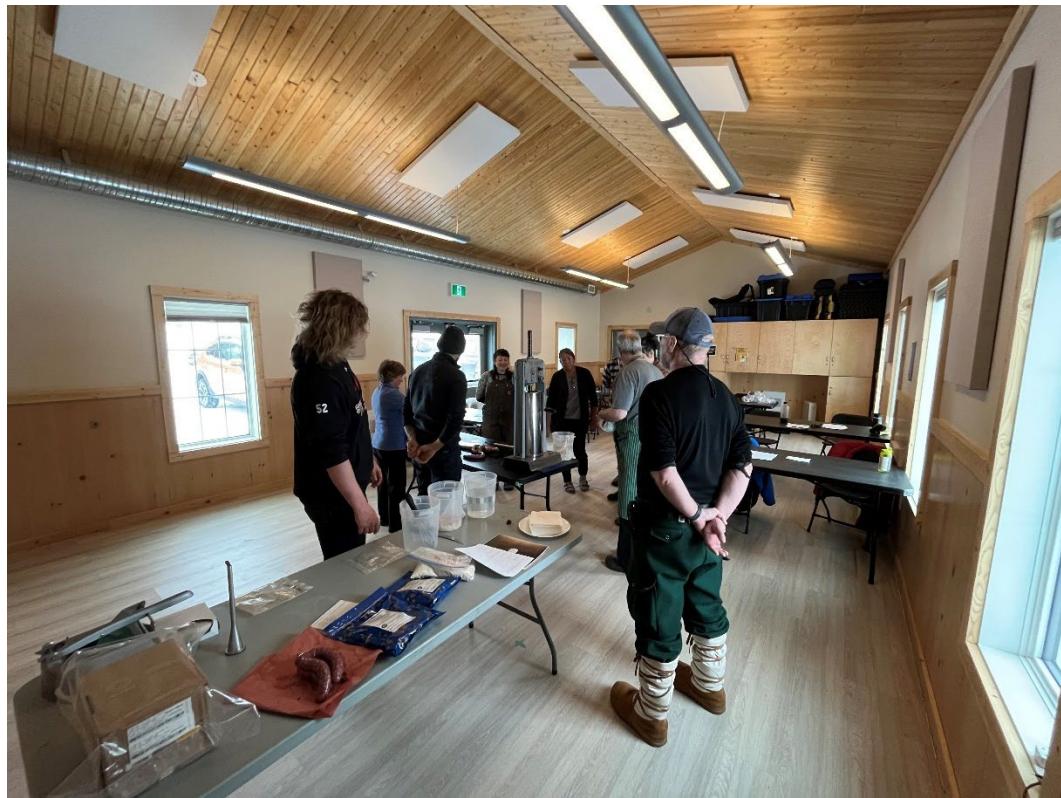
The DDRRC in partnership with YG, TH and other stakeholders has initiated the development of a range plan for the Fortymile Caribou herd. The purpose of this document is to provide clear, accessible guidance for project proponents, assessors, land use planners and governments in their consideration of decisions impacting the Fortymile Caribou herd range. It will focus on communicating the herd's habitat needs, existing knowledge related to those needs, and results from recent data collection related to habitat. Building on these understandings and their implications, the range plan will then clarify guidance for regulatory and development assessment processes.

### Radius Trapline

The DDRRC and the YG Department of Environment have developed a process to provide access to traplines in the area surrounding Dawson City. This is a special opportunity being offered to help meet the demand for trapping opportunities and give new trappers some experience. Because trapline's are in close proximity to the community, special conditions are applied to the permits to protect public safety and reduce the chance of conflict with other land users. For the 2023/24 season we allocated use of one of the community trapline areas to TH educational staff and a local trapper with the intention of promoting trapping education and on-the-land trapping experiences for students at Robert Service School.

### Sausage Workshop

One of the Councils most famous public engagements is our Sausage Making Workshop. Instructor Kevin Bowers facilitated two separate workshops, one in November 2023 and another in March 2024. Participants got to make their own sausages and take home what we made. The wild game was donated by local outfitters.





### Sheep Harvesting / Sheep Separation and review of the Yukon Animal Protection and Control Act Regulations

The DDRRC is working constantly to bring awareness of the possible dangers to wild sheep in the territory due to the pathogen *Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae* or Movi for short. We have been instrumental in having local domestic sheep herds tested and have advocated for the administration of a Control Order on the premise that farmers could eventually get clean herds with minimal impacts to their businesses and livelihood. We will continue to monitor the Control Order and communicate with all stakeholders to assist if changes or adaptations of the Control Order are required. Related to this initiative, we reviewed and responded to engagement documents available for the draft Animal Protection and Control Act Regulations, ensuring prevention of Movi remains a priority and also advocating along with other RRC's for the containment and enhanced fencing requirements of feral and high-risk animals (including wild boar).

### Public Engagement on the Proposed Yukon Resource Roads Regulation

The DDRRC feel strongly that the proposed Resource Roads Regulation currently in development is necessary and will significantly mitigate negative impacts to the environment and wildlife. We contributed to the public engagement that took place in the Spring of 2023, emphasizing the need for the Yukon Government (YG) to focus on issues related to multi-user agreements, the need to consult with trapline concession holders on access and the capacity for YG to enforce this new regulation. The Dawson City area is a very active mining and hunting area, we feel the current capacity for YG to effectively monitor and enforce mining and

hunting legislation compliance in the area is inadequate. While we agree this Regulation is very much needed, we advocated for an increase of both Natural Resource and Conservation Officers in the Dawson City area should this regulation come into affect.

#### Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB)

The DDRRC continues to review a large amount of YESAB applications within our traditional territory, we responded to 3 major projects seeking public views from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. We rely on YG's regional biologists and technical staff from TH to inform us of the issues relevant to each project, helping us bring informed comments forward to the assessment review board. Our comments focus primarily on key species, trapping / hunting and negative cumulative effects due to increased levels of access throughout our region. Access remains a difficult topic to discuss with a current lack of linear disturbance data. We will continue to raise this issue for projects where we see new access into pristine habitat as well as new access into habitats already under a large degree of stress historically due to development.

#### Yukon Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship fund was setup many years ago to play a more active role in supporting educational advancement and scientific research. Money in the fund was raised through fundraising and local donations. Applications to access the fund are reserved for individuals who have lived in the TH Traditional Territory for at least 2 years and are currently enrolled in an undergraduate, post-graduate or doctorate program, in the following concentrations: Biology, Ecology, Environmental Management and Natural Resource Management with priority given to students studying Renewable Resource Management.

#### Youth Trapping Program

The DDRRC again helped deliver the Trapping for Youth program in partnership with YG Department of Environment and TH Educational Staff. The program took place at the Robert Service School and TH Community Hall during the month of February in 2024. Council members visited classrooms Kindergarten to Grade 4, delivering trapping talks and demonstrations and a skinning workshop for older students from Grades 5 to 7. We will continue to assist in the delivery of the program for the foreseeable future.



**Councillor Ali Anderson Instructing Youth**



**RSS Trapping Program Instructors**



RSS Grade 7 Class

## Selected Audited Financial Statements

### **Dawson District Renewable Resources Council Statement of Financial Position**

<b>March 31</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		(restated - Note 7)
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 44,219	\$ 49,402
GST receivable	6,502	5,348
Prepaid expenses (Note 2)	3,855	12,212
	<u>54,576</u>	66,962
Tangible capital assets (Note 3)	<u>9,180</u>	8,250
	<b>\$ 63,756</b>	<b>\$ 75,212</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	\$ 19,500	\$ 21,388
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	15,064	18,150
	<u>34,564</u>	39,538
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in tangible capital assets	9,180	8,250
Unrestricted	20,012	27,424
	<u>29,192</u>	35,674
	<b>\$ 63,756</b>	<b>\$ 75,212</b>

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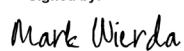
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**Dawson District Renewable Resources Council**  
**Statement of Operations**

<u>For the year ended March 31</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
(restated - Note 7)		
<b>Revenue (Schedule 1)</b>		
Government of Yukon	\$ 180,693	\$ 173,769
Chinook Salmon Conservation Project	3,771	-
Deferred revenue recognized (Note 4)	<u>18,150</u>	<u>14,069</u>
	<b>202,614</b>	<b>187,838</b>
<b>Expenses (Schedule 1)</b>		
Advertising and promotion	591	312
Amortization	2,582	1,777
Bank charges and interest	621	492
Chinook Salmon Project	<b>26,611</b>	2,980
Dawson Fur Show	-	18,940
Education	5,047	17,200
Honoraria	<b>27,594</b>	21,294
Insurance	2,355	2,926
Local Knowledge Project	4,500	6,788
Meetings and travel	20,137	10,087
Office and miscellaneous	8,353	12,671
Professional fees	8,560	8,478
Promotional Project	4,505	9,332
Rent	<b>16,312</b>	14,600
Repayable to funder (Note 6)	-	14,500
Sausage Making Workshop	<b>6,316</b>	6,725
Wage and benefits	<b>75,012</b>	<b>70,677</b>
	<b>209,096</b>	<b>219,779</b>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	<b>\$ (6,482)</b>	<b>\$ (31,941)</b>

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**Dawson District Renewable Resources Council**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

<u>For the year ended March 31</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
(restated - Note 7)		
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Deficit for the year	\$ (6,482)	\$ (31,941)
Adjustment for non-cash item:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<u>2,582</u>	1,777
	(3,900)	(30,164)
<b>Changes in non-cash working capital balances:</b>		
GST receivable	(1,154)	610
Prepaid expenses	8,357	(1,000)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,888)	14,800
Deferred revenue	<u>(3,086)</u>	4,081
	(1,671)	(11,673)
<b>Cash flows from investing activity:</b>		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	<u>(3,512)</u>	(4,151)
<b>Decrease in cash during the year</b>	<b>(5,183)</b>	<b>(15,824)</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<b>49,402</b>	<b>65,226</b>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 44,219</b>	<b>\$ 49,402</b>

**Dawson District Renewable Resources Council**  
**Schedule 1 - Revenue and Expenses by Fund**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2024**

	2024			2023				
	Government of Yukon Financial Transfer Agreement	Chinook Salmon Conservation Project	Fur Show	Total \$	Government of Yukon Financial Transfer Agreement	Chinook Salmon Conservation Project	Fur Show	Total \$
<b>Revenue</b>								
Government of Yukon	180,693	-	-	180,693	187,838	-	-	187,838
Indigenous Services Canada - Chinook Salmon Conservation Project received	-	18,835	-	18,835	-	18,150	-	18,150
Indigenous Services Canada - Chinook Salmon Conservation Project deferred revenue recognized	-	18,150	-	18,150	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Services Canada - Chinook Salmon Conservation Project carried forward	-	(15,064)	-	(15,064)	-	(18,150)	-	(18,150)
	180,693	21,921		202,614	187,838	-	-	187,838
<b>Expenses</b>								
Advertising and promotion	591	-	-	591	312	-	-	312
Amortization	2,582	-	-	2,582	1,777	-	-	1,777
Bank charges and interest	621	-	-	621	492	-	-	492
Chinook Salmon Project	4,690	21,921	-	26,611	2,980	-	-	2,980
Dawson Fur Show	-	-	-	-	18,940	-	-	18,940
Education	5,047	-	-	5,047	17,200	-	-	17,200
Honoraria	27,594	-	-	27,594	21,294	-	-	21,294
Insurance	2,355	-	-	2,355	2,926	-	-	2,926
Local Knowledge Project	4,500	-	-	4,500	6,788	-	-	6,788
Meetings and travel	20,137	-	-	20,137	10,087	-	-	10,087
Office and miscellaneous	8,353	-	-	8,353	12,671	-	-	12,671
Professional fees	8,560	-	-	8,560	8,478	-	-	8,478
Promotional Project	4,505	-	-	4,505	9,332	-	-	9,332
Rent	16,312	-	-	16,312	14,600	-	-	14,600
Repayable to funder (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	14,500	-	-	14,500
Sausage Making Workshop	6,316	-	-	6,316	6,725	-	-	6,725
Wage and benefits	75,012	-	-	75,012	70,677	-	-	70,677
	187,175	21,921		209,096	219,779	-	-	219,779
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	<b>(6,482)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,482)</b>	<b>(31,941)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(31,941)</b>
Net assets - Beginning of year	15,813	-	19,861	35,674	47,754	-	19,861	67,615
Net assets - End of year	9,331	-	19,861	29,192	15,813	-	19,861	35,674