

# DDRRC

DAWSON DISTRICT  
RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL



## ANNUAL REPORT

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.



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## Current Council Members as of March 31, 2025

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
Vacant	Full TH Appointment	
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: 11  
Other (special) meetings: 3

## 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.

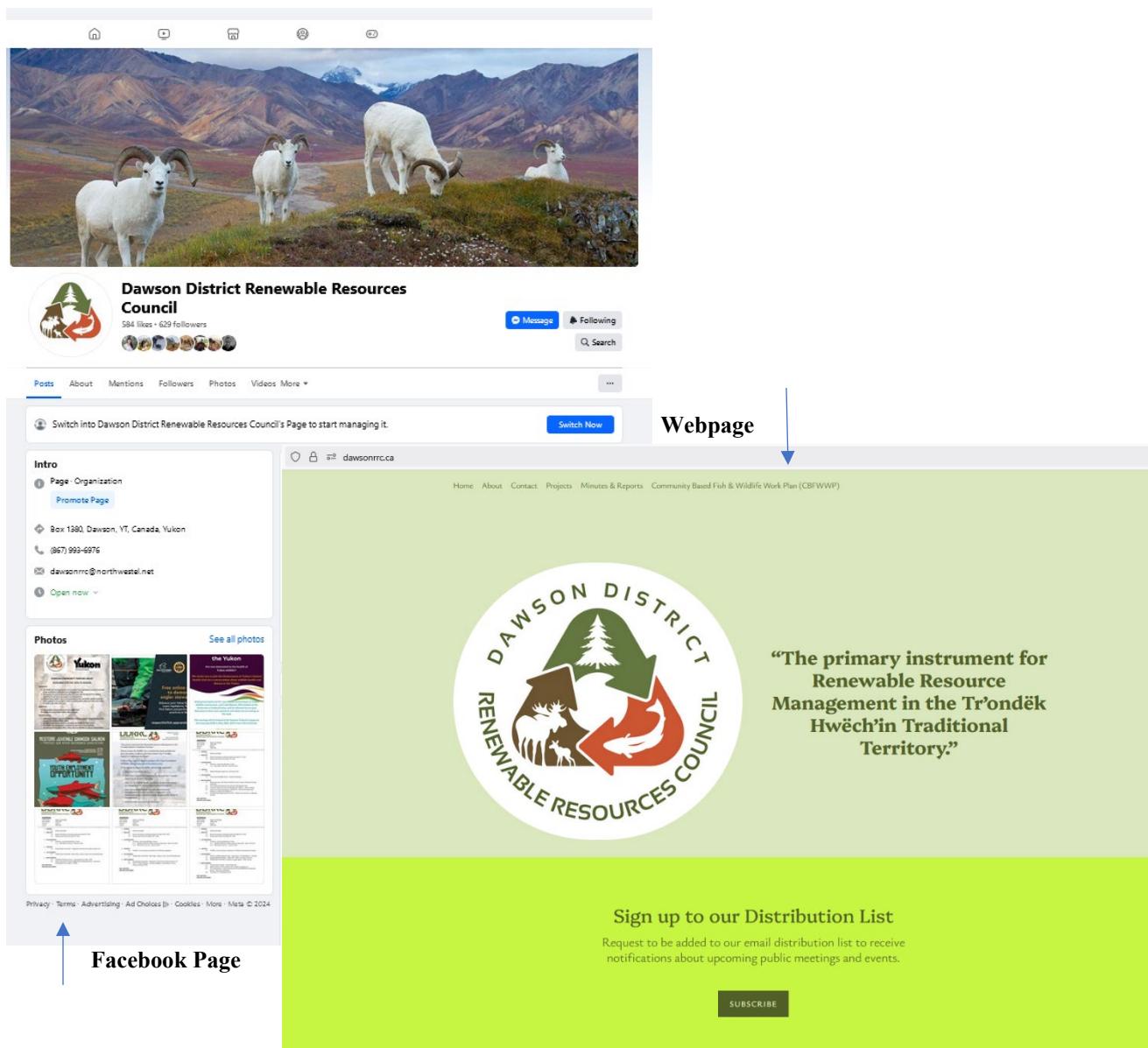
### Administration

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 2024/25 audit was performed by BDO Canada LLP.

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You can also find us on Facebook (Like our page to follow our activity!) or on the web ([www.dawsonrrc.ca](http://www.dawsonrrc.ca)).



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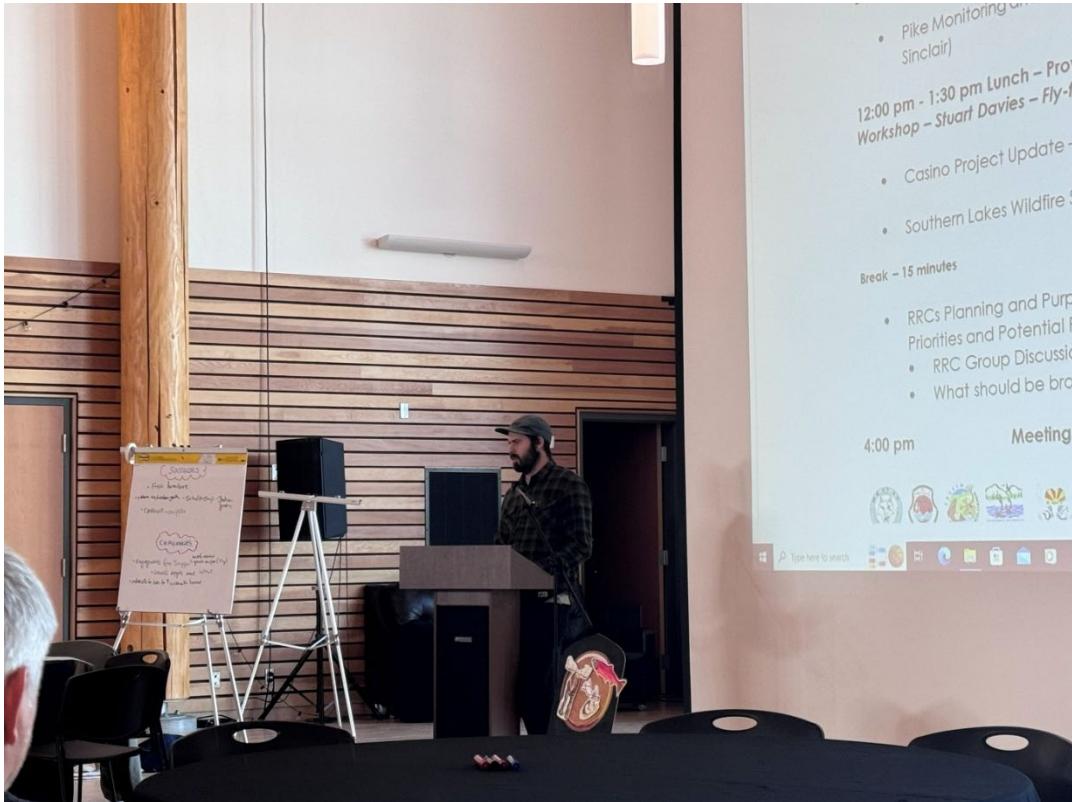
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## Council Activities:

### 2024 Annual General Workshop (AGW) – June 6/7

The DRRRC attended the 2024 AGW in Carcross, 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. DRRRC Executive Secretariat, Nick Wozniewski, gave a presentation on DRRRC Facilitated trapping initiatives.



Executive Secretariat, Nick Wozniewski, presenting at the 2024 RRC AGW

## Biannual Fur Show

The 2025 Dawson Fur Show took place in the Robert Service School Gymnasium on March 15th, at the level and standard we had established before the Covid-19 pandemic. This biannual event was created to promote and celebrate the social, cultural, and economic benefits of the fur industry in the Yukon. Trappers from all over the Yukon can enter their furs to be judged. We intend to host the show again in 2027 during the Thaw di Gras Spring Carnival. Funding support for this event was received from the Council of Yukon First Nations and the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust.

The Jack Fraser Memorial Award recognizes an individual trapper that has demonstrated an exemplary dedication to the local trapping tradition here in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory. Past winners include trapping greats such as Mel Besharah, Robin Burlan, Corwin Guimond, Dave Robinson, Darren, Steve and Peggy Kormendy. At the 2024 Fur Show, the DRRRC was proud to present this award to Ivan Burian. Ivan has been an active trapper here for many years and is well deserving of this prestigious award.

Councillor Ali Anderson welcoming the public to the 2025 Fur Show



2025 Fur Show Poster



2025 Fur Show Awards Ceremony



Fur on Display (Left). Ivan Burian receiving the Jack Fraser Memorial Award (Right).

## 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 2024 the DDRRC hired four youth to assist with delivering this project, we also hired Sebastian Jones (Yukon Salmon Sub Committee / Yukon University Wilderness First Aid Instructor) to mentor the youth. In addition to regular project field activities, youth attended the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Fish Camp, completed an overnight canoe trip to Fortymile and assisted with the production of a short film. The short film featured interviews of the youth participants as well as insights from local community activists, indigenous leaders and salmon experts.

**Rescued Salmon Fry and Slimy Sculpin awaiting release into the Klondike River**



**Youth Job Advertisement**



Rescuing Salmon Fry



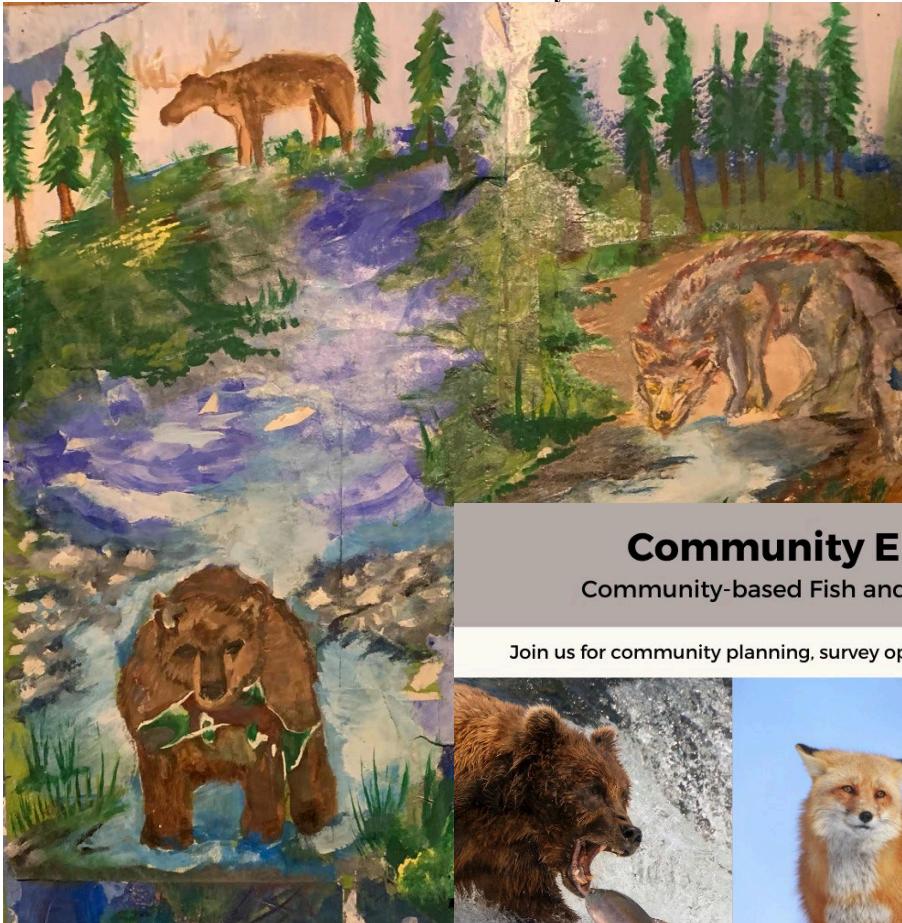
Getting ready (left) and leaving Dawson City (right) for the Forty Mile River

#### Community Based Fish and Wildlife Workplan (CBFWWP)

The Community Based Fish and Wildlife Work Plan (CBFWWP) is a collaboration between Tr'ondëk Hwéch'in (TH), Yukon Government (YG), the Dawson District Renewable Resources Council (DDRRC), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). The plan will represent a shared vision for fish, wildlife, and habitat management over a five year period within the TH Traditional Territory (THTT). Community-based fish and wildlife work plans emerged in the Yukon to bring the community together and create shared goals and objectives for the stewardship of fish and wildlife in Yukon First Nation Traditional Territories that reflect community concerns and needs. This is the first community-based fish

and wildlife workplan in the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory. We are anticipating a public release of the final plan sometime in 2025!

Artwork submitted for the CBFWWP by Fiona Farr



## Community Engagement

Community-based Fish and Wildlife Work Planning

Join us for community planning, survey opportunities and **excellent door prizes!**



**Thursday, March 13**

Ätä Nëhëjél / TH Hall

Attend one of two sessions:

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm      5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
(Snacks Provided)      (Dinner Provided)



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**CBFWWP Public Engagement Poster**

### Dawson Regional Land Use Plan (DRLUP)

The DDRRC continued its participation in the development of the DRLUP. The DDRRC 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.

### 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 DDRRC 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 2024 survey was the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in which we have been conducting interviews. In addition to interviewing our core group of knowledge experts, in 2024 we provided an option for participants to take the survey online and invited the entire Dawson Community to participate. As a result, we collected valuable information from a total of 88 survey participants.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

# DDRRC CONDUCTS LOCAL KNOWLEDGE SURVEY

FROM DAWSON DISTRICT RENEWABLE RESOURCE COUNCIL



News Article in the Klondike Sun promoting the Local Knowledge Survey

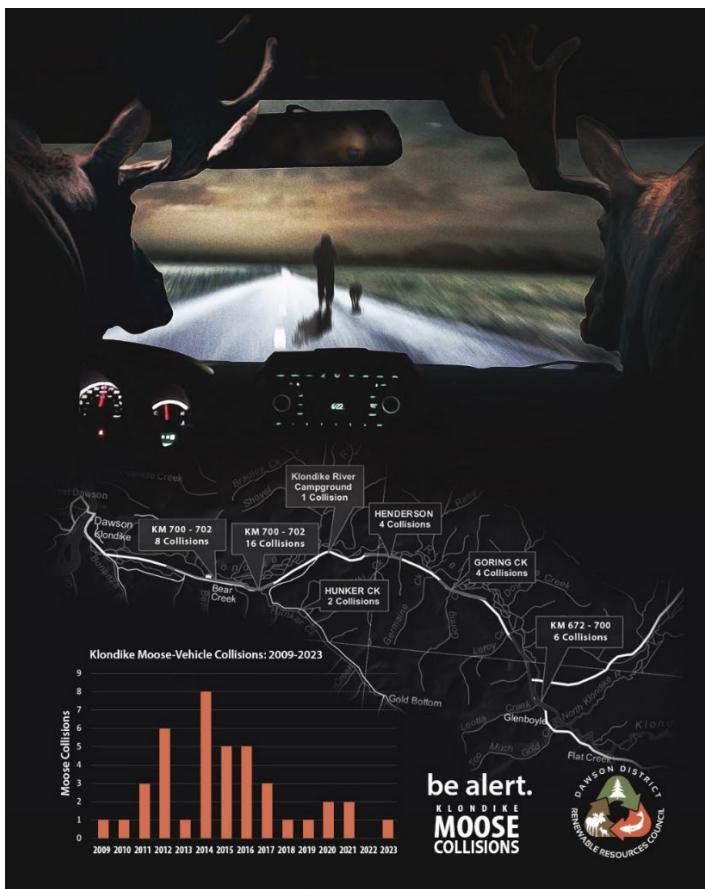
### Modernizing Outfitter Quotas

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 DDRRC 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 DDRRC 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 road improvements 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.



Moose-vehicle collision media campaign

### 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 / Community 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. We allocate 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.

### 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. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we helped facilitate a wildlife health and disease presentation at the Dawson Yukon University campus by Dr. Jane Harms from the Government of Yukon's Animal Health Unit.

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.

### Sausage Workshop

One of the Councils most famous public engagements is our Sausage Making Workshop. Instructor Kevin Bowers facilitated a workshop in November 2024 in partnership with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Wellness Department. Participants got to make their own sausages and take home what we made. The wild game was donated by local outfitters. The CBC conducted interviews with participants that aired on CBC Northbeat in addition to publishing a story about the event.



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## 'It's a big task': Local outfitters donate moose meat for community outreach program in Dawson City, Yukon

Participants in Dawson City, Yukon, will spend the week cutting, cubing, grinding donated moose meat



[Chris MacIntyre](#) · CBC News · Posted: Nov 18, 2024 7:49 PM MST | Last Updated: November 19, 2024



This week a handful of Dawson City, Yukon residents will be processing four moose quarters into sausages, burgers, and stew meat for a community outreach program run by the Dawson District Renewable Resources Council and the Tr'ondëk Hwéch'in First Nation. (Chris MacIntyre/CBC)



**2024 Sausage Making Workshop Participants with Instructor Kevin Bowers (Above)**  
**CBC News Article on the 2024 Sausage Making Workshop (Below)**

### Trapper Education Workshop – All About Wolves

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with funding support from the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust (YFWET), we helped facilitate a workshop “All About Wolves” at the Dawson Yukon Campus. Frank Johnstone of Trap Yukon provided a hands-on workshop detailing wolf behaviour, wolf snare styles and snare setting. The workshop covered all available legal certified legholds or restraining traps as per international and Yukon trapping guidelines, supporting Goals 2 and 4 of the Yukon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. Trappers that participated in the free workshop made and kept 10 wolf snares each.



Trappers attending the All About Wolves Workshop

### 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>, 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. 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 DRRRC 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 2025. 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**



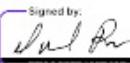
**Councillor Dan Reynolds Instructing Youth**

## Selected Audited Financial Statements

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

March 31	2025	2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 5,783	\$ 44,219
Accounts receivable	2,000	-
GST receivable	2,648	6,502
Prepaid expenses (Note 2)	2,248	3,855
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	12,679	54,576
<b>Tangible capital assets (Note 3)</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	7,210	9,180
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	\$ 19,889	\$ 63,756
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)	\$ 9,400	\$ 19,500
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	-	15,064
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	9,400	34,564
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in tangible capital assets	7,210	9,180
Unrestricted	3,279	20,012
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	10,489	29,192
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	\$ 19,889	\$ 63,756

On behalf of the Council Members:

  
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Signed by:  
DANIEL DAWSON

Councillor

  
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Signed by:  
JULIA STONE

Councillor

**Dawson District Renewable Resources Council**  
**Schedule 1 - Revenue and Expenses by Fund**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2025**

	2025			2024				
	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	189,267	-	-	189,267	180,693	-	-	180,693
Indigenous Services Canada - Chinook Salmon Conservation Project received	-	16,335	-	16,335	-	18,835	-	18,835
Indigenous Services Canada - Chinook Salmon Conservation Project deferred revenue recognized	-	15,064	-	15,064	-	18,150	-	18,150
Indigenous Services Canada - Chinook Salmon Conservation Project carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	(15,064)	-	(15,064)
	189,267	31,399	-	220,666	180,693	21,921	-	202,614
<b>Expenses</b>								
Advertising and promotion	892	-	-	892	591	-	-	591
Amortization	1,970	-	-	1,970	2,582	-	-	2,582
Bank charges and interest	405	-	-	405	621	-	-	621
Chinook Salmon Project	2,688	31,399	-	34,087	4,690	21,921	-	26,611
Dawson Fur Show	-	-	19,079	19,079	-	-	-	-
Education	3,855	-	-	3,855	5,047	-	-	5,047
Honoraria	26,566	-	-	26,566	27,594	-	-	27,594
Insurance	3,248	-	-	3,248	2,355	-	-	2,355
Local Knowledge Project	3,290	-	-	3,290	4,500	-	-	4,500
Meetings and travel	17,047	-	-	17,047	20,137	-	-	20,137
Office and miscellaneous	10,020	-	-	10,020	8,353	-	-	8,353
Professional fees	13,013	-	-	13,013	8,560	-	-	8,560
Promotional Project	-	-	-	-	4,505	-	-	4,505
Rent	16,475	-	-	16,475	16,312	-	-	16,312
Repayable to funder (Note 6)	(2,098)	-	-	(2,098)	-	-	-	-
Sausage Making Workshop	5,562	-	-	5,562	6,316	-	-	6,316
Wage and benefits	85,958	-	-	85,958	75,012	-	-	75,012
	188,891	31,399	19,079	239,369	187,175	21,921	-	209,096
Deficit for the year	376	-	(19,079)	(18,703)	(6,482)	-	-	(6,482)
Net assets - Beginning of year	9,331	-	19,861	29,192	15,813	-	19,861	35,674
Net assets - End of year	9,707	-	782	10,489	9,331	-	19,861	29,192