

## **CITY OF DAWSON WASTEWATER TREATMENT UPDATE #1**

The City of Dawson and Yukon Government are making steady progress in developing a final recommendation on the best permanent wastewater treatment solution for the City of Dawson. Time is pressing since there is a Court-approved commitment to have a solution in place by December 2011. The City has been under Court order since 2003 to install a secondary treatment facility for its wastewater.

Over the past six months, the City of Dawson and Yukon Government have worked together to complete studies of both mechanical and lagoon treatment options. In December 2008 five companies were invited to submit proposals for a mechanical wastewater treatment plant. Applicants are being required to show how their proposal meets the challenges of construction in the North, and that the long term costs of operating and maintaining the plant will be affordable for the city and its residents. Four separate lagoon locations and two different lagoon types are also being investigated:

- The bench above Tr'ochëk, also known as "South Bench";
- The Dome Road Bench;
- The Callison Industrial Area;
- Site near the mouth of the Bonanza Creek Valley south of Guggieville.

"We are taking a very integrated approach to this project," explained Project Manager, Pat Habiluk. "By researching and defining both lagoon and mechanical treatment options at the same time we are better able to compare our options and recommend the best choice."

The City of Dawson and Yukon Government are working together closely on the project. "We're both very committed to finding the solution that best meets Dawson's needs," said Project Leader Catherine Harwood. "It will be important to talk to Dawson residents and stakeholders as we move forward. To make that easier, a public information session and meetings with community groups and associations are planned for February."

## **MEET THE TEAM**



**Norm Carlson, Superintendent of Public Works, City of Dawson**

Norm Carlson has been working as the Superintendent of Public Works with the City of Dawson for over fifteen years and has extensive experience with water and sewer systems. His knowledge of Dawson City's infrastructure is very valuable to this project.



**Eldo Enns, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Dawson**

Eldo Enns has been a Yukon resident for twelve years. He has applied his diverse educational background working with post-secondary institutions including Yukon College in both Old Crow and Dawson. As the City of Dawson's new Chief Administrative Officer he will be working with Yukon Government and City of Dawson Mayor and Council on this project.



**Pat Habiluk, Project Manager, Yukon Government**

Pat Habiluk is a long time Yukoner with a degree in civil engineering. He has worked on infrastructure projects in the North including Haines Junction, Whitehorse, and Dawson City over the last twenty five years. Dawson City will be his new home as of February 2<sup>nd</sup> where he will be on-site during the construction and commissioning phases of the wastewater treatment option that is finally selected.



**Catherine Harwood, Project Leader, Yukon Government**

Catherine Harwood was born and raised in Mayo, Yukon. She has a civil engineering degree and has worked with Yukon Highways and Public Works for thirteen years. Catherine's role is to work closely with all project partners and stakeholders to ensure that a safe and affordable wastewater solution is implemented.

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