

YCC ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD AND ACTION ITEMS

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Update: December 13, 2023

Meeting #1 - January 19, 2023		Time: 10:00- 12:00	Venue: WCC Board Room 302 Steele Street, Whitehorse & Zoom			
Attendance:		Denny Kobayashi, Hector Campbell, John Maissan, John Campbell, Janna Powell, JP Pinard, Anne Middler, Shayna Hammer				
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	Regular minutes were kept for this meeting - Action Items are captured here	Post Minutes to the Advocacy Section of the YCC Website	YCC Reba	01-Mar	Complete	New website being built - minutes available in print or digital until able to post on the new website
	Welcome to new member	Anne Middler joining the EC bringing experience and expertise in environmental considerations in energy development and service on the Yukon Utilities Board	EC and YCC	n/a	Complete	
	ATCO and Yukon Energy (YE) communications	Invite ATCO and Yukon Energy (YE) to attend EC meeting and share priorities short to long term	Denny	31-Jan	Complete	
	ATCO and Yukon Energy (YE) communications	Build agendas for the YE and ATCO and share with EC for input	EC via email	31-Jan	Complete	
	Denny to continue connecting with potentials for FN representation on EC	Contact CYFN and other candidates sent in by EC members	Denny/Shayna	15-Feb	Ongoing	Have reached out to CYFN - no response yet. Also contacted two FN individuals involved in energy sector
	Status is ongoing for visit with Watson Lake. Denny to follow up with Shayna – suggest maybe calling Jerry and/or Jennifer together	Denny and Shayna to discuss community visits in consultation with the Executive. Once confirmed, set up a meeting in WL to discuss energy priorities for the community	Denny/Shayna	01-Apr	Ongoing	Trip is tentatively planned for early May. Both Jennifer and Jerry are not involved in the WLCC at this time
	Meetings with ATCO and Yukon Energy	Denny and Shayna to set discussion meetings with ATCO & YE once the agenda has been agreed on by the EC	Denny/Shayna	01-Mar	Complete	
	Hector to draft a proposed agenda for Our Clean Future special meeting	Hector to draft a proposed agenda for Our Clean Future special meeting	Hector	01-Mar	Complete	
	YCC office to immediately share any letters/responses to/from YG	YCC office to immediately share any letters/responses to/from YG	YCC Reba	19-Jan	Ongoing	
	Presentaion on Geothermal technology in Yukon - Michael Hougen	Ongoing – Denny to connect and try to arrange for Michael to present at an EC meeting	Denny	31-Mar	Deferred	Michael not available until the summer - maybe depending on summer employment

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Meeting #2 - February 23, 2023		Time: 10:00- 12:00	Venue: WCC Board Room 302 Steele Street, Whitehorse & Zoom			
Attendance:		Denny Kobayashi, Hector Campbell, John Campbell, Janna Powell, JP Pinard, Anne Middler, Michael Schultz. Regrets: Shayna Hammer, Reba Parris				
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	Advocacy Priorities for the EC in 2023 - Draft of EC Priorities for 2023 was shared with the EC who provided initial list	Refine the list, amend and approve. Need to add reference to energy storage in Itmers #3 and potentially #4 and #6	EC and Denny	01-Mar	Complete	The EC Priorities are available in digital format, will be published in the YCC Annual Report and posted on the website
	General Rate Applications (GRAs) - Both ATCO and Yukon Energy are planning to submit GRAs this year	Decide what if any role that YCC could or should play as a potential intervener	EC	31-Mar	Complete	The current GRA intevener process requires a significant investment. EC discussed ways in which YCC could be heard - potential options outside of the official convener approach? John Maissan is planning to register as an observer, his submission will be scaled down from what he has done in the past.
	Sovereignty in the North - the issue of sovereignty in the North is surfacing in Federal legislation and is higher on the agenda as proposals like energy interties and transportation corridors are discussed	Assess and communicate with Canada on impacts and potential for Yukon in the Canada Master Plan for energy and cross border matters in the North	EC - John Campbell is most interested/engaged	TBD	Ongoing	
	Our Clean Future - the strategy has gaps	Arrange meeting with the Minister(s) to table concerns about both gaps and missed oportunties like energy storage	EC and YCC	31-Mar	Ongoing	Previous meetings with the Ministers has not yielded any meaningful effort to address EC/YCC concerns. Consider a different approach? i.e. merit of advocacy with members that reaches the media?
	ATCO and Yukon Energy (YE) communications	Confirm and schedule semi-annual meetings with ATCO and YE	YCC and Denny	31-Mar	Ongoing	Staff and leadership changes at YCC and the EC are having an impact on scheduling these meetings
	Small scale energy development	EC to engage more actively in advocacy in the area of small scale energy development.	EC and YCC	TBD	Ongoing	There are a diverse number of small scale energy solutions being planned and built (solar, wind, storage, etc.) that would benefit from a strong and informed business perspective and advocacy led by the YCC

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Meeting #3 - March 13, 2023		Time: 10:00- 12:00	Venue: WCC Board Room 302 Steele Street, Whitehorse & Zoom				
Attendance:		Denny Kobayashi, Hector Campbell, John Maissan, John Campbell, Janna Powell, JP Pinard, Anne Middler, Michael Schultz, Reba Parris, . Guests: Jay Massie, Tony Badry. Regrets: Janna Powell, David Thompson, Shayna Hammer					
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	ATCO Electric Yukon and YCC Energy Committee Meeting						
	YCC provided overview of the meeting and its objectives. ATCO brought along four members of their management team.	Plan for semi-annual meetings with ATCO and EC	YCC	01-Jul	Ongoing	Very focused and productive conversations between YCC and the ATCO team	
	YCC Presentation and Priorities	3.1 Cost of Service and Rate Design Phase II? 3.2 General Rate Application – approach, options 3.3 Overearnings – update and discussion 3.4 Update on IPPs in diesel grids including Beaver Creek, Destruction Bay, Watson Lake (hydro, wind and solar) 3.5 Opportunities for pilot projects involving smart metering and new rates 3.6 Partnership opportunities for local companies and First Nations 3.7 Collaboration opportunities, regulatory matters and others				Ongoing	YCC shared their priorities and focused discussion on the most effective way for YCC/EC to engage with ATCO and share the priorities of businesses.
	ATCO Presentation	Continued dialogue with ATCO with emphasis on moving the needle on the YCC/EC Priorities for 2023	EC and ATCO	Ongoing	Ongoing	ATCO presented and expanded on several key priorities shared by EC including: GRA application approach and rationale, revenues and overearning, Terms and Conditions of Service, Rate Design, Capital Plan, partnerships with FNs	
	ATCO Presentation	Share the ATCO presentation deck with members on the YCC website	YCC	31-Mar	Deferred	Presentation was received by YCC after the meeting but website advocacy section on the new website not ready loading documents :(
	ATCO Overearnings	Work with ATCO and YG to explore productive and customer-focused opportunities to invest a good portion of revenues in mitigating energy use by residential and commercial customers	YCC/EC, ATCO and YG	Ongoing	Ongoing	ATCO shared challenges they encounter under the current regulatory regime in terms of investing in customer-focused programs and other investments that would mitigate electricity consumption. ATCO shared that much of their overearning is due to increased numbers of customers (commercial and residential) and that they have held the line of operational expenses.	
	Electrial Storage - ATCO is aligned with YCC priority in respect to the critical need for energy storage required to effectively support renewable energy options.	YCC to advocate for an increased priority to be placed on energy storage solutions	YCC & EC	Ongoing	Ongoing	YCC will need to collect some data to present to YG in regard to the expansion of energy storage solutions with a specific focus on the benefit to businesses	
	Electrical Intertie - while there is general support for an intertie with the BC grid the cost of this intertie and the time it will take to accomplish is very long term.	Voice support for the intertie BUT make it clear to YG that alternatives and smaller scale projects are required to bridge the gap to any major project (intertie, new hydro development, etc.)	YCC/EC & YG	Ongoing	Ongoing	It have not been determined if BC has the energy to sell, is willing to intertie or if they would cooperate on the intertie project	

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Meeting #4 - March 30, 2023		Time: 10:00- 12:00	Venue: WCC Board Room 302 Steele Street, Whitehorse & Zoom			
Attendance: Denny Kobayashi, Hector Campbell, John Maissan, John Campbell, Janna Powell, JP Pinard, Anne Middler, Michael Schultz. Guests: Chris Milner, Jason Epp, Ed Peake, Stephanie Cunha.		Regrets: Shayna Hammer, Reba Parris				
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	Yukon Energy and YCC Energy Committee Meeting					
	YCC provided overview of the meeting and its objectives. Yukon Energy brought along four members of their senior management team.	Plan for semi-annual meetings with ATCO and EC	YCC	01-Jul	Ongoing	Very focused conversations between YCC and the Yukon Energy team. Dialogue and sharing not equivalent to meeting with ATCO - YE officials behave and communicate consistent with their public service role. While important to engage with YE and keep them informed, advocacy needs to carry on through the responsible Minister(s) and the Premier
	YCC Presentation and Priorities	3.1 Cost of Service and Rate Design Phase II 3.2 Update on resource plan, renewable energy options including IPPs, Moon Lake 3.3 Seasonal SOP/IPP power purchase rates to promote winter focused energy supply – time of use pricing 3.4 Energy Infrastructure as it relates to electrification - hydro grid load forecast, residential line capacities, transformer limits 3.5 Discussion on Clean Energy Act and omission of hydro targets 3.6 Update on Water Licenses 3.7 Discussion on short-term and long-term collaboration 3.8 Yukon Utilities Board issues 3.9 Update on grid battery project				YCC shared their priorities and focused discussion on the agenda items. YE is going through a leadership change and some of the conversations need to occur once that is finalized.
	Intelligent Rate Design	Continue to work with YE and ATCO on intelligent rate design and look at options like negotiated rates to reduce costs and enhance collaboration	YCC/EC	Ongoing	Ongoing	
	Seasonal IPP Rates	Work with YE and YG to alter the approach to IPP rates - pay more when power is needed and less when the power is not required and 'dumped' due to lack of storage solutions	YCC/EC	31-Jul	Ongoing	This needs to be key item to discuss with the Minister
	Clean Energy Act	Seek amendments to the Act to address gaps like hydro targets, enshrine targets, enhance role of renewables	YCC/EC	01-Sep	Ongoing	Hector Campbell is the resident expert on the committee and can be called upon for briefings and key messages

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Meeting #5 - November 17, 2023		Time: 10:00- 12:00		Venue: YCC Board Room 302 Steele Street, Whitehorse & Zoom		
Attendance:		Denny Kobayashi, Hector Campbell, John Maissan, John Campbell, Janna Powell, JP Pinard, Anne Middler, Luke Pantin				
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	YCC Staff Changes - Luke Pantin introduced as the Executive Director of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce.	Confirm YCC staff participation in meetings and support being provided of the EC by YCC.	Luke	15-Jan	Ongoing	Luke will advise the EC in the near future of his participation and the support provided by the YCC to the EC - just sorting out a number of matters and will be in a better position to advise early in the new year.
	EC Chair- Denny is stepping down as Chair of the EC and John Campbell is stepping up to take on the role!	Transition to John	Denny & John	31-Dec	Ongoing	January meeting will be chaired by John - Denny will attend.
	EC Members - Janna Powell is stepping down, Ben Power is interested in joining and new member John Serjeantson has accepted invitation to join the EC	Invite Ben Power to join the EC	Denny & John	31-Dec	Ongoing	Janna Powell has been a energetic and committed EC member for several years - we will miss her 'energy'!
	Intertie grid conection with BC	Followup on email from David Thompson and add this to next mtg agenda with the Minster - YCC/EC wants to be involved	John	31-Jan	Ongoing	
	Storage Solutions - The need for planning and budgeting for storage solutions is becoming increasingly urgent	Add to agenda and prepare advocacy positions for meeting with the Minister(s)	EC	15-Feb	Ongoing	Explore setting meetings with the Minister(s) Premier? In Feb/Mar 2024
	Energy Options - (this was raised at previous meetings)	Add to agenda and raise priority to plan for short and medium term options to intertie, Moon Lake and Atlin	EC	15-Feb	Ongoing	YG Ministers/Premier continue to reference the intertie, Moon Lake and Atlin. These are all long term and costly solutions. Yukon will be in an electrical energy crisis before any of these projects come on line. Interim solutions are required looking at renewables, small scale projects, nuclear, hydrogen, etc.
	Aging Infrastructure - Who is going to pay for aging infrastructure? Parts of Yukon's electrical infrastruture is dated and starting to fail. Who will bear the burden of replacement?	Add to ECC Priorities List and agenda item with Minister(s)	EC	15-Feb	Ongoing	Need to discuss at January EC meeting and 'share' some of the assignments with EC members
	Technical Advisory Committee	Explore potential to build a private sector led Energy Advisory Committee	YCC/EC	01-Mar	Ongoing	This could provide a great opportunity for YG to connect with informed businesses/private sector, leaders in the energy sector (many of whom already sit on the YCC Energy Committee)

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Meeting #6 - January 18 , 2024		Time: 10:00- 12:00	Venue: YCC Board Room 302 Steele Street, Whitehorse & Zoom			
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