

February 10, 2019

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Dear Marc,

Re: Interim Activity Report pursuant to YWPA Contribution Agreement

Please accept this letter as an interim report of activities specific to receipt of the remainder of our funding under the current contribution agreement. The YWPA requires the remainder of the funding in order to complete our commitments to the end March 2019.

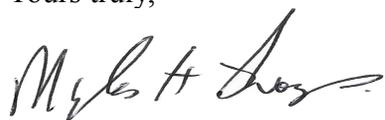
The YWPA has been busy again this year supporting our industry and the highlights for the year are listed below:

1. New Website: our website provider retired and at the time they recommended we find a new company to coordinate our updates and ongoing maintenance. Adobe no longer supported the website platform and YWPA engaged First Contact Design to build a new website and provide ongoing support and maintenance.
2. Yukon Chamber of Commerce: the YWPA is an ExOfficio member of the Yukon Chamber and the executive director is a full time member of the energy committee. In this capacity Myles developed a Biomass Energy Policy for the chamber which was accepted and passed as an official policy statement.
3. Yukon government Low Carbon Stakeholders group: The executive director represented the association as a full member of the group which reviewed the carbon tax and its application to Yukon businesses, municipalities and non-government organizations. This committee is ongoing and has developed a number of recommendations for the Minister of Finance and other Departments of YG.
4. The Citizens for a Firesmart Whitehorse is a loose collation of foresters, engineers, wildlife biologist and former politicians. YWPA has been active with this group since the fall of 2017. The aim of the group is to be supportive to the

- various government agencies whose mandate is to develop a landscape fuel management plan for Whitehorse southern lakes. This has involved numerous meetings with government leaders including Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Branch Directors, Mayor and council for Whitehorse, CoW senior managers, fire chiefs and First Nations governments. The YWPA is involved with this group as a way to ensure that any fuel management prescriptions fully recognize the value of the timber being removed as a source of biomass for offsetting fossil fuels for heating buildings. Myles has made several PowerPoint presentations to Rotary Clubs, men's prayer breakfasts and open public meetings on behalf of the association.
5. Public Speaking engagements: YWPA executive director moderated a panel discussion at a Yukon Chamber of Commerce event on renewable energy and linkage to fuel management.
 6. Media relations: YWPA hosted CBC news on a tour of Haines Junction logging operations and showed the industry capacity to produce biomass. As well as doing interviews with the Whitehorse Star newspaper.
 7. YWPA hosted a biomass production and technology demonstration: this was a one day event where members demonstrated grinders, gasification boilers and a containerized biomass boiler. This was a well-attended event associated with the Opportunities North Conference.
 8. Quill Creek Bench THP: YWPA received funding to produce a THP in the Haines Junction area. An invitational tender to five companies was solicited and ECO Consulting was the successful contractor. This work has been ongoing and a draft plan is nearing completion. There have been issues and concerns gathering meetings with cabin owners, Alsek RRC, CAFN and local residents. This work will be completed by March 15/2019.
 9. FMB policy reviews: a review of the silviculture strategy, Whitehorse FRMP and timber utilization was completed and this work is ongoing.
 10. Wetlands Policy development: YWPA has been represented at every workshop and public meeting associated with the DoE effort to produce a wetlands policy for the Yukon.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts to establish a made in the Yukon forest industry. We look forward to working with in 2019,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myles H. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Myles H Thorp RPF
Executive Director