

FOX LAKE LOCAL AREA PLAN

REVISED VISIONING REPORT

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Vision Statement

We live in a thriving environment with healthy wildlife and fish. We are a respectful community that values First Nation ties to the area and rural living. We are stewards of the land where we live, work, and learn across generations and culture.

In the context of a Local Area Plan, vision, values, and guiding principles can be defined as follows:

Vision is the preferred or ideal future that the plan sets out to achieve.

Values are the things that are most important to people about the planning area.

Guiding Principles provide direction on how land use decisions will be made, both during and after the planning process.

Community Values

We value:

- A healthy, natural environment and the wildlife that inhabits it;
- Intact, functioning watersheds with healthy fish populations;
- The unique relationship and knowledge of First Nations people to this place and maintaining the opportunity for continued use;
- The ability to harvest and gather from the natural abundance that surrounds us;
- Being out on the land to experience open spaces, connect with the natural world, and enjoy the beauty of nature;
- Our small, diverse community of people who respect, learn from and help one another; and
- The opportunity to live in a quiet, rural setting where independence and self-reliance guide how people live.



Guiding Principles

We Are All Treaty People – The Final and Self-Government Agreements are honoured and respected as a legal obligation for all Yukoners.

Collaborative and Collective Decision Making – Joint and collaborative decision-making is an ongoing commitment of all governments, and the perspectives and aspirations of First Nation people and local residents are given priority.

Two Ways of Knowing – Indigenous and Western ways of knowing the natural world are distinct and both are continually sought out to fully understand the issues.

Sensitivity to Place – The unique characteristics and context of the planning area are recognized, and decisions must pass the test of, “Does it make sense *here?*”

Growth Is Not a Given – Development decisions support the community vision for the planning area, and must take into account community values, existing settlement patterns, carbon footprint, and broader regional context.

Healthy Ecosystems – The health of ecological systems is highly valued. Land and resource development decisions are made within the context of the relationships between fish, wildlife, their habitats, and people.

Recognize Interrelationships – Broader regional ecological connectivity is recognized and impacts both from and to places outside of the planning area boundaries are considered.

Planning Area Diversity – Fox Lake and environs and the western shore of Lake Laberge are recognized as distinct from one another despite their inclusion in the same planning area. Decision-making should factor in the level of understanding about each and, where knowledge is limited, adopt a precautionary approach.

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