



*Wilderness Tourism Association of the Yukon
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#1 Peel Watershed Case Goes Before Canada's Supreme Court

Months of waiting were put to an end today when the Supreme Court of Canada announced that [our leave to appeal has been granted](#) and the Peel Watershed case will be heard. The decision to hear our case in Canada's highest court confirms that the future of the Peel is of national importance and that the November 2015 ruling of the Court of Appeal to roll back the clock on the land use planning process requires a second look.

Chris Rider, Executive Director of CPAWS Yukon, stated: "The Supreme Court of Canada's decision to hear this case shows that it recognizes the value of the Peel Watershed. It is a treasure of international significance and it deserves protection. Beyond this, the final ruling will set a precedent for all future land use planning in the Yukon."

Thomas R. Berger will be representing our case to the Supreme Court, arguing that the Yukon Court of Appeal's ruling was a mistake in the interpretation of the Final Agreements and that the original judgment from Justice Ron Veale should be reinstated. Justice Veale had decreed that the planning process be sent back to the final stage, which would have prevented the Yukon Government from adopting its closed-door plan - one that would open up 71% of the Peel to development. While the Court of Appeal partially upheld Veale's judgment, it directed the process to re-start from 2010, providing an opening for the government to significantly reduce the level of protection from the 80% recommended by the Planning Commission.

The Supreme Court has yet to announce when the case will be heard, but it is likely to be in 2017. CPAWS and our partners - First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and the Yukon Conservation Society - will be organizing public events within Whitehorse and Yukon communities in the weeks to come, so please stay tuned for updates.

In tandem with the announcement, today we are launching the **Peel Pledge, a way for Yukoners and all Canadians to stand with First Nations and environmental groups and show their support for Peel protection.**

Take the Peel Pledge at protectpeel.ca

Follow [@protectpeel](https://twitter.com/protectpeel) on Twitter | [Connect with us on Facebook](#)

We would also like to send our deepest gratitude to everyone who has been supporting this campaign along the journey. This is an exciting milestone, and there is a lot of work ahead of us. We appreciate your continued support as we prepare to head to Ottawa!

#2 Carcross & Dawson Mountain Bike Trails are in the News Again

Our mountain biking and trail development reputation is growing as seen by this story on Outside magazine's web site.

The entire story can be read at <http://www.outsideonline.com/2089071/new-yukon-gold-rush>

#3 Chadburn Lake Park Management Plan Draft Ready for Public Comment



The Chadburn Lake Park Draft Management Plan has been reviewed by Mayor and Council and is now ready for public comment. Visit www.whitehorse.ca/chadburn to review the draft plan, see

the accompanying "What We Heard and How We Considered Your Input Document" and submit comments online, or join us at any of our 3 public events to chat with planners and provide your feedback. Comments are due by June 30th, 2016.

Please join us at the following locations:

Main Street 'Pop-Up Park': Tues, June 14th, 10am - 3pm, between the White Pass Building and The Old Fire Hall

BBQ: Wed, June 15th, 3:30pm - 7:30pm, on the Riverdale side of the Rotary Centennial Bridge (blue foot bridge)

Fireweed Market Booth: Thurs, June 16th, 3pm - 8pm, at Shipyards Park

Participants will be entered in a draw for a \$100 Canada Games Centre certificate. For additional information, feel free to contact regionalparks@whitehorse.ca



#4 WTAY Members Noted in the 2016 Travel Guide to Canada

Several WTAY members were mentioned in the "Yukon & Whitehorse" sections of the latest "Travel Guide to Canada" publication. Those sections can be found on pages 134 to 140 and include mentions of Yukon Wild, Sky High Wilderness Ranches, Northern Tales Travel Services, and Up North Adventures, as well as ads from Sundog Retreat and Muktuk Adventures.

Congratulations everyone.

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#5 Member Support on YESAB Projects

The WTAY office recently contacted one of its members regarding their concerns over a YESAB project under review. The project was scheduled to take place in an area that the member used on a regular basis and he was very concerned about the exploration project being proposed. After learning more about the member's concerns, WTAY submitted an email to YESAB in support of the member and agreeing with the issues he had voiced.

WTAY would like all of its members to know that if you have a concern about a project under review with YESAB, or if a project could negatively impact the environment, or your business, please notify the office. We'll look at the project in question and lend our support if warranted.

#6 Northern Safety Network Evaluations

Yukon Workers Compensation Health and Safety Board (YWCHSB), in cooperation with Northern Safety Network Yukon (NSNY), is evaluating NSNY's activities and programming. NSNY administers the Certificate of Recognition (COR) program, the Small Employer Certificate of Recognition (SECOR) program, the Owner Operator Certificate of Proficiency (OCOP) program as well as many other training and workshops related to workplace safety. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the need for and performance of the program, and identify ways in which the program might be improved.

We are conducting surveys with representatives of Yukon employers who may or may not have participated in the activities and programming delivered by NSNY. The purpose of this questionnaire is to obtain feedback regarding the need for and awareness of the NSNY activities and programming among employers in Yukon and identify barriers for participation. Please click [here](#) to view a letter from YWCHSB and NSNY inviting you to participate in the survey. Your decision to participate in this survey is voluntary and your views are a very important contributor to help us to improve this initiative.

The survey should not take more than 20 to 25 minutes of your time to complete. To participate in this survey click [here](#). If you are unable to complete the questionnaire on your first visit, you may return to complete it at a later time. The responses that you entered previously will be saved automatically.

The information collected is for the purpose of the evaluation only and no administrative decisions about individuals or organizations will be made as a result of this evaluation. Any comments you provide will not be attributed to you in any report resulting from this study or in any documentation provided to the YWCHSB or NSNY. Your responses will be reported anonymously together with those of other survey participants.

Should you have any questions related to the evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact Bruce Milligan, Director, Occupational Health and Safety of YWCHSB (at 867-667-3726 or Bruce.Milligan@gov.yk.ca) or Eyyub Hajiyev, Principal, Ference & Company (toll-free 1-866-680-3926 extension 301 or eyyub.hajiyev@ferenceandco.com).

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important evaluation!

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