

## OLD CROW COMMUNITY PLAN STATUS UPDATE

### What is a Community Plan?

A community plan is a guiding document for the future of the Old Crow community. It sets where future construction will go and why. It also sets some long-term (5 or more years) priorities for the VGFN.



### Why have a Community Plan?

Old Crow is growing, and thought needs to be made on what should go where. The Government of Yukon is also very likely to increase funding for housing once the community has agreed where they want new housing to go. Because the Community Plan is passed under VGFN law, it is binding legally, but can be changed anytime under VGFN law after two Readings.

### Will I be Affected by the Community Plan?

Probably not directly or in the near future. The effect of the plan will be more noticeable over ten or more years, because it controls the overall shape and look of the community. Look at the maps (next page), and imagine Old Crow as your children will see it, when 500 or more people live here. The community should be beautiful, but also express Vuntut Gwitchin culture in a modern way.

### Has the Community been Consulted?

Yes. VGG has held 4 community consultations since mid-2011, including knocking on everyone's door in 2012. Council passed First Reading in Sept. 2013. The hope is to pass Second and Final Reading in July 2014.

### What are the Highlights of the Future of Old Crow?

No plan is perfect. There are always trade-offs. What we are suggesting is to build new federal-sponsored houses near the North Bypass Road. We hope for 4-6 houses to each share a driveway. Other VGFN housing would be built on side roads off the Ski Lodge Road. New industrial development (think anything loud or dusty or smelly) would stay in the west. New businesses and government buildings would mainly stay in the old part of town, gradually refurbishing or replacing old or derelict buildings. Front road may be closed to all traffic. New construction near the cemetery should be avoided. New construction near the steep places and the wet places should be avoided. Thick gravel pads should be used to prevent permafrost from melting. Eventually, a new airstrip should be built away from town. The ski trails should be preserved. We would try to prevent the forest from being clearcut, and keep bands of trees between new buildings.

### Are there Major Issues That are Still Undecided?

Yes. A final decision has not been made on the following:

1. Whether to locate the multiplex near the baseball field or where the Northern Store is now. At the baseball field, waste heat from the power plant can be used. At the Northern Store location, it would be more central, easier for Elders and youth to come and would take advantage of the waterfront landscape.
2. Whether to close the front road to all traffic except emergency and utility vehicles.
3. Placing rows of boulders in some areas to prevent use by motorized vehicles.
4. Location of future cemetery.

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These maps are in the community plan. The dates show the anticipated year that construction would occur.

**I Have Something to Say!**

Great! If you want to discuss it in person, contact Erika Tizya at VGG offices, at 966-3261. The draft documents can be read in full online at [www.vgfn.net/](http://www.vgfn.net/). Or you can come to an all-day info and discussion session:



**FRIDAY JUNE 6 2014**  
**9:30 a.m. Community Plan Overview & Discussion**  
 - Purpose of Plan/Highlights of Plan/Development Concepts  
 - Procedures for Future Amendments  
**10 a.m. Downtown Plan Redevelopment Plan Presentation, walkaround downtown 10:30-11**  
**11 a.m. Discuss Difficult or Detailed Items in this Sequence:**  
 - Multiplex, Cemetery, Nursing Station, Elder's Care Location Decisions  
 - Plans for Location of Future Housing  
 - Plans for Location of Future Industrial Lands  
 - Plans for Location of Future Commercial Development  
 Noon break for lunch (light snacks provided throughout the day)  
**1 p.m. Zoning Bylaw Overview & Discussion (see Zoning Bylaw Status Update for Details)**  
**7 p.m. Wrap Up And Overview Session**

