



**RECREATION MANAGEMENT
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DES ACTIVITÉS RÉCRÉATIVES**
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Executive Summary

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is developing the Recreational Land Management Framework (RLMF) to articulate the GNWT's approach to managing public land for recreational purposes. In 2015, as part of the development of the RLMF, the GNWT committed to doing area specific planning to address recreation management issues around Yellowknife. The area outside of Yellowknife is well-used for outdoor recreation and other activities such as tourism, transportation, mineral exploration and mining, quarry operations, hunting, trapping, and fishing.

Public engagement is an important first step in recreation management planning. Between May 4 and July 29, 2016 the public was invited to engage in discussions about recreational use and issues in the area.

The main body of this report provides a description of the engagement methods used, and summarizes the feedback gathered. Detailed comments and other feedback can be found in the Appendices.

Public engagement feedback presented in this report represents only one of several sources of information that will be considered when drafting a recreation management plan.

Résumé

Pour définir son approche de gestion des terres publiques à des fins récréatives, le gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest (GTNO) est en train d'élaborer le Cadre de gestion des terres à usage récréatif (CGTUR). En 2015, dans les activités de préparation du CGTUR, le GTNO s'est engagé à procéder par planification localisée afin de s'attaquer aux enjeux de la gestion des activités récréatives dans les environs de Yellowknife. Cette région est fréquemment utilisée pour les loisirs et les autres activités comme le tourisme, le transport, l'exploration minérale, l'exploitation minière, l'exploitation de carrières, la chasse, le piégeage et la pêche.

La participation du public est une première étape importante dans la planification de la gestion des activités récréatives. Entre le 4 mai et le 29 juillet 2016, le public a été invité à participer aux discussions sur l'utilisation récréative des terres et les questions qui y sont liées.

L'essentiel du présent rapport fournit une description des méthodes de participation utilisées et résume les commentaires recueillis. Les commentaires plus détaillés et les autres observations se trouvent dans les annexes.

Les commentaires du public se trouvant dans le présent rapport ne constituent que l'une des diverses sources de renseignements prises en compte lors de la rédaction du plan de gestion des activités récréatives.

1 Introduction

As part of the Recreational Land Management Framework (RLMF) development, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) committed to doing area-specific planning to address recreation management issues around Yellowknife. This area is well-used for outdoor recreation and other activities such as tourism, transportation, mineral exploration and mining, quarry operations, hunting, trapping, and fishing.

The residents of Yellowknife, Dettah and N'dilo, and Aboriginal governments, as well as the City of Yellowknife, industry, leaseholders, and other stakeholders all have an interest in land use decisions for the area. The area includes lands to the west and east of the City of Yellowknife within the asserted and existing land claims areas of: the Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations, the Northwest Territory Métis Nation, the North Slave Métis Alliance, and the Tłı̨cho

Public engagement is an important first step in recreation management planning for the Yellowknife periphery area (YPA). This public engagement is informed by previous advice to the GNWT from area residents when providing input to the development of the RLMF in 2015.

“Areas used for outdoor recreation should be identified by tapping into local knowledge. Public information sessions could be held where people could gather around maps to identify places” (Public Comment, Yellowknife February 2015)

1.1 Public Engagement Objectives

The objectives of public engagement at this stage of the project were to:

- Provide information to the public that clearly describes the recreation management planning (RMP) scope and process, explains why an RMP is being developed, and how the RMP fits into the RLMF
- Report back to the public about the results of recreation resource studies and input from previous public engagement on the RLMF
- Let the public know what engagement opportunities will be available during this phase and throughout the planning process
- Get additional information from the public about recreation features and facilities in the YPA
- Gather public input to clarify and better understand public values and concerns

Public input will help develop an RMP that will:

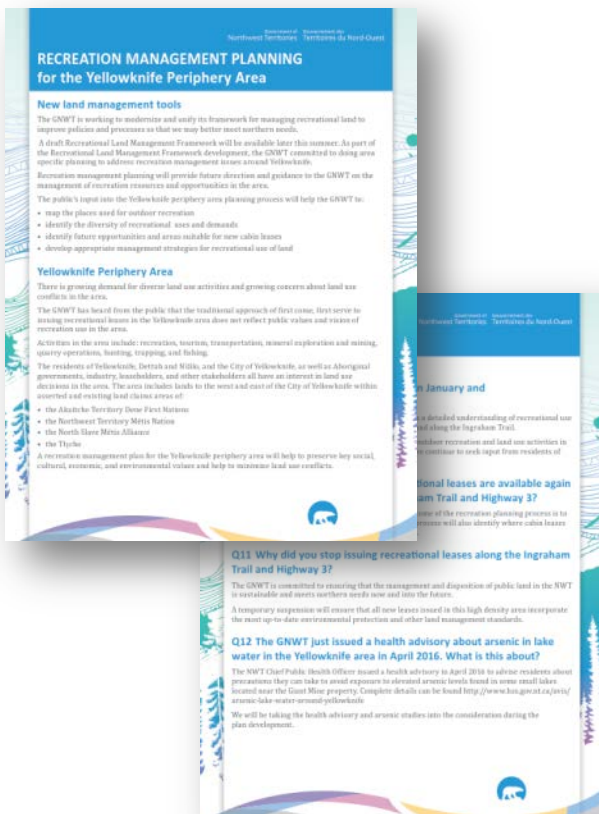
- map the places used for outdoor recreation
- identify the diversity of recreational uses and demands

- identify future opportunities and areas suitable for new cabin leases
- develop appropriate management strategies for recreational use of lands

1.2 Project Information

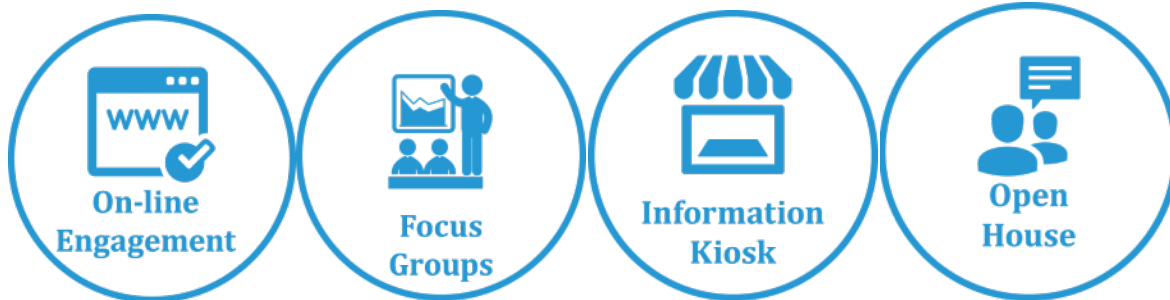
Information was developed to communicate the scope and goals of the RMP project, and the public engagement phase.

The project information banner was displayed at public events. Project information and Q&A sheets were available as hand-outs at public events and available for viewing or download from the GNWT Department of Lands website, and from an on-line engagement site.



2 Public Engagement Methods

Four different methods were used to engage the public in the project.



Available 24/7
May 4 to July 29,
2016

10 groups
May, June, 2016

5 times
June, 2016

2 days
July 6 and 7, 2016

This combination of methods provided people with options:

- Individual input or group discussions
- Organized events or informal and unscheduled
- Daytime or evening events
- In-person or on-line
- Activities that could be completed quickly or were more involved

An overview of each of the four methods follows.

2.1 On-Line Engagement

The public could participate on-line through the GNWT Department of Lands website or PlaceSpeak, a location-based civic engagement tool. People were made aware of PlaceSpeak through advertising in local media including newspapers and radio, and notices on the Department of Lands website. At pop-up kiosks and focus group sessions people were also directed to the website. During the open house portion of the engagement, a projector was set up to demonstrate the PlaceSpeak site.

Information available on both sites included:

- Key project messages
- An events schedule
- Summary and detailed background information for viewing or download
- Applications for public membership on a Planning Advisory Group
- A survey that could be downloaded and completed to provide more specific feedback

PlaceSpeak provided additional opportunities:

- An interactive map (Place-It) that participants could use to point out valued setting and add site specific notes
- An on-line version of the survey

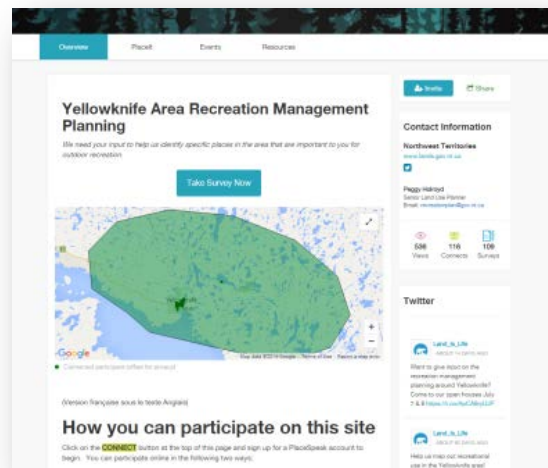
The use of PlaceSpeak resulted in a fairly high level of participation as shown by the numbers:



Note: Views indicate the number of people who looked at the site. Connects indicates the number of people who signed in. The number of surveys shown above includes those that were not completed. The number of surveys includes four that were not completed.



24 hour on-line public engagement from May 24 to July 29, 2016



2.2 Focus Groups

Focus groups were held throughout May and June. The primary purpose of the focus groups was to collect local knowledge about specific outdoor recreation settings, and the experiences in those settings.

Date	Attendance
May 31, 2016	7
June 1, 2016	10
June 3, 2016	6
June 7, 2016	3
June 8, 2016 (morning)	12
June 8, 2016 (evening)	4
June 15, 2016	7
June 21, 2016	8
June 22, 2016	9
June 29, 2016	5



A total of 71 people participated in groups of 5 to 12 people

Each focus group session followed a similar format:

- A GNWT staff person introduced the RMP
- The session facilitator explained the purpose of the focus group
- A demonstration of the GIS-based recreation resource inventory that the GNWT is creating
- Participants gathered around a large printed map and were asked to mark places on the map that they used for outdoor recreation, and to talk about each site
- In some sessions, places were entered directly into the GIS inventory using the projected map
- At the end of the sessions the information gathered on paper maps was transferred into the GIS inventory
- As people talked they were asked to think about the future, what they thought would enhance their experience, and what they thought decision makers should be aware of
- Following the mapping exercise participants were given the option of filling in a print version of the on-line survey/comment sheet, and were directed to the PlaceSpeak site where they could sign up for project updates
- Application forms for public membership in a Planning Advisory Group were available
- Participants were encouraged to complete evaluation forms

2.3 Information Kiosks

Pop-up information kiosks were set up in busy public locations throughout the month of June. Printed information about the public engagement process was available, and GNWT staff was available to answer questions and explanations. To encourage people to visit the PlaceSpeak on-line engagement site, small slips of paper with the website address were handed out.



June 9, 2016

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Sir John Franklin High School

St. Patrick High School

June 14 and 23, 2016

5:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Yellowknife Farmer's Market

June 30, 2016

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Franklin Avenue

2.4 Open House

An open house was held over two days at the Bromley Building, centrally located in downtown Yellowknife.

July 6th Daytime (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

July 6th Evening (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

July 7th Daytime (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

This event provided engagement opportunities for people who had not attended a focus group or participated on-line. The feedback collected to date was presented and participants were encouraged to respond to it.



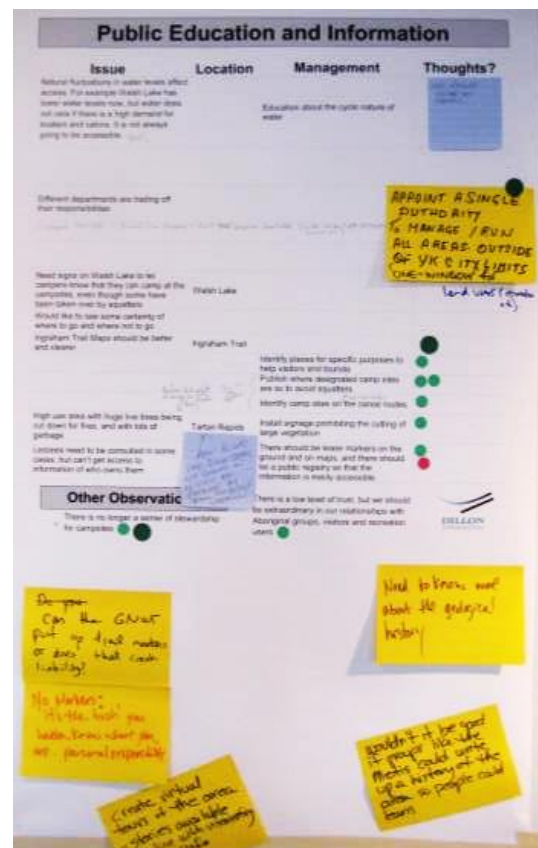
Over 40 people attended the open house. Facilitators were on site and able to direct people as well as answer questions.

On display at the Open House were:

- Posters summarizing comments from focus groups
- Posters summarizing Survey comments to date
- On-line tools (PlaceSpeak site and recreation inventory)
- Maps that could be marked
- A map showing places identified at focus group sessions

Participants were encouraged to use green and red dots to indicate agreement or disagreement with statements on posters (dot-mocracy) and to add comments. Printed surveys could be completed and submitted to a draw for a prize. Evaluation forms could also be completed and participants were directed to the on-line site for further comments, and to sign up for project updates.

Many people spent more than 30 minutes viewing the information and providing commentary.

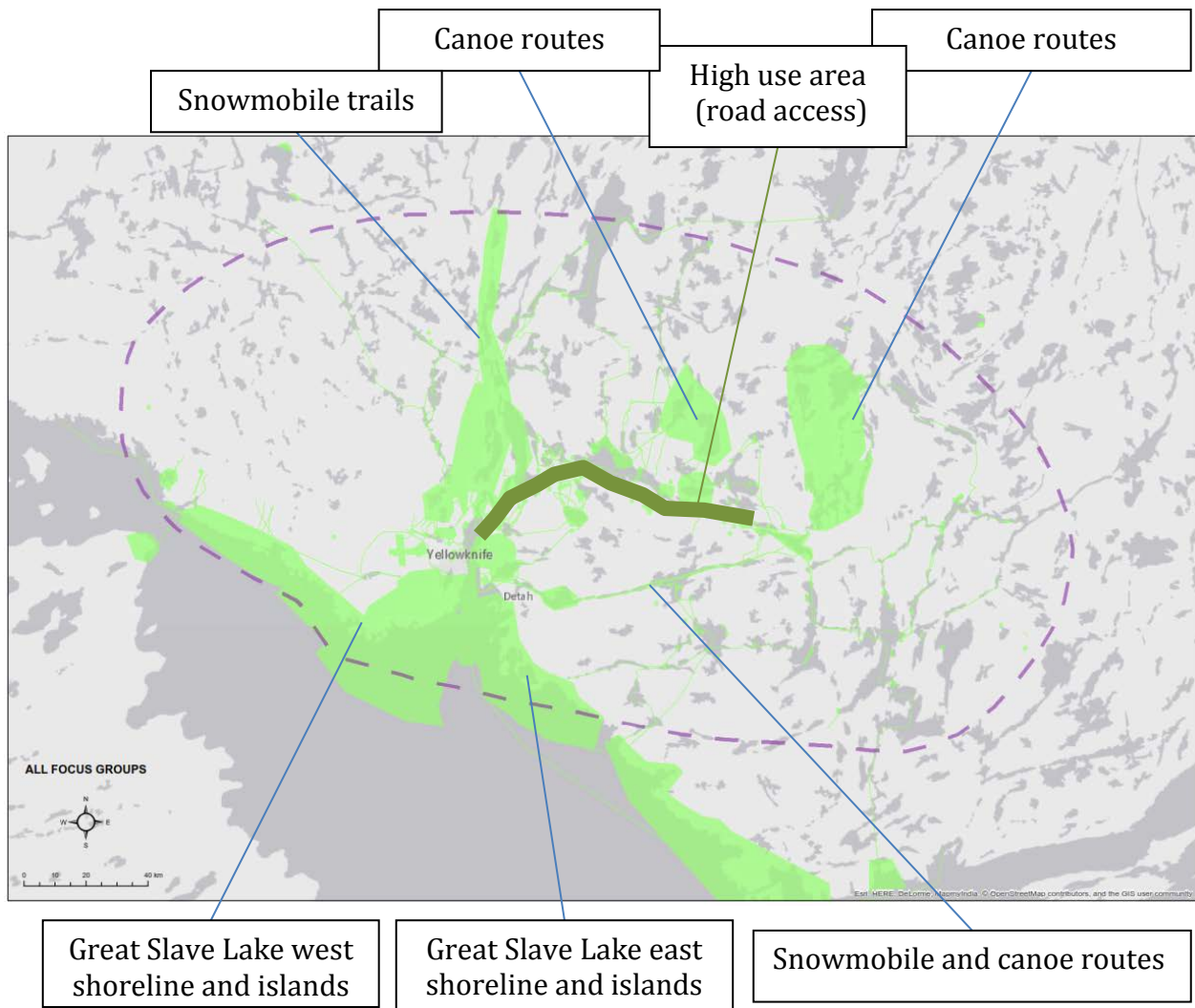


3 What We Learned

The purpose of the public engagement was to identify recreation sites used by the public and to build a better understanding of what people valued. The information that follows provides an overview of the findings. Detailed notes and responses from the different engagement methods are provided in Appendices 6.1 to 6.4

3.1 Places

Places where people go for outdoor recreation in the YPA were identified at focus groups mapping sessions, using the 'Place-It' map on the PlaceSpeak Site, and through answers to survey questions. A composite map of all the places identified is shown below. The dotted line represents the proposed recreation management planning study area.



Specific places were also identified by survey respondents with comments about what they valued. The selection below are representative of responses. All detailed responses received can be found in Appendix A.

Banting Lake	Wonderful location for skiing and camping.
Big Hill Lake	No motorized vehicle access.
Boundary Creek	Open early in the spring. Good bird watching.
Cabin Lake	Great day trip by snowmobile, good fishing.
Cameron River	Love the easy to follow trail and the view at the end.
Cameron Falls Trail	Although there has been development (i.e. signs & boardwalks), it still maintains a clean and natural walk, as if nothing had changed - you still feel as if you are hiking in nature and not a manmade path.
Cassidy Point	Boating, swimming and a small beach.
Great Slave Lake (North Arm,	Lots of cultural historic values in the area along the shore.

East Arm, Islands)	Lots of local recreation (canoe tripping) and tourism values.
Harding Lake	Fishing, boating, and snowmobiling.
Hay Lakes Trails	These are widely used by many residents and are unique because they can so easily be accessed without driving.
Hidden Lake	It's a beautiful, varied spot. Easy to get to but not too easy-- still feels like a trip. Really a treasure.
Landing Lake/Martin Lake Trail	This is a fantastic hike - so close to town and with fantastic views.
Pensive Lakes Loop	Wilderness canoeing close to Yellowknife.
Pontoon Lake and Fox Lake	Fox Lake is a short portage from Pontoon Lake. Since there are no motor boats, it is very quiet and enjoyable. Great for berry picking, watching wildlife.
Prelude Lake	It's a really beautiful area and has the nicest campground in the Yellowknife area.
Reid Lake	Has the most beautiful campground in the Yellowknife area - with friendly caretakers, playground and wash/bath facilities.
Ryan Lake Road	Great mud holes for off-roading.
Tartan Rapids	Possible to picnic early in the year when other water is not open.
Tibbitt Lake	Quiet lake - not too busy.
Yellowknife River Day Use Area	Kids can play on the facilities. Fire pits for cooking food. launching the boat.

The places identified through this public engagement are being compiled into a GIS recreation resources inventory. The information will be verified and used to inform the recreation management plan. In the future, after verification is complete, the inventory may be publicly released.

3.2 Activities

Through survey responses and in focus groups people identified a number of activities they enjoyed in summer and winter.

Berry picking	Natural areas with limited traffic
Bird watching	Quiet outdoor areas
Boating	Lakes with and without motorized boat access
Bonfires	Formal day use or camping areas, and more remote natural areas
Camping	In campgrounds and wilderness areas
Canoeing/paddling	Lakes and rivers with and without motorized boat access
Dogsledding	Snowmobile trails, informal ski trails, frozen lakes
Fishing	Rivers, lakes and frozen lakes
Hiking	Marked and unmarked trails in natural settings
Hunting	Remote areas with little traffic or other people.
Kayaking	Lakes and rivers with and without motorized boat access
Mountain biking	Trails where this is some dirt, and grooming and maintenance
Northern lights viewing	Areas with minimal light pollution
Picnicking	In campgrounds or day use areas, and wilderness areas
Quality time with family and friends	In campgrounds or day use areas, wilderness areas, at lake shores
Relaxing/ Communing with nature	Natural areas
Skiing	Snowmobile trails, informal ski trails, frozen lakes
Skijoring	Low traffic snowmobile trails, frozen lakes
Snowmobiling	Marked snowmobile trails, lakes
Staying in a cabin	Owned, borrowed or shared
Swimming	Monitored beaches and natural lake settings

3.3 Issues and Observations

Issues indicate that what people are experiencing is inconsistent with what they value. Comments about a number of issues were provided in survey responses, at focus group sessions, and at the open house. An overview of major themes is provided below. Detailed comments can be found in Appendices B and C.



- Some lakes should be kept 'paddle only'
- Few canoe routes and portages are maintained



- Existing boat launches are very congested and cannot handle demand – additional boat launch locations and infrastructure are needed
- Existing docks, boat launch areas, and portages need to be repaired and maintained
- Lack of garbage and toilet facilities at boat launches and along the Ingraham Trail



- Trailhead and trail signs are needed along popular trails
- Quads are ripping up key trails
- Tourists and visitors want more designated trails that are accessible.



- Parking lots and access points are full
- There is limited or no parking areas near access points to Madeline Lake, Ranney Hill, Big Hill Lake and parking along the highway can be hazardous
- Some parking areas need to be plowed in winter for snowmobile trailers and aurora viewing



- Need to consider the environmental impacts when locating cabins
- Local knowledge and site visits should be used to help determine any new lease boundaries



- Garbage is left at access points (boat launches, parking lots and trail heads)
- No clear government department responsible for cleaning
- Garbage is being dumped in camp bins instead being taken to the Yellowknife landfill



- There is a need for education of cabin owners about their rights in areas with mineral potential
- People should be made aware of natural fluctuations in water levels
- It is not clear to the public who they should contact if they see something going on that should not be

Other Observations

- Access by road or trail opens up any area to greater use
- Different uses can co-exist: cabin owners cited positive experience working with mining exploration in the Walsh Lake area
- It is important for other land users to know the locations of cabins or other buildings so they identify potential conflicts

3.5 Recommendations for Management Actions

Survey results included a number of suggestions for actions the GNWT could take to enhance the outdoor experience of respondents. Comments from focus groups provided many similar recommendations that were supported by attendees of the open house. Detailed comments can be found in Appendix B and E. Recommendations included:

- Control development to minimize disturbance to the natural setting
- Make more cabin leases available
- Distribute cabin lease locations to avoid crowding and to maintain public use areas
- Encourage and support cabin rental developments or camping alternatives such as Yurts or oTENTik
- Develop new campgrounds to relieve congestion at existing sites
- Develop more multi-use trails
- Maintain trails suited to a variety of fitness levels
- Set aside areas for specific types of activities
- Limit the size of boats allowed on some lakes
- Install signs identifying parks, trailheads, trail routes, portages and campsites
- Provide more public education and information about the land, flora, fauna, history, canoe routes, and trails
- Improve the parking along the road in summer and winter
- Improve the Ingraham Trail highway and Highway 3 west of Yellowknife
- Improve garbage and washroom infrastructure
- Publish information about recreation resources
- Enforce regulations
- Improve the maintenance and monitoring of existing areas before promoting the use of any new areas
- Involve people in the selection of any new lease locations
- Provide funding for non-profit groups to undertake annual clean-ups

4 Participation

An important goal of the recreation management planning project is to gather information from people with a wide range of interests.

4.1 Focus Group Participants

A number of different organizations were approached directly to participate in focus groups. An open invitation to the general public was also included with project information advertising, and on-line engagement sites. Focus groups were attended by:

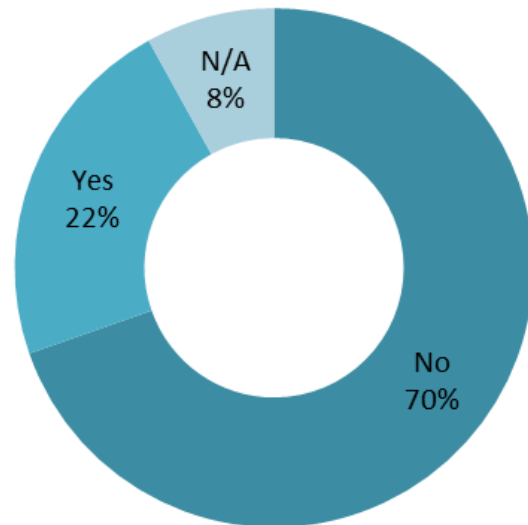
- Community and Recreation Organizations (representatives from Yellowknife Seniors Society, Great Slave Snowmobile Association Yellowknife Mountain Bike Club, Multisport Club, Girl Guides, Scouts Canada)
- Tourism industry representatives
- Mining Industry representatives
- GNWT field staff
- City of Yellowknife staff
- Lease holders

4.2 Survey Participants

More detailed information about participants could be gathered through surveys while still respecting privacy rights. The data is summarized below.

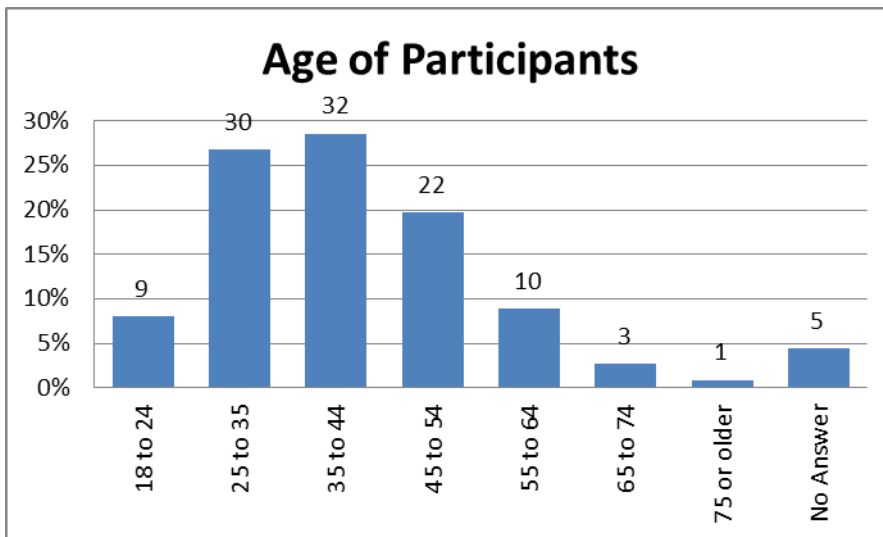
Recreational Land Interests

Respondents were asked to identify whether they owned a cabin in the area. From a total of 103 responses to this question 70% were people who did not own a cabin in the area.



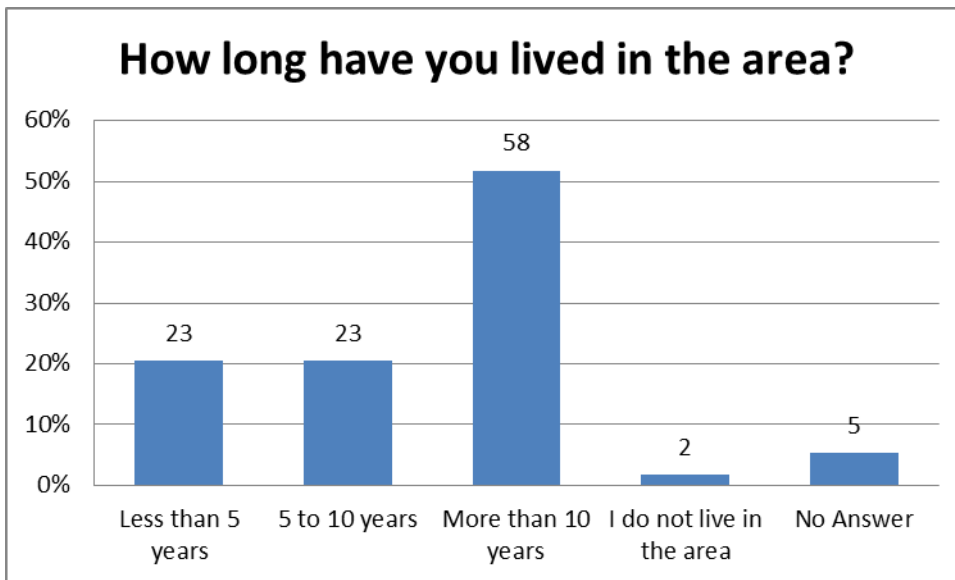
Age Groups

Respondents were asked to indicate which age group they belonged to. Of the total 107 responses to this question most people were in the 25 to 54 year age range.



Length of residency

Respondents were asked to indicate how long they had lived in the Yellowknife area. The majority of the 106 respondents to this question had been residents in the area for more than 10 years; however 46% had been residents for less than 10 years.



5 Concluding Remarks

The feedback gathered through this public engagement initiative represents the views of close to two hundred participants, but readers should note that:

- The information presented is not statistically valid
- The feedback does not represent a consensus view, although many similar points of view were expressed
- The places identified do not represent a comprehensive inventory of all places used for outdoor recreation in the area

5.1 Recreation Management Planning Information

The information presented in this report will be used to help draft a recreation management plan. It is likely that other issues and concerns related to recreation were not captured through this engagement process: for example, the wildfire risk in the area received little mention but will be important to consider. Information about activities and values can also be inferred from participant feedback. For example, participants mentioned activities of others that detracted from their own outdoor experience: from this it is clear that there are people with different values. Other land uses and values will also be considered in the recreation management planning process.

5.2 Public Engagement Evaluation

The total number of people who participated through all methods of engagement exceeded 200 people. Many participants were engaged for more than one hour, and many for up to two hours. People with a range of interests participated, from a relatively wide spread of age groups.

To gauge the effectiveness of the focus groups and open house, participants were encouraged to complete evaluation forms. A complete tally of responses can be found in Appendix F. The responses indicated that generally:

- People found the sessions well organized
- Focus groups and the open house were held at convenient places
- Participants felt they were able to make a positive contribution to the project
- Participants felt that the methods were somewhat successful in helping them to understand other points of view

“Feel our issues were heard and recognized”

“Great format of presented materials at Open House”

“Didn’t feel we were able to get you the detail you are asking for in the short time allotted”

Some responses indicated room for improvement:

- Sessions could have been longer to provide more detailed information

- The scale of maps used led to discussions about larger issues instead of detailed location identification

5.3 Next Steps

In the next phase of planning, the GNWT, in collaboration with the Planning Advisory Group and local Aboriginal governments, will:

- finalize a mapped inventory of recreational features and facilities in the area
- prepare a public summary of the issues and interests related to recreation management in the area
- draft a recreational management plan for the YPA

The draft plan will be made available for public comment.

Appendix A
Survey Responses: Favorite Locations

Q. Name up to three places where you go for outdoor recreation. What kinds of activities do you do there? When do you go there? What do you most appreciate about the place?

Location	Activities	Summer	Winter	Comments
Banting Lake	Skiing, camping		✓	GNWT could consider building infrastructure (such as cabins or camps) that could be rented by residence or visitors to decrease the demand for cabins leases and increase the accessibility to others.
	Canoeing swimming & cookout	✓		More climbing routes, hiking routes etc.
Big Hill Lake	Hiking	✓		It's tough to find the entryway, and there isn't much safe parking.
	Hike in, fish, camp, swim	✓	✓	I actually like that it's unmarked, to minimize the amount of foot traffic on the hike - but it needs the parking area fixed so you can drive off the road and out of traffic.
	Hike, Camp, Fish	✓		
	Hiking, canoeing, camping, fishing	✓		The trail from Madeline Lake side is good. This would be an ideal place to build up portage trails (boardwalk) from the Pontoon side for a reasonably accessible weekend canoe trip.
	Hiking, fishing, camping	✓	✓	Some work is required on upgrading some parts of the trail to facilitate use by cyclists. Having an area with limited access to motorized vehicles is fantastic... especially when there is good fishing. Because it stays that way ;)
	Hiking & camping	✓		
	Hiking	✓		
	Canoeing swimming & cookout	✓		More climbing routes, hiking routes etc.
	hiking, fishing, lounging	✓		Incredibly varied landscape on hike in; there are more fantastic fishing spots than the first couple, where most people stay.
	Snowmobile, fishing, hunting, quading, hiking	✓	✓	This is a fairly well used trail, that has no parking, signs or any infrastructure and usually results in vehicles parked along the side of the highway
hiking/walking	✓			

Location	Activities	Summer	Winter	Comments
Boundary Creek	Canoeing, hunting	✓	✓	Possible development areas south of the highway (campground on the big lake).
	Canoeing	✓		It is open in spring and is a good time to see the big side of Great Slave Lake when you get to the shore. There is the meandering creek that opens up into great bird viewing march in spring.
	Fishing, canoeing, camping	✓		Boundary Creek already has a good parking lot, a sign on the road, and is relatively close to town. Great creek to paddle. Should be identified by the GNWT as an official recreational paddling route.
Burwash Mine	Berry picking, exploring	✓		It is one of the few accessible places that has links to Yellowknife origins. Much of it is gone now, but it deserves some enhancement and interpretation.
Cabin Lake	Picnic, fish		✓	Great day trip by snowmobile, good fishing, nice loop trail back to Prelude Lake.
Cameron Falls	Hiking	✓		
	Hike, picnic at falls Have also paddled up to it via Prelude	✓	✓	It would be nice to have other trail options that provide a longer hike than the one that goes directly to the falls to make more of a day of it.
	Cameron Falls - hiking, relaxing	✓		
	Hike and swim	✓		Love the easy to follow trail and the view at the end.
	Hiking, picnic, dog walks	✓	✓	This is a fantastic trail and really should be celebrated and marketed to residents and tourists.
	Hike picnic	✓		Safety markings/signage. A board to post when bears have been sighted lookout spot with guard rail to keep kids behind.
	Dog walk, picnic, hike	✓	✓	Improved signage would be good - again, the new signs on Ingraham had me lost! And I've lived here for 20 years. They are too small. A garbage can on the trail would be nice - to remind those who litter that it's just as easy to put it away.
	Hike and picnic	✓		
	Picnic & swimming	✓	✓	Although there has been development (i.e. signs & boardwalks), it still maintains a clean and natural walk, as if nothing had changed (you still feel as if you are hiking in nature and not a man-made

Location	Activities	Summer	Winter	Comments
				path) - something I would like to see in other developed hiking areas,
	Take my parents for a walk	✓		On the other side of the Cameron River there could be a great hike to big Cameron falls, or possibly a hiking loop between big and Cameron falls. The side closest to the highway is a thick with trees, but the other side is nice open rock.
	Hikes, picnics, fishing	✓		
	Canoeing swimming & cookout	✓		More climbing routes, hiking routes etc.
	Walk in to falls every mothers day	✓		This hike has improved over the years. It should be continually maintained. The GNWT is doing a good job.
	Walk/hike	✓		Trails on the far side of the falls are through a fragile ecosystem and are eroding ... will eventually become dangerous
	hiking/walking/swimming	✓		hiking/walking/swimming
	walking trail at both sides	✓	✓	walking trail at both sides
Cameron Falls Day Use Area	Hike. Picnic Lunch. Relaxation	✓	✓	The garbage needs to be monitored a bit better. Understood the park cannot be stationed but regular/random patrols of the park might help with people leaving trash and household waste all over.
	Go for a walk/picnic/pictures	✓		
	Camp, canoe, fish	✓		
	Paddle	✓		Where road crossing occur, be great to have portage signage for drivers to be aware of potential canoeists crossing.
Cameron River	camp, picnic, swim	✓		The Cameron River rapids(unofficial) campsite. Despite the natural beauty of the area, the rapids are a site of parties, noise, destruction of natural habitat, human waste all up and down the river and garbage being tossed in the bush or thrown in the river. The Cameron rapids are a heavily used camping and recreation area with no supports or controls. It is a site of drunken partying, has been the site of assaults and accidental deaths related to drinking. The piles of garbage are several feet high by the end of the summer, thereby presenting wildlife concerns. This area

Location	Activities	Summer	Winter	Comments
				could be a jewel in the list of parks in the Northwest Territories. It presents an unmatched swimming and playing area for families. The Jackpine are ancient and massive. Currently this area is uncontrolled and could be amazing! Please act before it is completely destroyed.
	camping, swimming, hiking	✓		There are beautiful rapids and a great spot to camp but I have stopped going there in recent years as people have not been respecting the spot - leaving behind large amounts of trash and cutting down the nicest trees in the area. a good spot for kids and people who aren't so comfortable with the outdoors because it's right off the highway. Camping spot just off the right of the bridge by cameron river and over the hill, there are beautiful rapids and a great spot to camp but I have stopped going there in recent years as people have not been respecting the spot - leaving behind large amounts of trash and cutting down the nicest trees in the area.
	painting, swimming, camping, hiking	✓	✓	
	hike in and sit and watch the falls	✓		
	Go to the cabin on Prosperous	✓	✓	
	Old cabin owners of the area, but still return to boat & swim, as well as go to the small beach located off the road	✓	✓	Cleaning up/regulating the camp/RV park area there - it is quite a bit of an eyesore, as well as dirty. Not sure how this place has become what it is either.
Cassidy Point	Day use, family picnics, quiet time pass, fishing boating, - meditation, joy walking, hiking, - trail walking day use, lake - water - aurora watching - ecology north - birch sap - extraction - sugar shack -	✓	✓	Keep it least disturbed - let nature remain untouched - best is to improve communication -/- washroom facilities. Should be encouraged to grow more trees

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Con Mine area	Hiking, picnics, dog walking, nature appreciation and fishing - canoeing but that has been a couple of years. AND taking tourists and family members out especially to see the night skys - photography of areas without light pollution	✓	✓	Limited to all.
	Hike, run, snowshoe	✓	✓	I like the views of the Robertson Headframe, as well as of Dettah. Lots of different trails and off-trail areas to explore. Shame someone has illegally put a houseboat along the shore in one small bay.
Fred Henne Park	Long Lake - swimming	✓		
	Swim, camp, hike	✓		Beach attenders and life jackets are great. More picnic tables would be ideal.
Grace Lake and beyond	Dogsledding, snowmobiling		✓	Snow machines fly through these trails. Some parts are very narrow and only have room for one 'lane'. This could cause a head on collision with a dog team and snow machine. I think it could be solved with some education and signage. I also think (since this could be a tourist draw on rented snowmobiles) it could be an opportunity for interpretive signs on the history of dogsledding in the North. This was such a huge part of northern history/culture (it was the main form of transportation until the 1970's) but information on this history is sorely lacking. The mining and aviation information overruns that of dogsledding.
Great Slave Lake islands (Yellowknife Bay, North Arm, Pilot Islands)	picnic, fish , hike , overnight camping, snowmobile , ski , kite ski	✓	✓	Get rid of squatters.
	Spring, summer, fall: Camping, picnicking, paddling, boating, berry picking. Winter: skiing, kicksledding, biking	✓	✓	Develop and enforce rules and regulations about squatting and leases for buildings and other uses. Many islands are now closed to public use due to cabins, houses, squatter shacks or permanent wall tents etc. being erected on islands that contain flat areas for camping and safe harbour/canoe access. More spring up every

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				year due to poor regulation and monitoring. Are we heading into a time when anyone can claim an island and build on it? Should we all be out there claiming one for our children and families before all the "good ones" are gone?
	Boating, fishing, picnicking, overnight camping, berry picking	✓		
	Fishing and picnic	✓		Much more public education about keeping the islands clean of garbage! I'm not sure signage would help but for the more popular places it might be worth it. A PSA could suggest to people who use the islands or any trails around to take an extra bag and bring home garbage with themselves.
	Picnic, Boat, Fish, Hike/Explore	✓	✓	There are several cabin sites popping up that limit the access and enjoyment of the regular public through the area. Many of the best island access and fishing locations are being occupied by people erecting cabins. If cabin leasing opportunities are not an opportunity provided to everyone, it makes the law abiding citizens have limited opportunities and locations to access the land.
	fishing, boating (motor & sail), taking dogs to the islands there to run	✓		We often find garbage there - not sure if it's deliberate littering or if it's brought in by ice.
	Boating, relaxing, fishing, exploring	✓		Need marina improvements. Establish and Map preferred unregulated day use and camping sites to focus users to existing sites rather than keep making new ones.
	Boating, skidooing	✓	✓	Garbage can be an issue in the winter time along the ice road, signage may help address this issue.
	Cross country ski, fish (domestic-net and recreational), canoe	✓	✓	Negus point is a useful access for some activities, but resident (we have a friend who lives there) have expressed concern about suspicious people parking there so if they see a car there they sometimes report to police (not knowing whether someone is hiking/canoeing vs drug dealing...). A separate and more general issue is noise and safety related to motorized recreational vehicles. Modern high powered snowmachines can be extremely loud (and obnoxious) and sometimes travel at potentially unsafe (high) speeds in Yellowknife Bay and Back Bay. for residents,

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				skiers, walkers, snowshoers, etc, this can be an annoyance and safety hazard.
	fishing, boating (motor & sail), taking dogs to the islands there to run	✓		We often find garbage there - not sure if it's deliberate littering or if it's brought in by ice.
	Boating, fishing	✓		
Great Slave Lake, North Arm	Camping, boating, fishing, skidooring	✓	✓	
	canoe (and fish for food while canoe tripping), ski	✓	✓	Lots of cultural historic values in the area along the shore. lots of local recreation (canoe tripping) and tourism values.
Harding Lake	Fish Boat Relax Snowmobile	✓	✓	My family has owned a fishing lodge on this lake for 35 years.
Hay Lakes loop and Burwash trails	Skiing, skijoring		✓	I'm not sure what land use designations the trail networks off of Yellowknife Bay have but these are widely used by many residents and are unique because they can so easily be accessed without driving. Plans to protect these trails are needed.
Hidden Lake	Camping	✓		Love the fact that motor access is limited because of the portages. So nice to only see (and not hear) paddlers.
	Canoeing, camping	✓		
	Canoe, camp, fish, hike	✓		This is a great place reasonably close to yellowknife for canoe camping. if people keep it clean and respect the land and water in the area no improvements will be needed for a long time. the portage trails require some regular maintenance probably every few years.
	Canoe, camp, fish	✓		
	Canoeing, fishing, camping	✓		
	Paddling, fishing, hiking, camping	✓		It's a beautiful, varied spot. Easy to get to but not too easy--still feels like a trip. Really a treasure.
	Communing with nature, canoeing, camping, fishing, enjoying no powerboats, birdwatching	✓		Take your garbage out with you. It has mining potential around the east end of Hidden Lake where the old Ragged Ass gold mine was. Also lithium potential currently.

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	Fishing, canoeing and camping	✓		
	canoe camping and fishing skiing	✓	✓	Keep it as wild and pure as possible
	Paddling/canoe-camping/fishing/swimming	✓		landing at the third portage is terrible and could use a more permanent structure built
	A weekend long canoe trip, cross country skiing in the winter	✓	✓	I think it's best to keep the area as natural as possible since that is the main attraction of going. There are few cabins and no power boats.
	swim, paddle, camp	✓		Beautiful! The clearest water. Perhaps education on how to leave a camping area natural ie. not cutting trees-only collecting deadfall, trying not to trample beds of reindeer moss, using existing firepits, not flicking cigarette butts, hauling out garbage etc. But then doing patrols of the trails and camping areas to make sure they are clean. perhaps closing camping areas to allow natural vegetation to grow back?
	Canoeing and camping	✓		It's awesome!
	camping, swimming, fishing, canoeing	✓		
	Canoe	✓		
Ingraham Trail	Climbing	✓		
	Drive to access lakes and cabins	✓	✓	Fix and maintain road.
Ingraham Trail and Frontier Trail	Cycling	✓		The Ingraham Trail can be dangerous to cycle on and the road needs to be improved.
	Picnic, Explore, Camping	Yes	No	Areas along highway 3 should be developed a recreational spots and camping areas as alternates to the densely utilized spots on the Ingraham Trail. This also would provide tourists better rest stops and accommodations, especially given how long the distance is to Yellowknife and how hard it is to get a spot a Fred Henne Park to camp,
Ingraham Trail ridge right after	Hike, snowshoe, picnic, enjoy sunset	✓	✓	Development of a motocross track at the old stock car track would pretty much ruin the appeal of this spot. There's a great view toward Yellowknife River, Yellowknife Bay, and the distant

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Dettah turnoff				Yellowknife skyline.
	Hike Contemplate life's beauty Views Feel the wind	✓	✓	Value: be respectful and don't litter! Also, safety with undesignated fires is an issue. You can see people have made for pits along the trail. These are high up, high wind areas that could easily start a fire within a few km of Yellowknife and Dettah.
Jenne John Lake	Skidoo and ice fish		✓	Great skidoo ride in the winter.
Kam, Keg, Peg lake chain	Dogsledding, snowmobiling		✓	Snowmachines fly through these trails. Some parts are very narrow and only have room for one 'lane'. This could cause a head on collision with a dog team and snowmachine. I think it could be solved with some education and signage.
Landing Lake	Fishing, swimming, canoeing, camping, snowshoeing, skiing	✓	✓	Ranny Hill trail, which is nearby, is commonly used but has scant markers. This is a fantastic hike that I think should be better developed with parking and signs. So close to town and with fantastic views.
Long Lake	Go to the beach and swim	✓		People don't seem to care about leaving their garbage lying around at the beach and kitchen house. Great place to "get away from town" while still being in Yellowknife.
Madeleine Lake	Day use	✓		
	Swim, Paddleboard, Picnic	✓		This area should have a small beach developed and increased parking to make it an alternate to Prelude or Fred Henne which are always too busy.
Martin Lake	Hiking and fishing	✓		Both the trail in and the lake as a wall-eye fishing spot are getting a lot more use these days than it seems they have in the past.
Pensive Lakes loop	Canoeing, Camping, Fishing	✓		A great, off the beaten path summer canoe route. Great fishing, wonderful views, and very few people. Keep it that way!
	Camping, paddling.	✓		Most areas should be keep natural. The wilderness is the reason we are still in Yellowknife.
Plant Lake hiking trail	hiking, berry picking	✓		
	Canoeing and fishing	✓		Canoeing and fishing
Pontoon Lake	canoeing, kayaking, berry picking	✓		Fox Lake is a short portage from Pontoon Lake. Since there are no motor boats, it is very quiet and enjoyable. Great for berry picking, watching wildlife.

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	canoe, kayak, hiking, berry picking, snowshoeing	✓	✓	ENR used to provide canoe route maps, etc. at boat launches. That was a good idea to inform people who are unfamiliar with the areas
	Hiking and walking the dogs, staring at people's cabins dreaming and hoping they will come up for sale one day	✓	✓	It is so important that the GNWT free up more land for cabin leases in the Yellowknife area - and that leases be kept large and that some be road access. Yellowknifers live in such confined spaces, whether it's on small city lots or in condos/apartments, and there is nowhere to get away for a weekend that doesn't involve an airplane. After we lost last summer's cabin lottery, I told my husband I was fed up and that we should consider leaving the NWT because we can't have the quality of life I assumed I could have when I moved here from the south 10 years ago. I have started to look for cottages on the west coast because they are nicer, more affordable and in higher supply. We desperately want to buy or build a cabin on a lake with road access within 45-60 minutes from Yellowknife.
	Fishing from a boat	✓		Boat launch.
	Fish	✓	✓	Boat launch.
	BBQ	✓		BBQ
	Fishing, photography, wildlife watching, bird-watching, kayaking, ice fishing, snowmobiling,	✓	✓	
Powder Point	Park in the winter for access to cabin		✓	Need a dock for better water access in the summer. Nice parking area and it is nice that there is a washroom and garbage bin there, it helps keep it clean.
Prelude Lake (including Park and campground)	Canoeing swimming & cookout	✓		More climbing routes, hiking routes etc.
	Camp, launch boat, hike the trails, ski doo	✓	✓	Should be more room for boats in the water. Nicest campground in the YK area.
	Camp, boat, fish, hike	✓		
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	Snow shoe, hiking, kayaking			This is where we have a cabin. We would like the opportunity buy the land we currently lease.
	Camp, hike access water	✓		There is a lot of property taken up by the old Aurora World infrastructure. This area is no longer used as a commercial tourist area and should be taken back by the GNWT.
	Fishing camping hiking swimming picnic	✓	✓	More infrastructure boat launch/marina.
	Fish and hunt (not for years due to ban on caribou), relax with peace and quiet by enjoying all of nature surrounding me	✓	✓	Needs to be dredged, more docks that are actually stable, more boat launches and extend the beach for day time users. Enforce the No parking rules for boaters and vehicles.
	Camp	Yes	No	Easy to tie a boat up and lots of good camping spots.
	Walk/hike	✓		Love the fact that investments have been made to make it accessible and sustainable (protect the environment)
	Boating, snowmobiling, quading, fishing, hunting, wakeboarding.	✓	✓	Several recent "improvements" have reduced the available parking and accessibility. With the pending park expansion this area needs to be addressed/expanded to accommodate the anticipated volume of users. Several users leave their boats at the public dock throughout the day making launching and retrieving crafts difficult. Long-term marina has been destroyed. new marina should include a short term or day-use mooring
	Visit friends - boat, pick berries, local plants	✓	✓	

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	painting, swimming, camping, hiking	✓	✓	
Prelude Lake east	Live there	✓	✓	Start dealing with titling land parcels rather than leasing. This may help in changing people's behaviour towards keeping properties clean.
Prelude Lake east and west	Canoe, kayak, hiking, berry picking, snowshoeing	✓	✓	ENR used to provide canoe route maps, etc. at boat launches. That was a good idea to inform people who are unfamiliar with the areas
Prelude Lake islands and shoreline	Picnic, fish , hike , overnight camping, snowmobile , ski	✓	✓	Get rid of squatters – they are leaving a mess.
Prelude Lake nature walk	Mountain biking & hiking	✓		The majority of the trail is ride-able by bike, but there is one or two areas where there could be some work done to make it easier for newer cyclists to ride it. Also, it's a really beautiful area so developing the trail network even further would be a great opportunity to showcase the beautiful location.
	Hiking, dog walking, berry or mushroom harvesting	✓		Seems like a reasonable place for some interpretive signage to support tourism.
	Sometimes I head down to have lunch at the launch area of the park	✓	✓	It should be well advertised to visitors. It's an easy hike/walk. it would be great if there were more amenities when you get to such a place.
	Hike	✓	✓	fairly accessible trail, however the best part (on the rocks with views of Prelude) is very hard to get to; would be great to have stairs up/down and perhaps a boardwalk on the rocks
Prelude Lake northwest shore	Picnic, random tent camping, fishing	✓	✓	Prelude Main Boat Launch. Larger shallow bay with a wide variety of nesting birds.
Prelude Lake: Camp Dechinta (Girl Guide camp)	Camping with kids	✓	✓	It is a private area that is used by non-members without permission because I assume they think this part of the park? i.e. snowmobiles and ATVs going through property, not staying on trails, using our outhouses/filling them up/illegal dumping, stealing firewood. Also lease duration limitations especially with respect to leasehold improvements. And finally Parking Area adjacent to the lease is being used by squatters or people leaving derelict assets.

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Prospector Trail	Mostly hiking	✓		This hike could be better if the trail brought the hiker to the water more often. Also, better trail markers would be much appreciated.
Prosperous Lake	Camp and fish	✓	✓	
	Boating, fishing	✓		There should be less squatting on the shoreline. It's part of Sir John Franklin's route to the barrenlands from early 1800s. It's overfished now.
	Boating, fishing	✓	✓	Increase boat launch to two.
	Snowmobile Boat and Fish	✓	✓	
	own cabin	✓	✓	
	Visit friends - boat, pick berries, local plants	✓	✓	
Ptarmigan Mine	Walk, hike	✓		Off-limits to the public but is an interesting place to walk around and used by many people. Some long term preservation of the mine structures would be nice but probably unlikely.
Raney Hill: Raney Hill/Martin Lake Trail, off Vee Lake access road.	Hiking & picnicing	✓		
	Hiking/snowshoeing	✓	✓	
	Hike, Camp	✓	✓	I appreciate how natural this location is, but I think having signs for trail starting locations would help facilitate first timers and tourists, which the region seems to be trying to invest in.
	Hiking, picnics, fishing, backpacking	✓		
	hiking/walking	✓	✓	
	hiking, picnic	✓		directional signage in some points would be useful as people use this area for many activities it can be easy to get lost. but I know of a lot of people who do the hike to the top of the hill for the view of Yellowknife and the surrounding area
	hike	✓		Remove old flags and put new ones or little plates in the trees. Been there a lot and still get lost sometimes when I go to Martin Lake
Reid Lake (including	Kayak, camp in summer (visit friend's cabin and use	✓	✓	

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Campground and Day Use Area)	campground) Snowshoe in winter (at friend's cabin)			
	Camp, ski doo	✓	✓	Great place.
	Camping, access water - fishing	✓		Most beautiful campground in the Yellowknife area.
	Camping	✓		
	Tent camping and swimming in the summer. Dog walking once or twice per winter.	✓	✓	There should be more leases. This is a wonderful spot with lovely views. And the water is warm(ish)!
	Canoeing, kayaking, fishing. Snow machine access on lake	✓	✓	Could use a few more camping spots. Understood the footprint is larger but it would help the congestion of Prelude and Henne Park.
	Camping, canoeing	✓		The views from Loop C is what I appreciate. Plus the super friendly caretakers, playground and wash/bath facilities.
	Day use, family picnics, quiet time pass, fishing boating, - meditation, joy walking, hiking, - trail walking	✓	✓	Keep it least disturbed - let nature remain untouched - best is to improve communication -/- washroom facilities
	Painting, swimming, camping, hiking	✓	✓	
	Camp and canoe	✓		Nice camping spot - rapids are beautiful.
River Lake	Canoeing, picnicking, hiking, visiting with cabin neighbours	✓	✓	Boat launch at Prelide is too small to meet the demand on this facility. River Lake has some great campsites that should be preserved for that purpose before they are taken over by squatters.
	Visit friends - boat, pick berries, local plants	✓	✓	Concerned about the river system on Ingraham Trail being over used. Squatters are more likely to pollute (Wash dishes, bath in the water)
	canoe camping	✓		
Ryan Lake Road	Off-Roading	✓		Great mud holes!

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Sparrow Lake	Campins, paddling	✓		
Stagg Lake	Fishing,camping hunting	✓		
Tibbit Lake	Canoe, kayak, hiking, berry picking, snowshoeing	✓	✓	ENR used to provide canoe route maps, etc. at boat launches. That was a good idea to inform people who are unfamiliar with the areas.
	Fishing, canoeing, camping	✓	✓	All weather road to Gordon lake.
	Canoe	✓		
	Visit friends at their cabin; swimming, fishing, just relaxing on the dock, pick berries, have bbqs, quality time with family and our friends	✓	✓	More opportunities for cabin leasing would be great, but not so many that the lake loses it's quiet, calm appeal.
	canoeing, swimming, camping, catch and release fishing.	✓		Just a small island that wouldn't benefit from any further management or adjustments. but its perfect.
	Swimming, canoeing, camping	✓	✓	This is a wonderful place to visit. It is the furthest lake on the Ingraham trail which makes it less busy than others, to me that is a big draw. I don't wish to see any more development in area. When it comes to trails i believe that what is there is enough and that we should try to keep it as natural as possible.
	Cabin	✓	✓	
	Canoeing, swimming, snowmobiling,	✓	✓	There are a significant amount of people who use the area garbage and washroom facilities would help keep the area clean. There is garbage that goes through the ice in the winter due to the ice road. It's very quiet which is a huge draw as it feels like you can get away.
	Paddling/canoe-camping/fishing/swimming	✓		landing of portage on Goop Lake (coming from Tibbitt) needs to be improved/structure built
Upper Terry Lake	Canoeing, fishing and camping	✓		
Vee Lake	Hiking	✓	✓	Maps, better marked trails.

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	Fishing, bonfires	✓	✓	There should be a night patrol and fines for garbage makers who leave beer cans littered all over the lake.
	large family camps on a long weekend swimming boating fishing hiking	✓		large family camps on a long weekend swimming boating fishing hiking
		✓	✓	
Victory Lake	large family camps on a long weekend swimming boating fishing hiking	✓		
Walsh Lake	Relax Maintain the cabin Hike Cross-country ski Just get away from the town	✓	✓	There needs to be high priority give to canoe and kayak campers. The lease recently given to former squatters removed the best camping sites making use more difficult for families. In the bay beside my cabin the water is very shallow, too shallow for boat traffic. Loons nest there; beavers have a lodge; eagles sit in a tree over our cabin and hunt; fish spawn in the weeds, and kingfishers ply their trade and a few years ago the Government tried to drop several new leases in the bay. They didn't have a clue what they were doing. The bay should not be developed.
	Picnic, boat, campfires, swimming, get-togethers	✓		
	Boating, fishing	✓		
Yellowknife River	Skidoo, fish, boat, hunt, camp	✓	✓	Summer and fall access across the bluefish hydro site needs to be restructured. currently access is dependent on the mood of the dam operator on shift. The current portage option without crossing the dam site is across the winter road access. I'd like to see a dedicated path through the dam site with proper signage.
	Bonfire with kids and friends	✓	✓	
Yellowknife River Day Use Area	Kids can play on the facilities. Fire pits for cooking food. launching the boat	✓		It is heavily use and the facilities need to be upgraded to match the use. Some walking trails in that area would be an improvement.
	Canoeing, kayaking and a bit of swimming. Snow	✓	✓	Might consider an extra spot for fire pit. Although it's first come first serve, the fire pit is often used by one group from 9am to

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	machine access in winter			9pm. Another two or three pits would be helpful.
	Fishing, fire, kids playground, and night time northern lights viewing	✓	✓	More sites further along waters edge. Signage about safety risk to jump off road into water.
	Launching my boat, lunch with family	✓		I am concerned by unruly behavior and substance abuse at the site.
	BBQ	✓		
	Boating, canoeing day trips	✓		I enjoy the Yellowknife river because it is close to town and i've been going there with my family for many years. I am often disappointed with the way others treat the area. I've witnessed a lot of people leaving garbage in the rec area and tossing it into the water and leaving it on shore.
Yellowknife River north side of highway just past Dettah turn-off, overlooking Cinnamon Island	Mountain biking and hiking	✓		There is a blind turn on the highway that is desperately in need of signage warning of cyclists and hikers. This area has a fantastic amount of promise for a large network of mountain biking trails. The elevation changes and proximity to Yellowknife make it a great spot for developing a mountain bike park.
	Hiking, picnic, mountain biking	✓		
Yellowknife River trails along ridge (West Bay Fault possibly)	Hiking, berry picking, bird watching	✓		
Yellowknife River Tartan Rapids	Canoeing swimming & cookout	✓		There should be more climbing routes, hiking routes etc. Tartan Rapids is a wonderful place but it starting to collect a lot of garbage. This location could benefit from education to the public about keeping it clean and assistance on organizing a cleanup
	Canoeing and kayaking, early season bird watching and camping, good place to	✓		

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	go for early spring water activity			boat access would help (ten horsepower or less).
	Picnic early in the year when other water is not open	✓		The last two times I was at this location I was embarrassed to think that visitors come here and see all the garbage. Also the garbage spoiled the outing for me. The signage re garbage were very inadequate. Just made of paper and too small.
	berry picking fishing bird watching photography	✓		I visit this site at least 10 times a year. The natural rock formations, gentle flow of the river are quite special. It should not get any special attention - [people are quite respectfull of it already. If there is one thing - can anyuthing be done to control the stupid jet boat yahoos from roaring upo the rapids? There;s gonna be an accident someday.

Appendix B
Issues and Management Suggestions by Theme

During focus group sessions a number of issues and potential management actions were discussed, sometimes relevant to a specific location, but often general in nature. Comments were recorded and organized into theme areas. At the Public Open House the themes were presented as posters and participants encouraged putting a green or red dot next to the comments to indicate agreement or disagreement with issues or management action suggestions.

Themes

- Boats including Canoes
- Cabins
- Garbage
- Infrastructure
- Opportunities
- Parking
- Public Education and Information
- Trails

These themes were selected to organize the information for the Open House only. The themes are not intended as recreation management planning categories.

Theme: Boats including Canoes

Boat Issues	Location	Boat Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Degradation of connection/ portage between Vee Lake and Walsh Lake	Walsh Lake		Ownership of v-lake boat launch needs to be identified and developed to be useful with maintenance and enforcement. Vee Lake boat launch - parking lot and road needs government support and maintenance (garbage removal) - dock/ space for temporary boat parking		
Boat launches are not maintained	Vee Lake and Walsh Lake			1	
Fluctuating water levels affects access to lakes and rivers				2	
Prelude Main is the key boat launch now since Powder Point is too low, but can't handle the traffic	Prelude Main				
Prelude boat launch doesn't have facilities-toilet, garbage, and picnic. It is not a park	Prelude			1	
Over congested dock/ boat launch at Prelude main means that cabin owners now park at Prelude East, which has limited parking and garbage (old cars etc.).	Prelude			2	
Docks are not maintained, lessees try to maintain them but every year they are destroyed				1	
Many lakes other than Prosperous need dock infrastructure.				1	
Few canoe and portage routes are maintained, and this leads to concentrated use along these routes	Jennejohn - Goop Lake circuit	Increase the number of maintained canoe routes		2	

Boat Issues	Location	Boat Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Some recreation users appreciate lakes where power boats can't go	Big Hill Lake Some lakes close to the city Hidden Lake Lower Tibbit and Terry Lakes	Some lakes should be reserved for canoes and kayaks (non-motorized boats)		6	
Safety is an issue and the shoreline has been damaged.	Yellowknife River	If this was more widely known, maybe there would be less garbage, and more likely that campers would clean up the park		2	
		Limit the sizes of the boats on some lakes		2	1
There are not enough access points or docks on the big lake for canoes	Great Slave Lake shoreline			1	

Other Observations:

- People camping at boat launches every night
- Grace Lake is a good example of how the city has tried to keep is a canoe, paddle board and kayak only lake by blocking the boat launch with boulders; this should be incorporated into the broader area
- The boating experience has changed a lot over the past # of years. Bigger boats - more places accessible, but also more garbage
- many canoe routes can be maintained by our feet. These routes are not for the weak of heart.

Theme: Cabins

Cabin Issues	Location	Cabin Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Banting Lake has room for many more leases, but need parking	Banting Lake			2	5
	Prosperous East	Open land up for cabins on Prosperous East to relieve some of the pressure in Prelude and Reid	Cabins should be spread out! This is why people live in the territories... space! Why congest our lakes?	1	3
	The visual landscape and appeal are being compromised by new structures	There should be regulations for how far back from the water, and how visible the structures are		6	
Need to consider proximity of leases and how much the lake can take on with effluents and sewage (ecological carrying capacity) , as well as aesthetic reasons		Current distribution on Walsh Lake is almost right	Leases must be checked to ensure compliance and environmental (clean), and leasers do not dispose of waste in water	8	
Proposed leases should be spread out and not clustered	Walsh is an example where cabins are too clustered and the lake is too populated	New leases should be spread out and not clustered		7	
Past leases were grouped too close together, this takes away from the wilderness attraction	Walsh Lake, Prelude and Pontoon	Need leases spread out		3	
At sites with road access it is okay to cluster, but remote areas cabins should stay further apart				5	
		Recreation leases should be a minimum distance of 1 km apart	Need choices both leases close to each other e.g. friends/ family might want to be close and also leases far apart for those who	2	3

Cabin Issues	Location	Cabin Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
			want distance		
		Government should get out of choosing lease locations. Users should survey their own spots and fly out with local airlines, then go to the government and ask them for the land		1	1
		The government should set up rules and have enforcement roles		3	
		Some areas should be taken off the map because of cultural, archaeological, or public recreation uses. E.g. within 500 m of Yellowknife River should be taken off the areas available. This will set up a new industry, help airlines, and distribute recreational leases	Yellowknife River watershed needs more specific restrictions to protect the water source	4	
There are already too many squatters on mineral claim areas	Greenstone belt	Keep cabins off the Greenstone Belt	Mineral claim does not mean others can't use the land	2	
		People who assign cabin leases should go and survey them to see the landscape and whether it is habitable		5	
		Public should be able to go out, find the land they want and then ask for it to be surveyed and get the permits for it. This worked well at Walsh Lake, when 12 people originally chose their land. Some people might want land that the		2	1

Cabin Issues	Location	Cabin Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
		government doesn't think of for leases e.g. on top of a rocky cliff			
		When new leases are surveyed, use local knowledge and consult with the people who will be affected by them (e.g. neighbours)		5	
Cabins are too close to the water's edge and are taking over the shoreline of outdoor space		There should be rules to dictate minimum setbacks and heights. Future leases should avoid areas that are prime camping spots for the public	No leases close to water, leave a large public buffer for all the + the future + the water quality	6	
Cabins are being built too close to water and becoming too built up - losing the visible landscape					
Cabin owners are worse to the environment than is allowed at mines- dumping grey water, oil drums are left out. They don't follow the rules, yet mining activities will be inspected every three days for those items				3	3
Lease rates are quite low		If we raise them it might help to reduce the demand and help to pay for enforcement and protection		2	2
		Enforce lease conditions		4	

Other Observations (from Focus Groups and Open House):

- In future some current cabin owners may pass them on to family members, and some may sell them
- Squatters are selling their spots to other squatters this is unacceptable. Squatters should have to register, if they don't they should be removed. Squatters should only be allowed to stay for 2 or 3 years and at the end remove their stuff. If they don't it should be removed and they should be charged the cost. They should have rules to follow!
- unauthorized occupation (squatter) should not be given first right at that location
- squatters to be removed promptly
- should be an option to purchase lease
- 5 year leases rolled into the current cottage lease framework. Allows more investment and ownership which breeds cleanliness, and responsible use
- Consider selling lots to owners
- Why are squatters, long term or not, getting rights?

Theme: Garbage

Garbage Issues	Location	Garbage Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Any access point has garbage - there are no garbage cans, and people don't clean up after themselves	All access points E.g. Tartan Rapids, Vee Lake			3	
Every spring, summer, and fall the garbage bins are over flowing all around the boat launches	Boat launches			5	
Vee Lake Road is extremely littered - every year there is a clean-up, but larger items are strewn further off the road into the bush: tires, palettes, household items, washers	Vee Lake road		clean up abandoned camps - Walsh Lake, Banting Lake and everywhere else they occur	2	
Lots of garbage on trails and access roads that need to be cleaned up	Vee Lake and Crestaurum Road			1	
Garbage	Grassy Lake Falls, Burnt Island, Berry Island				
There are big tires on Prelude Lake from ice fishing- called ENR and DFO, both say it's the other departments issue. No one takes ownership so lessees clean up themselves.	Prelude Lake		Monitor littering by a litter patrol or garbage cans at busy locations. Issue some fines, publicize this		
The ATV trail up to Hay Lake is a dumping ground for garbage, whereas the hiking trails are nice and well preserved	Hay Lakes trails				
Ryan Lake road is a dumping site	Ryan Lake	Terra X has organized clean-ups in the past, and funded volunteer run organizations			
	Ingraham Trail	Clean-up of Ingraham Trail and surrounding sites should be a collaboration between		1	

Garbage Issues	Location	Garbage Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
		Industry & Government			
		Perhaps need more funding for non-profit groups to undertake annual clean-ups		1	
Not many people know you can buy individual tags for your garbage, and not have to pay the \$10 per load		If this was more widely known, maybe there would be less garbage, and more likely that campers would clean up the park	\$2.00/ bag @ dump		
Weekend campers and cabin owners dump their garbage in the parks (in the garbage bins or on the ground), which can include household garbage, tires, and batteries.					
People are dumping garbage from their cabins in the camp bins (all seasons) instead of buying tags for the dump					
		Should have pre-paid dump fees for lease holders	No since some lease holders live in + some only on weekends. Pre-paid fees would be unfair		2
		Abandoned wall tents, squatter structures and half-built cabins should be cleaned up	remove squatters/ unauthorized use whether active or inactive	3	

Other Observations:

- Junk and garbage all the way out on Highway 3 detracts from the beautiful landscape
- Archaeological resources are being destroyed, because the good places 200 years ago are still the good places today
- In some cases trails are getting destroyed – Camp Connections and Scouts Canada sites have had the issues of RV’s parking on their land, using their facilities and not cleaning up after

Theme: Infrastructure

Infrastructure Issue	Location	Infrastructure Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Want better docks and access	Vee Lake, Walsh Lake			2	1
	Cassidy Point	Build a volunteer fire hall near Cassidy Point by Government and locals (there is power here)			1
The end of the Ingraham Trail and out by Tibbitt Lake has no facilities - in the spring it smells disgusting and is not beneficial for tourism or recreational use	End of the Ingraham Trail and out by Tibbitt Lake	Provide toilets, tables, garbage, docks, tent pads and organized parking.	Currently, there is a degraded dead dog!	5	
Madeline Lake day use area doesn't actually have any picnic tables etc.	Madeline Lake day use area		I think these have some tables		
No toilet facilities at most pull off locations that are heavily used. Any existing toilet facilities are not maintained in winter	Pull-offs			3	
Need standards for how to set up toilet facilities, and how they should be maintained for year round use of multi-sports				1	
	Along Frostbite trail and Multisport trails	Warming shelters/ staging sites with water pumps along major ski/snowmobile/hiking routes		1	1
An association has been established to maintain the road	Prelude Lake			1	1

Other Observations:

- Most of the recreational infrastructure has been developed by the public
- Boat launches need improvement before higher traffic which is already stressing parking and launching (prosperous, prelude lake, V-Lake etc.)
- General comment applicable to all - cabins, infrastructure, etc. - Don't create any rules, regulations, etc. without enforcement A) the power to enforce B) the personnel to enforce

Theme: Opportunities

Opportunity Issues	Location	Opportunity Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Some don't use their cabins as much as they'd like		Rentals would be a great idea	rentals for seniors on low income. (indoor plumbing not needed for me. maybe for road access / high density locations	4	
Some cabin owners only use their cabins once a year		Survey how often people use their cabins – they should be allowed to rent them out		2	
Want more access remote areas to avoid sites that are over-used (too accessible)			Yes - trails/ portages for non- motorized access	2	
Want more use of the area to the west of Yellowknife, since the east is heavily used	West of Yellowknife			4	
Could have campground on Great Slave Lake			More use of Great Slave Lake	3	
		Should expand campground options for renting. E.g. Yurts, oTENTik		3	
		Allow private campgrounds or commercial cabins for rentals, to take the pressure off of Parks and Government		2	
Need to reduce recreational pressure at the main lakes (Reid and Prelude Lake)	Prosperous Lake	Build infrastructure on Prosperous Lake (large lake, closer to Yellowknife and without many recreational users)	Pontoon to River Lake	1	2
	Cameron River access point	Proposed that Cameron River access point become a day-use area only, with boulders strategically placed to prevent		1	

Opportunity Issues	Location	Opportunity Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
		people from claiming space for their RV's. Set up facilities and discourage the use of old pine trees as forest firewood.			
Aurora Viewing acres are becoming an issue as tourist illegally stop on the road		There should be better signage to know where to pull off to view the lights		2	
Need to reduce the pressure on the popular areas	(new areas) Hearne Lake, Harding Lake, Campbell Lake etc.	Push roads out further	More roads to more places needed. Perhaps if the mine puts a road in the GNWT could contribute and open up more areas with road access.	1	
There is already a proposed all season road up to Bluefish Hydro Plant by the Power Corporation	Yellowknife River and surrounding lakes	Once this road is built it is not too far to open up a portion (for recreation use).	No it isn't. Depends on the route.		
		Construct gravel roads to several select lakes: boating, hiking, canoeing all separate or some combine.		1	
The possibility of an all-season road to Slave Geological Areas, will increase the demand for services and will open up new lakes				2	2
Industry and recreation users can co-exist - the best example is Nickel Mine on an island in Ontario, with cabins around the rest of the lake – there is drilling today as there was 20 years ago					3
		Junior Ranger Program could be set up for young people to take		1	1

Opportunity Issues	Location	Opportunity Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
		care of the parks, build thunder boxes etc.			

Other Observations (from Focus Groups and Open Houses)

- Allow a seasonal general store for tourists and locals, leasers at Cassidy Point area on the highway
- The mining companies are cooperative; they identify themselves and do lots of PR with information about programs; they help to fix up the trails where they might need to change them; and it is good to know if there will be a lot of traffic in the area
- More people are staying in YK and recreation areas and property. Designate some areas as cabin/ tent frame areas and all others as wilderness park
- Example: Sleeping giant trailer lottery for year- long lease @ reasonable rate
- It is a game of trade-offs. Not everyone will be happy with the same thing

Theme: Parking

Parking Issues	Location	Parking Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Hazardous parking pull-offs	Prelude hike-in, Madeline Lake, Ranney Hill, Big Hill Lake		Better advanced road signage, create improved parking as current parking in these spots is inadequate and hazardous and unsafe	2	
Parking is an issue at most of the access points	Bill Hill Lake, Cassidy Point, Prelude Lake		Designated, increased parking areas	1	
Parking lots are crowded and full	Yellowknife River, Tartan Rapids, Ranney Hill, Big Hill Lake		Crowded parking lots also at, Vee Lake, Prosperous, and Prelude.	3	
Unofficial pull offs on highways are problematic and used as dumping grounds			Agreed, close off unofficial sites make official ones provide trash containers		
Parking along access roads where there are no other parking areas can be hazardous				1	
Limited or no parking at many access points, many cars are parking on the highway, which is a hazard.				1	
Unofficial parking spots are becoming dangerous			Yes lots are but some are OK	2	
		Signage on the highway where recreational users are parked on the side of the road because there		2	

Parking Issues	Location	Parking Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
		is no parking			
	All existing boat launches	More capacity for vehicle parking at boat launches		3	
Too many cars parking in the winter	Bullmoose parking corner	Snow should be plowed in the winter at this site			
Cars have been vandalized – last year three cars were set on fire	Vee Lake parking lot		This parking area and launch site needs an official presence to enforce rules and prevent vandalism	2	
There are parking issues on small lakes with cabins – too many cars and not enough space				1	
At campgrounds and trail heads there is not enough parking for trucks and trailers	Campgrounds and trail heads			1	

Other Observations (from Focus Groups and Open House)

- With an increase in ownership of multiple recreational vehicle (boats, quads) parking lots become full even when the number of uses has not increased
- Prosperous is more and more popular - parking is at capacity a lot of the time
- Why has ITI been blocking off pull-offs that could be used for parking? Rocks/ boulder are keeping people from using areas already disturbed and good for parking
- some people are just inconsiderate hogs
- V Lake parking is for Walsh and Banting and day use etc.

Theme: Public Education and Information

Public Education Issues	Location	Public Education Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Natural fluctuations in water levels affect access: For example Walsh Lake has lower water levels now, but water does not care if there is a high demand for boaters and cabins. It is not always going to be accessible		Education about the cyclic nature of water	Let nature filter the traffic	1	
Different departments are trading off their responsibilities			Appoint a single authority to manage/ run all areas outside of YK city limits (one - window for land users, recreation etc.)		
Need signs on Walsh Lake to let campers know that they can camp at the campsites, even though some have been taken over by squatters	Walsh Lake			1	
Would like to see some certainty of where to go and where not to go				1	
Ingraham Trail Maps should be better and clearer				2	
		Identify places for specific purposes to help visitors and tourists		1	
		Publish where designated camp sites are so to avoid squatters		2	
		Identify camp sites on the canoe routes		1	1
High use area with huge live trees being cut down for fires, and with lots of garbage	Tartan Rapids	Install signage prohibiting the cutting of large vegetation	Beavers did a lot of damage poplar forest. Also huge live pine trees cut down on north Side of Prelude by Trail to Bliss/ Sparrow		

Public Education Issues	Location	Public Education Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Lessees need to be consulted in some cases, but can't get access to information of who owns them		There should be lease markers on the ground and on maps, and there should be a public registry so that the information is easily accessible	Leases are registered @ land titles. It is accessible where surveyed		

Other Observations about Public Education: (from Focus Groups and Open House)

- There is no longer a sense of stewardship for campsites
- There is a low level of trust, but we should be extraordinary in our relationships with Aboriginal groups, visitors and recreation users
- Unprepared Tourists - Rental car companies should have brochures available (winter - northern light photography in remote locations etc.)
- No markers: 'it's the bush' you better know where you are. Personal responsibility
- Need to know more about the geological history
- Wouldn't it be good if groups like the Metis could write up a history of the area so people could learn
- Can the GNWT put up trail markers or does that create liability?
- Create virtual tours of the area - stories available online with interesting history/ info

Theme: Trails

Trail Issues	Location	Trail Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Everyone goes to the east of Yellowknife but should promote to the west too	West of Yellowknife	More trail access to the west of Yellowknife	Towards north arm	5	
There are no trail head signs	Ranney Hill, Berry Hill, Big Hill	Trail head signs	Complete walking trail around Frame Lake (extend shore portion)	4	1
Need better trail markers		The Government could take on making more formal trails for long distance hike-in camping with marked camp sites and facilities	Around Frame - markers need to be re-painted		
Tourists and visitors want more designated trails that are accessible.		Perhaps build huts along the way	Follow Scandinavian example of wind shelters spread out along popular pedestrian trails, stocked with fire pit + wood. This provides a destination and reason to hang around/ warm up/ spend more time outside... or to continue onwards!! In Finland known as a "lavy". Need more 3-5 km walking trails near Yellowknife - particularly for locals whose family visits, and for tourists - summer and winter	3	1
Need more connections between city and trails outside the city	Proposed mine to mine trail, harbour front trail			1	2
Snowmobiles are so important to		Make sure more routes are			1

Trail Issues	Location	Trail Management Suggestions	Open House Comments	Agree	Dis-agree
Yellowknife public and economic development		accessible			
New highway turn off is treacherous for bikers and runners trying to get out of the city		Need a trail loop and better signage to accommodate them on the road	consistent and year - round visibility on shoulders/ pedestrian lane	3	
Prospector's Trail has been cut/interrupted by the highway		Needs better signs and more parking with the new access		2	
Quads are ripping up key trails			Make no quad zones + quad zones enforced. Quads especially in spring can destroy trails!! Use boulders to block trails to prevent quads & 4WDrive Pickup use. No Quad Zones needed as well identify zones for quads so they know where to ride.	5	
Fat bikes will be making new trails, as bike packing is a growing sport			Frame Lake Perimeter		
Mountain biking needs dirt, and there are very few areas with dirt, so the areas they have are very significant to them			making trails more bike friendly i.e. easier by - pass routes around stairs		

Other observations about trails: (from Focus Groups and Open House)

- Lots of skidoo trails to the northwest of Yellowknife
- Snowmobile trails are well used
- Ski Trails are used for Fat Bikes
- Snowmobile routes are used by skiers and bikers for about 20 – 30 programs
- A large % of trails in the area were prospector trails or First Nations Trails, which were then followed by the prospectors and many were made by power companies
- Anywhere that can be accessed within 1 – 1.5 hours will be used by snowmobile, car, ski, hiking, bikes...

Appendix C
Survey Responses: Conflicts

Q. Can you name one or two locations in the area where you think there are conflicts that need to be managed?

Please note, the responses below are shown as entered.

Can you name one or two locations in the area where you think there are conflicts that need to be managed? (Identify the location by describing the name of the nearest lake, road, or other feature.)
Ingraham Trail corridor, squatting. Grace Lake Development, encroaching of residential properties on protected waterlines & private ownership of waterfront land.
There seems to be some mineral interest in the Hidden Lake area, which is also a prime outdoor recreation spot, so it'll be interesting to see how the GNWT and the company balance the objectives of both parties in ways that don't overwhelmingly interfere with each other.
1. Vee Lake Rd (garbage being dumped, ATV trails being rammed through bush, squatter areas, disrespectful use of land around Vee L landing, boat launch needs to have gravel cap at water's edge carved off due to years of constant use); 2. Yellowknife River - hovercraft and power boats that are too large going up river disturbing water fowl nesting and migration areas; 3. Creek between Vee and Walsh Lake - water is low these past couple of years yet people continue to try and modify the water flow by dredging, suggesting blasting etc instead of adjusting use to smaller boats and canoes and waiting for higher levels to return;
Vee and Walsh Lake
The sand pits - there are people driving around in trucks, quads, dirt bikes and people trying to take there dogs for a walk and now paint ballets out there - it's dangerous
Marina's too congested with multi users will eventually create conflict.
Not specific, but any Aboriginal owned land
Signage - Hidden Lake - flags for portage routes Signage - BigHill Lake
Too many ice roads
Kam Lake/Grace Lake (and beyond through the portages) - They are maintained and used by dog mushers, but snowmobilers race through these trails. This is very dangerous! It would be helpful to have signage/information that these trails are used by dog teams.
There are conflicts throughout the area. Few people use their recreational leases according to their lease. GNWT should be conducting an area-wide land use plan with recreation as one of the identified uses. Other uses including industrial activity, commercial leases (including but not limited to tourism), agriculture, residential all need to be considered. It is incomprehensible how GNWT has prioritized working on a recreational plan without starting with a broader land use planning framework for the area. So long as this myopic approach is used there will be increasing conflicts throughout the area.
Ensure that Prelude Lake is not over fished. ensure campers and boaters are properly disposing of human waste
Long Lake is heavily utilized by motor boats which limits its draw to kayakers and paddler boarders. It would be a great spot to paddle board and do SUP yoga because it gets reasonably warm but all the boat traffic makes people want to avoid it. Can areas be made off-limits to motor boats? Or certain days?
Prosperous, Prelude, Highway between YK and Behchoko

Frame Lake Trail - it is treated as an off leash area by dog owners, leading to unpleasant encounters with hikers.
Heading out to the vee lake area... it seems a lot of cabins (squatters) are popping up - making a guess due to how close they are building to shorelines
There appear to be a lot of squatters along the Ingraham Trail (or perhaps they are leased or owned properties held by people who keep them in a poor condition). It is frustrating to see for those residents who are attempting unsuccessfully to acquire a cabin lot lawfully and to use it for a proper holiday home.
Prelude Lake = too busy with not enough docks. Both Prelude and Reid lakes need better boat launches and should be dredged so the water is deeper than 1 foot.
YK river needs to be upgraded with more fire sites and perhaps trail along water.
Between Cameron Falls highway access bridge and Reid Lake. Squatters are there all summer with no taxes, no fees and no land permits. No one telling them they can't "park" there. It's territorial land being used as a backyard trailer park.
Abandoned buildings, cabins and litter along hwy 3 between YK and Bechoko. Messy picnic and campsites along Vee Lake road. House boats on Vee Lake and David Lake.
Cameron Falls site - the one to the left along the Ingraham Trail where people camp for free and party and disrespect the land. People dump their waste and garbage. If you have been here recently the place is looking quite awful. I think of our own Frame Lake in town. Why not push to dredge and fix this disaster that happened, before possibly opening up new areas to more disasters. Let's clean up what is already a mess before moving forward with new areas that will become conflict areas in the future!
Settle up the land claims so areas are clearly indicated. For instance, can I access areas at Yellowknife River? Is that protected space?
Walsh Lake... Great Slave Lake...
Prelude Lake East.
Yellowknife River day use area too much litter. Litter along Ingraham trail open dumping of garbage Broken glass along roadside access
all areas are going to be in conflict with existing traplines/hunting areas
Cassidy Point - conflict between cabin owners and public accessing the lake Prelude Lake - conflict between cabin owners on titled land, campers and public day users
Cassidy point, Ingraham trail
Bighill Lake could use some better signage... and maybe some trail maintenance in the boggy area.
The entire Yellowknife Volcanic Belt is prime geology for mineral exploration and potential mine development. I would avoid any permanent developments like cabin and tourist business leases on these lands. We have no shortage of land, and the reason people pick those lands is because mining puts roads on it. The nature of mining is that it "recycles the land", ie, with new technology and geoscience knowledge, the land will continue to be explored, and continues to hold the potential to reveal a mine or mines.
vee lake and ryan lake road area - quads have made numerous badly rutted trails, subject to erosion, water ponding, etc, and significantly detracted from experience of hikers, runners, mountain bikers. upgrade of the road for yellowknife gold project has changed things a bit, but there may still be a conflict. quads have a very different impact from canoes on non-bedrock areas, wetlands, etc.

My biggest concern is the old Ptarmigan mine site. It's strewn with broken down buildings and machinery, it smells of oil, kid climb the head frame for kicks.
Hidden Lake Area - this is an excellent lithium bearing pegmatite district which has high mineral potential. Much of the pegmatite district is already withdrawn from development, what remains should be kept open to industry.
I haven't been here for a while, but it appears as if people are dumping garbage off the Vee Lake road. One potential community group had offered to clean it up in order to safely use the area, but were not allowed.
safe structured passage at blue fish hydro dam in summer/fall for access up and down the Yellowknife River system.
Vee Lake Boat Launch Prelude Main Boat Launch and Marina
Squatters that can "do what they want" (locations too numerous to mention, while lease holders are inspected and required to meet certain standards.
Great Slave Lake, and the abundance of cabins & wall tents in the islands southeast of Yellowknife. Cabins on many of the good camping spots in lakes near the Ingraham Trail.
squatters at prelude lake, river lake, prosperous lake , great slave lake , these interfere with public land use and access
squatters on Prosperous Lake
Ingraham trail squatters
Prosperous Lake boat launch. Prelude Lake Boat Launch.
Cameron Falls - footpaths on the far side of the falls (erosion)
Cameron River Falls unofficial and unmaintained camping area. (site of the infamous "Cameron River Rapid Run" and now a weekend party place, located upriver of the Cameron Falls day use area and downriver from the Reid Lake campground. This was a beautiful sandy, jackpine covered area with some of the largest pines in the region. It is excellent swimming and heavily used. Unfortunately it is not maintained, not regulated, not cleaned and people drink, party and chop down green trees for firewood. They also spread human waste up and down the river bank and leave garbage in huge piles. This could be a very profitable and well used day use area as it is currently used by kayakers, rafters, families etc. However the unsightly destruction is ruining this very unique area. Sandy outcrops are rare in the Yellowknife area and as well, this is an excellent swimming area. The cabins in the area are abandoned due to the noise, the pollution downriver is shameful. This is a priority.
Anywhere squatters are located.
Yellowknife River is a wonderful location, but there needs to be clear signage about courtesy and an increase in parking areas so that it can be used as both a boat launch and day use area.
I frequent Grace Lake in both winter and summer. I am troubled by the amount of dog feces that accumulates on the lake during winter as result of the commercial dog sled traffic. By spring there is basically a trail of feces that stretches from one end of the lake to the other; with the thaw it drops directly into the lake. The commercial operator needs to account for this.
Prelude Lake Main residential lots being surrounded by park expansion. Road accessible lakes on ingrahm trail system are getting over crowded. (walsh, prosperous, Madeline,

Pontoon, Prelude). Pre-devolution (unplanned) surge of hunting and fishing leases have left very few suitable dayuse areas on the islands of lakes without cabins.
Madeline Lake Day Use area is very busy and there isn't adequate parking.
KAM LAKE, Grace Lake, Vee Lake, Pontoon Lake. Kayakers, paddle boarders have to compete with float planes, big boats, speed boats, on ALL LAKES in the Yellowknife area. I would like to see Yellowknife implement something similar to what BC has where there are some smaller lakes that have boating restrictions that allow kayakers, swimmers, and non-motorized boats a places to enjoy and I think this is particularly important within city limits so people with limited transportation can access and enjoy the peace and quiet of lake recreation.
Prosperous/ Prelude - no place to park - This could be an issue in other areas but these are the lakes I spend time at.
Different trail users. Access garbage - snow machines + ATVs in city limites
Cassidy point + aurora village too many incumbents - develop easy access to cameron falls - develop access to inner roads - all weather (for all day/ night use parks)
SQUATTERS EVERYWHERE. The two levels of govt - federal and territorial - should be ashamed that they have failed to cooperate of policy regarding land leases around Yellowknife's lakes. That's your biggest problem. Do something!
Can't think of anything off the top of my head. Will be in touch if something comes to mind.
Extension of the Ingraham Trail past Tibbitt Lake. Input from the public should be taken seriously and not just be for show.
Big Hill Lake trail

Appendix D
Survey Responses: Vision

Q. What word, words, or statements would you like to see in the vision and objectives for the recreation management plan?

Please note, the responses below are shown as entered.

What word, words, or statements would you like to see in the vision and objectives for the recreation management plan?
Stewardship, minimal disturbance, respect for the land, non-motorized, education, natural,
Leasing opportunities for cabins
Accessible, Sustainable, Non-Motorized. Trail development. Investing in recreational infrastructure for tourism and public enjoyment. Recreational multi-use public trail system servicing non-motorized vehicles
Inclusion, accessible.
Access; freedom; self-guided
Words such as: respectful use, clean, safe keeping, environmentally appropriate, non-invasive, fair,
sustainable
Broad spectrum use. All ages and levels.
A suitable recreation plan that respects Aboriginal rights
Explore
Equitable, Equality, Sustainable, Clean,
includes many diverse activities safety encourage a healthy society
Conservation
Inclusive, accessible, preservation, quiet, active enjoyment, affordable, Areas preserved without motorized access. Minimize road footprint.
sustainable.
minimal land disturbance
not over crowded. I don't want to see another cottage country with 100 cabins around one 5km lake.
Easier access to leases. Better information on how to obtain a lease. More availability.
inclusive, equitable, environmentally friendly, sustainable, opportunity
Forward looking Supporting the recreational activities of all residents in the Yellowknife area.
conservation, outdoors, healthy living
accessible to all, sustainable within the selected environment
natural, unrestricted, supportive, enhancing
Get Yellowknifer's outside Active living
Quality of life for residents. Space to roam. Cabins/cottages.
Safe recreational environment for all families and their pets to enjoy during the endless summer days.
Family friendly. Dog friendly. As little impact to land/wildlife as possible.
accessible
environment protected, improving citizens lives throughout recreation
More official camping sites. Too many locals are using up space for visitors. We need at least 100 spots.
Preservation and conservation of the natural environment.
Words are only as strong as the actions that follow them! 'responsible and ethical' 'Respectful of traditional territory' 'You are on Treaty 8 territory' 'respect the land, respect

our home'
accessible, protected natural areas, wild, pristine, not overly managed.
Opportunity, fairness
Canoe camping will be a high priority... Crowding a northern lake diminishes the recreational value... Lease volumes should not exceed parking capacity... There will never be sufficient lease opportunities to satisfy indicated demand... Aboriginal land rights must be primary...
Development and management of a environmentally responsible land use plan for Northerners.
preserve and protect wilderness provide opportunities to experience wilderness limit human impact
HIKING/CAMPING/HUNTING
sustainable, sensitive, accessible
More access to leases in order to have a cabin by a lake. The prices for existing leases are ridiculous.
Environment Activity Tourism
Respectful use of the land.
Upgrades to certain sites.
coexistence of multiple uses, sustainability (subject to sloppy overuse... but still an important concept), respect for nature, cultural sensitivity/appropriateness, space for non-motorized use, preservation of wilderness values (quiet, low/no disturbance, respect for the land and water.
Clean, Safe, Natural
equitable access sustainable environmental preservation
Access to many outdoor activities that are low emissions and minimal impact, such as climbing, mountain biking, hiking, canoeing etc.
Allow enjoyment of NWT wilderness for all types of recreational users by creating areas specific to certain activities. [ie. canoe/kayak lakes only, no motor boats; area specific for the quads, dirt bikes and off-roaders, if you give them a place (not the pits), they will go there]
Inclusive rather than exclusive Accessible Expanded
Sustainable Fair to all cultural groups Consistent
Trails, nature conservation, keeping future generations in mind, as little disturbance to local flora and fauna as possible,
Preserve valued natural spaces for public use; identify areas that are and are not suitable for recreational leases; ensure unique and valued areas are off-limits to recreational leases

Appendix E
Survey Responses: Enhancements

Q. What kinds of things would you like to see the GNWT do to enhance your outdoor recreation experience in the area?

Please note, the responses below are shown as entered.

What kinds of things would you like to see the GNWT do to enhance your outdoor recreation experience in the area? (For example: information, infrastructure, signage.)
Signage and trail markers, but minimal disturbance to the natural area. If I want to go to a modified park I can easily go to any city and find that. I think that NWT is special in that we have so much spectacular wilderness. I think that keeping it natural as much as possible while providing some signage, markers, and educational materials would be beneficial.
Open up cabin leasing
Signage
Infrastructure, and investment in development of trails. Setting aside key areas specifically for recreational enjoyment. Expanding and developing trail systems which are multi-use for hikers and mountain-bikers.
Increase access to outdoor recreation through public transit. Right now it's only for people who can afford vehicles.
I prefer more rugged, self-guided trips, but bear alerts are always welcome. Maybe signage/information on what sort of fish are in a given lake, and the fishing regulations for the lake/area.
Enforce rules on squatters, publish rules and regulations on leases and titles, respect areas set aside for land claims, reasonably maintain roads and access point docks and wharves, establish rules and regulations on all areas considered in this study, not just the few lakes and areas that occupied at present (think beyond the Ingraham Trail to areas that people will force access to as a way of avoiding rules against squatting. Be mindful of over crowding present areas of allowed development - i.e. don't overcrowd Pontoon, Prelude, Cassidy Pt, Walsh Lake etc with cabin lots just because there is a perceived demand. Consider other areas that the public is finding and accessing (Landing Lake? Silver Fox Lake?, others?)
Have a few more locations like the Cameron Falls walk that are easy day activities to do with small children.
More garbage cans around well known dog walk areas.
Signage regarding personal responsibility to clean up after yourself and pets; tartan Rapids area is spoiled due to the amount of garbage
infrastructure, signage
Better marina. Fenced in and dry dog off leash area in the city. Maps of trails and POI's. Geocaching locations connected to a history message.
Signage & brochures for different hikes/areas, etc
Signage
Allow cabin leases
More publicity/information on the outdoor recreational areas and experience (i.e. trail maps, brochures). More signage on the trails (i.e. directional, maps, information of trail use - i.e. active dog trail). Guided tours - especially for paddling trails.
Signage, garbage cans, user friendly information
Trail clearing, trail maps, more support for outfitters and other tourism operators, signage could be nice in some areas, more marked portages, more trail hiking routes.
More structure, more garbage cans, more monitoring of animals off leash and excrement

Paved bike path.
signage, information, improved condition of Ingraham Trail
More hiking trails (longer ones) with signage Identifying portage locations (signage) along common paddle routes would also be useful
fix and maintain the Ingrahm Trail Lands needs to have the power to kick out all the squatters. You need to have a lease and abide by the rules. That goes for all aboriginal and non aboriginal
Signage and infrastructure could be improved. Boat launches should be maintained a lot better,as should be picnic areas.
infrastructure, opportunity
More infrastructure. Better signage and markers on trails. More research on how specific areas are being utilized by residents.
- more trails - hiking specifically - similar to whitehorses trail system - mountain biking trails - signage - ability for longer/overnight hikes...hut to hut - ski trails in winter
Sign trail heads and have parking locations (ie. Big Hill lake tail needs), Develop more trails and a variety of trails. Trails could include shorter flat trails for the young and old and longer more variety trails for the stronger & more fit. More locations for cabins and create cabins available for rent. This may reduce the need for more leases, reduce costs of cabin resales (which is outrageous), reduce the potential for squatters and increase access to all residence or visitors
signage (new signage on Ingraham is awful btw), information, maintenance
Signage Cabin lottery
A little more signage. We accidentally drive right passed the turnoff for Cameron Falls every year and have to turn around!
More lots for cabin owners on less used lakes. Enforcement of rules at the parks. Dredging prelude lake and repurpose the materials for the beach area. More docks and with better stability. More loading docks and a Water break would be awesome. Remove troublemakers
Off leash walking trails. More sites like YK river. Website to promote recreation with Facebook updates.
accessible and making sure that daily active living is supported
Improve and install infrastructure wherever necessary for making the places usable for citizens. Introduce many signage culturally reflective, for ex: sign posts be aboriginal carvings and name boards be in English/French and aboriginal language of the area/region to reflect this a northern territory.
What happened to the signage along the Ingraham Trail? It was fine and now it's gone. Better signage as "WELCOME" would be nice also. Signs stating fines and penalties for littering. Perhaps an info station (unmanned) such as the ones along Chan Lake/Kakisa area.
Signage and online info whether it be on a well promoted website or mobile app.
GNWT can't just open land for recreation without having proper maintenance and monitoring in place. If we can use the Cameron Falls multipurpose site as an example: it is not monitored, there are no garbage cans, no washrooms and people dump waste, people cut down whatever trees they want. There have also been deaths happen here but little had changed. There is absolutely no respect for the land and no governing body will take up the responsibility. Now you are proposing to open more land that may or most likely will not be monitored, allowing more ignorant people to damage an already sensitive ecosystem. Proper education surrounding uses of land must be drilled into people's psyches. If our own government won't monitor these areas along Ingraham Trail, what hope is there for any

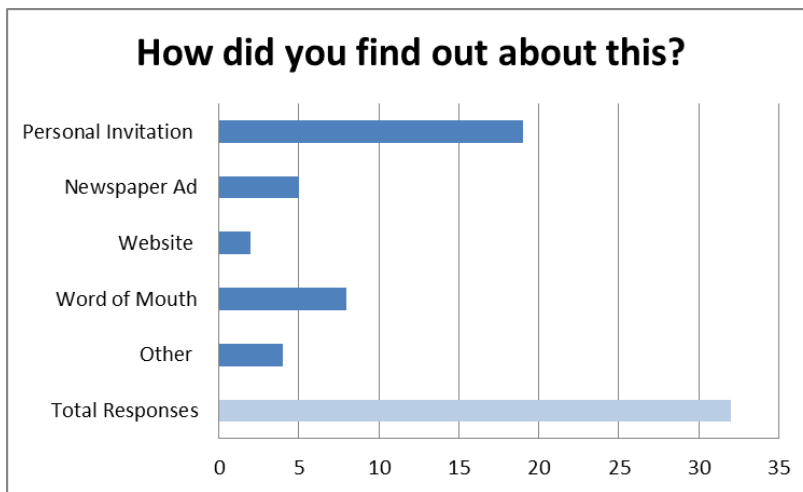
<p>other areas to be successfully respected? The Yellowknives Dene and Treaty 8 bands must be consulted. Otherwise this is just another colonial practice in action. Proper dumping controls or facilities. Garbage cans. Washrooms. Monitoring agents. Etc.</p>
<p>minimal. Although, as I am getting older, a biffy toilet is a welcome thing. Garbage areas for drop-off that are animal safe.</p>
<p>Infrastructure, availability of recreational property</p>
<p>Control lease allocation site density... Consult directly with existing lease-holders and have them participate in the selection of new lease sites on the lakes, if new sites are to be identified. No better way to gain acceptance than to have people directly involved.</p>
<p>Better maintained infrastructure (I.e. roads, Ingraham Trail is an embarrassment) and legislation with enforcement of land use specifically dumping of garbage and unsightly lots by lease holders/owners.</p>
<p>1. Fix the Ingraham Trail highway - absolutely appalling! 2. Require RTL crushing plant (km 34) to operate between normal working hours of 8am to 6pm - not 6pm to 6am like they currently operate.</p>
<p>better hiking</p>
<p>infrastructure/signage/advertisements/information/maps</p>
<p>Better-signed wilderness hiking trails, better maps/brochures, one more campground on Ingraham Tr.</p>
<p>More public washrooms, but that's also a Yellowknife problem. But also generally, when traveling on the highway, washrooms at rest stops.</p>
<p>Road infrastructure Back country trail system Cabin lots and "sacrificial lakes" for development.</p>
<p>Provide more information about hiking options off Ingrams trail including trailhead locations, maps and difficulty levels. Create more hike-in camping spots. Make information more available, and create more signs and trailheads on Ingrams trail... maybe even push parts of the road out so that its easier to pull over and park without going too far off the road. It would be awesome if there were more places like Bighill Lake!</p>
<p>Signage where appropriate, literature about the land and its history and importance.</p>
<p>more information about the available places to go and how to get there/ be safe there</p>
<p>pullouts and/or shoulders along the road for safe stopping/parking. free parking for out of park activities (e.g. park at reid lake to canoe jennejohn).</p>
<p>better road</p>
<p>I would like a secure area to park my canoe or kayak around town. (Museum? Old town?)</p>
<p>Developed climbing sites, bike trails, canoe camping spots, portage signs.</p>
<p>Campground at Proposerous Lake to help relieve the pressure from other area campgrounds</p>
<p>More cabin leases, long leases, more canoe route and hiking maps to build on what already have.</p>
<p>Legislation and with clear standards and enforcement of same.</p>

Good informative signage about the variety of flora and fauna! Even something about local lichen would be neat! Walking & non-motorized bike trails.
Trail signs and markers for common hiking trails. These could be fantastic hiking trails to attract tourists and provide unknowing locals with more recreational options. These include the Bighill Hiking Trail, the YK Ridge hike leading to the YK River (beginning just east of Dettah Road), the Plant Lake Hike, and the Ranny Hill/Marten Lake hike.
remove all unauthorized land users such as squatters.
uniform enforcement of regulations and acts
Infrastructure
more trails and accessible places for temporary recreation activities like informal camping.
Hiking trails and more focus on accessing and appreciating Great Slave Lake.
Signage, investment in protection of fragile locations (erosion due to footpaths in sandy soil, etc)
provide wood for campgrounds, do regular litter removal, remove squatters and squatter camps, designate Cameron River campgrounds as an official campground and maintain as a day use area.
Create more portage routes/trails - from short ones that can be done in a day or less to multi-day ones. There is huge potential for tourism in this field, but more needs to be done to market it. There needs to be more rigorous enforcement of fish bag limits at certain times of the year in certain places: walleye at Martin Lake from early to late May during late evenings and whitefish at Tartan Rapids in the fall. A garbage bin needs to be placed at the end of the Ingraham Trail at Tibbitt Lake. People leave lots of garbage there as there is no bin. I clean up the garbage I find whenever I'm at that spot.
Better signage in some area: missing signs around Frame Lake, a sign to find Big Hill trail, flag some trails better (Big Hill and Ranney Hill). Signs in the most common boat and canoe launch parks that explains camping etiquette. We came across a quite dirty island in Hidden Lake this past week-end. Toilet paper everywhere! We cleaned what we could but maybe a camping etiquette brochure would help.
There needs to be much better public access to water bodies through public boat launches, docks and associated parking. Better signage designed for those who are unfamiliar with recreational spots is needed. Also, more day use areas within the Yellowknife area are needed.
Enforce Environmental Protection/Stewardship Legislation
Improving road infrastructure along the Ingraham Trail would be a significant enhancement to our existing experience. We have a lot of beautiful and pristine areas to visit already in around Yellowknife; we just need better road infrastructure.
rather than expanding existing areas to accommodate more people in already crowded areas, establish access and facilities in new areas
infrastructure, including larger day-use areas (eg. Madeline Lake) and better road surface (wider + paved/repaired)
Mark Trails, CLEAN UP THE GARBAGE, implement engine power restrictions on smaller lakes (10hp, electric motor only, or non-motorized areas) In public areas dog should be lawfully LEASHED care and control is BS.
Identify cabin owners willing to open their cabins in the summer months - perhaps hire a senior part - time to coordinate process of rentals to other seniors and/ or - designate the development of areas in all lakes for seniors, low income/ low income families access to cabins.
Manage the squatters

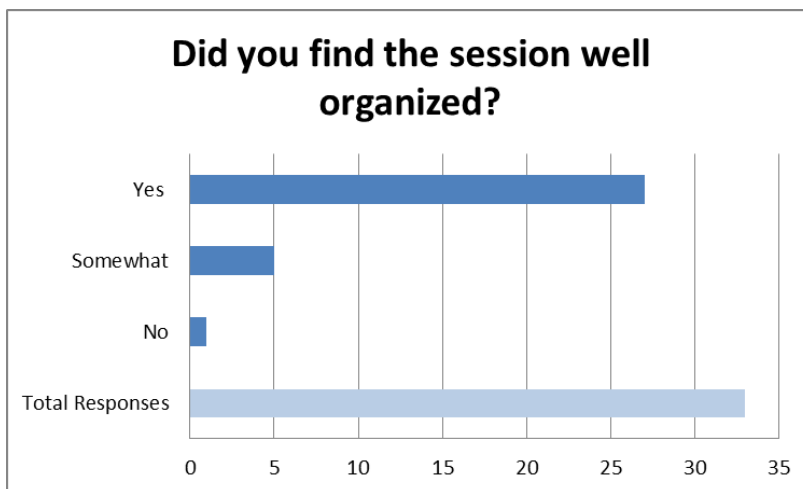
Create windshelters/ warming huts at popular hiking + canoeing spots. Preferably link them to encourage fun + comfortable/ safe way to explore. Especially good for families. Look to Finland/ Sweden for examples.
More camping areas - rustic - less sites with shower etc around city - more site with less facilities
- Washroom, parking - cell phone connectivity - condition of road/ pavement surface - all weather - Road signs, more of them pre approach to lake
tend not to use public/ enhanced sites
Infrastructure. There is huge pressure on existing small day use parks and sites (ie Yellowknife River Bridge, Prelude and Reid Lake Parks, Prosperous Lake Boat launch). Most of these areas have seen good maintenance, but no expansion for many years and has not kept up with growth of city. -
re-install the signage at point of interest along the trail, more maps of lakes with points of interest highlighted as well as hiking spots.
Bring back the Ingraham trail signs, kilometre markers, garbage cans at all the boat launches/major parking lots (Tibbitt, Powder Point). Yearly updates in regards to construction plans for the trail so users are aware of improvements and when they will occur.
infrastructure
My recreation experience is best when I feel that I am truly in nature, a place that is unharmed by human activity. I would like to see more designated areas for motor vehicle recreation that does harm to trails and other wilderness areas.
infrastructure, signage, promotion

Appendix F
Engagement Evaluation

Q1: How did you find out about this opportunity to participate in the Recreation Management Plan for the Yellowknife periphery area?



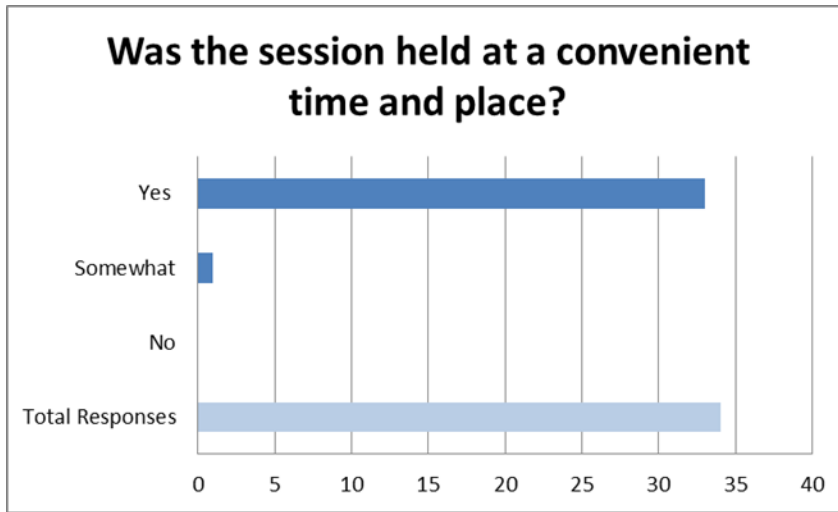
Q2: Did you find the session well organized?



Comments

- Light rivers on map would assist
- Sorry but I didn't get too much from this session. Didn't feel like we were able to get you the detail you're asking for in the short time allotted. Map scale not appropriate. Thank you for listening to all of the other issues we have brought to your attention though.
- Informal session is most productive
- Be good to see results mapped
- Clearer guidance on objectives, goals. Maybe work in categories, boat, road, trail, etc. facilities, securities etc. prefer to see existing information already available and in the public domain so we could focus on new information and update the information already known
- Appreciated the call/ invitation
- So much area to cover. Feel that it is very difficult to cover in such a short session. Depending on detail level the plan will go into. Maybe better to have sessions focused on small chunks of this zone.
- Mapping could have been better
- Open house was awesome

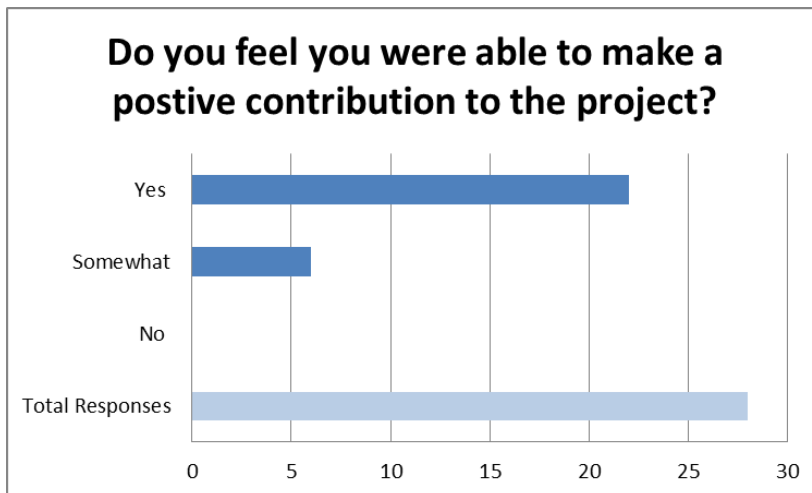
Q3: Was the session held at a convenient time and place?



Comments

- May need to be longer next time
- 1st time in Gallery Bldg!!
- Room very hot
- Great format of presented material @ open house
- Thanks

Q4: Do you feel you were able to make a positive contribution to the project?

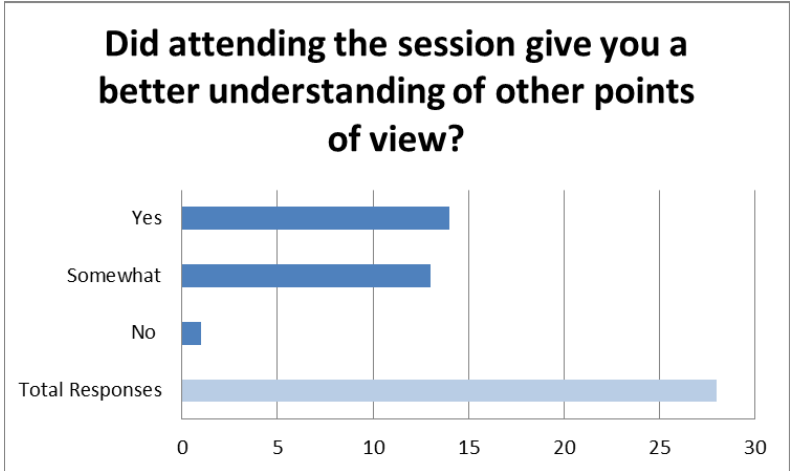


Comments

- Map scale not conducive to our work. we dealt with much larger issues instead of getting you the detail you need from us.
- The challenge is to incorporate it meaningfully into a plans
- Very open + non biased

- Maybe not so much what we contributed, but feel our issues were heard & recognized
- Will offer more online
- Different people on group had experience in different land areas

Q5: Did attending this session give you a better understanding of other points of view?



Comments

- Most of us agree
- Not the recreationalists
- Gov't session so limited perspective
- Brought to light some issues I hadn't thought of & provided some new ideas. Felt a bit too much like a tattling session though
- consensus on need to deal with land use
- Much of the discussion was focused on land tenure concerns rather than recreation planning

Q6: Will you be submitting additional comments using the GNWT email address or PlaceSpeak?

