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TOURISM INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF THE YUKON PLEASSED WITH PEEL DECISION

WHITEHORSE: The Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon (TIA Yukon) is pleased with Justice Ron Veale’s historic decision in the lawsuit concerning the Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan, and strongly supports the right of Yukon’s First Nations to participate in the management of public resources, as is specified in the Umbrella Final Agreement.

“It is essential for Yukon’s future that there is stability and clarity in regards to land use planning processes”, says Neil Hartling, Chair of TIA Yukon. “Respect for the Umbrella Final Agreement and the requirements for meaningful consultation are a fundamental aspect of such stability, and will serve to create an economic climate that is conducive to investment, growth and development”.

TIA Yukon supported the Planning Commission’s Final Recommended Plan, which offers the most certainty to tourism. “Planning should create more certainty, not less”, says Hartling. “TIA Yukon looks forward to working with the Yukon Government and our First Nations partners in the spirit of Justice Veale’s judgment to create a climate of economic certainty that will serve Yukon businesses and residents alike. Further, it is hoped that the precedence set with this decision will support the case to better respect and honour the land use planning process as provided by the Umbrella Final Agreement in future regional planning.”

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