



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Meeting date: March 6, 2023

Conditional Use Application Yukon Breeze Sailing Society

1. How is traffic (boat and airplanes) managed on Schwatka Lake?

The Schwatka Lake Area Plan sets out the roles and responsibilities for the lake and the surrounding area. As such, air and water uses are regulated by federal legislation. The City and Yukon Government have jurisdiction over land uses that occur on the shore and inland.

- Aviation uses are regulated through Transport Canada's Canadian Aviation Regulations. Schwatka Lake is a "water aerodrome" registered with Transport Canada. The City is technically the operator of the Schwatka Lake Aerodrome but practically, does not manage the operations of airplanes in and around the lake.
- Aircraft operators taking off and landing on the lake are required to check in with the flight control tower at the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport, which is also in accordance with federal legislation.
- Recreational boating is regulated by Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety under a number of statutes and regulations.

The Schwatka Lake Area Plan indicated there is perception of conflict between float plane activities and other users of the lake, however notes that these diverse uses have existed side-by-side for over 50 years without major incident.

There is a process under Transport Canada's Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations where the City can make a formal submission to Transport Canada to request restrictions for pleasure craft operation on the lake. Prior to that, the City can continue to work with partners to pursue non-regulatory options such as signage and public awareness initiatives for area users and organizations.



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2. Was there any feedback received from Kwanlin Dun First Nation or Ta'an Kwachan Council on the application?

The City received an email comment from Kwanlin Dun First Nation (KDFN) on September 23, 2022 noting that simply utilizing 2 shipping containers, rather than 3 shipping containers, did not address the industrial aesthetics issues, and the Seacans would still appear out of place in the area.

They mentioned that there may be options to make the industrial appearance of the shipping containers more visually appealing, such as by painting them, and that they were pleased with the reconfiguring of the area to use a smaller footprint.