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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) and the Government of Yukon (YG) (“the Parties”) signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2022 to work together to create a Local Area Plan (LAP) for the Alaska Highway West (AHW) area. The plan will help coordinate land uses and avoid future land use conflicts while considering local, traditional, and scientific knowledge.

The planning area stretches between east of Haines Junction to east of Stony Creek and extends roughly 2.5 km north and south of the Alaska Highway; in addition, a southern leg runs along the east side of the Haines Road between Haines Junction and Quill Creek.

In Spring 2025, the Parties formed an Advisory Committee to support the process and ensure the ideas and interests of the public and CAFN Citizens will be heard and considered throughout it. In May and June 2025, the Parties undertook an engagement program to ask Yukoners with an interest in the process to share their ideas, insights, and values for this area to help inform the plan’s Vision and Values. Refer to the figure below for more information about the envisioned process.

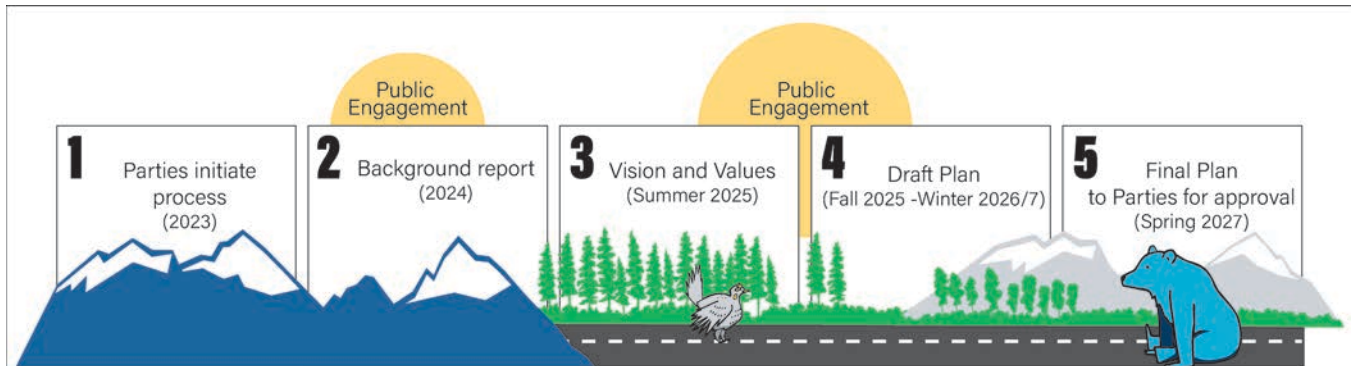


Figure 1. Alaska Highway West process

1.2 Overview of Engagement Program

A variety of engagement activities were planned to reach the Steering Committee’s target audiences: CAFN Citizens; area residents; public; and organizations with a direct or indirect interest in the planning area.

In the months preceding engagement, YG created an AHW webpage, featuring information about the area and process, maps, and background report. A list of engagement activities, their duration, and participation is presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Alaska Highway engagement overview

Engagement Activity	Dates	Participation
Survey (public)	May 26 – June 16, 2025	130 responses
Survey (businesses)		2 responses
Survey (organizations)		1 response
Community BBQ - Champagne	May 30, 2025	9 attendees
Community BBQ – Haines Junction	June 2, 2025	~90-100 attendees
Community BBQ - Mendenhall	June 3, 2025	~30 attendees

Engagement was promoted via social media, letters to property owners, and posters. Examples are shown in Figure 2 on this page.

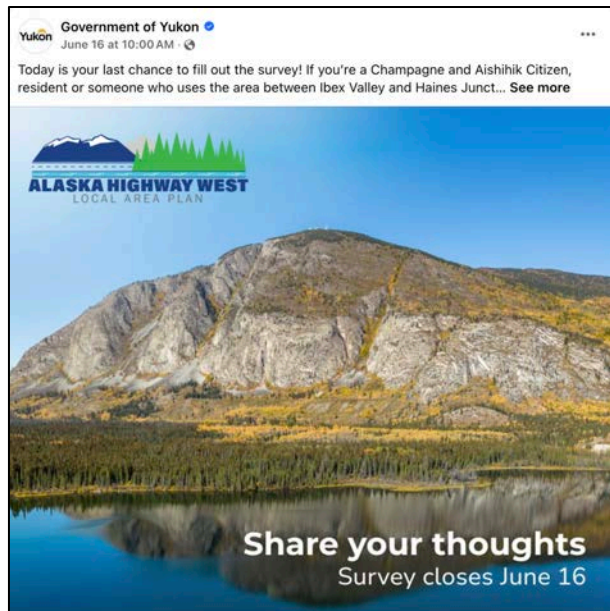
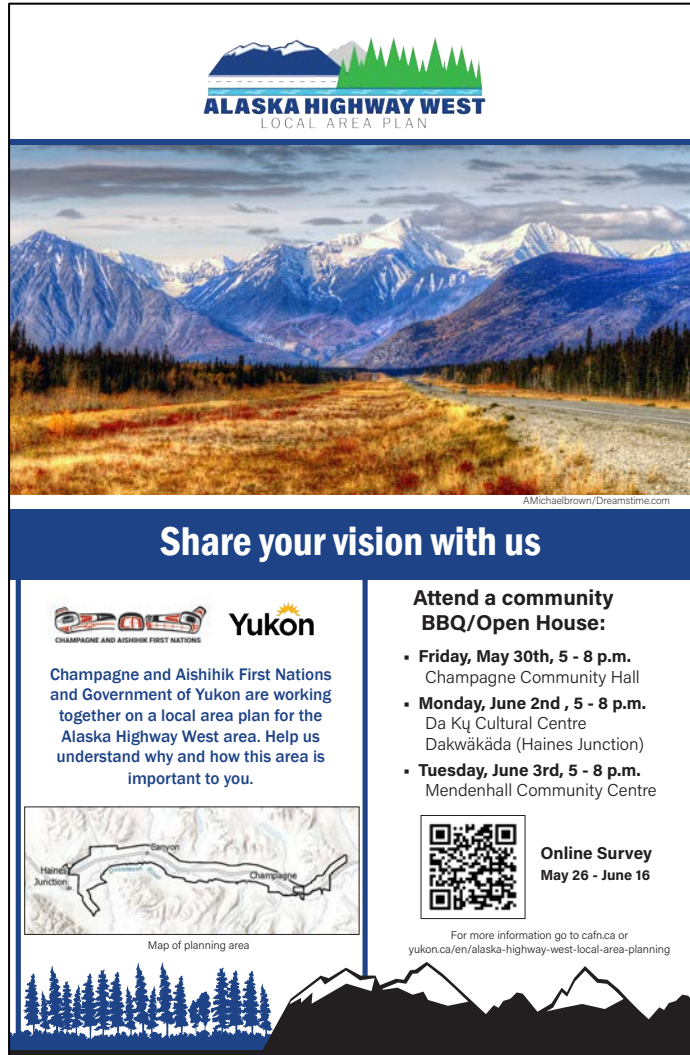


Figure 2. Social media posts and poster promoting Alaska Highway West engagement

2.0 PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

The Alaska Highway West (AHW) public survey, administered by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics (YBS), received a total of 133 responses – considered a strong result by the Parties. Most of the responses were received online; however, 58 community event attendees completed a paper version, which was subsequently input by YBS.

The following section provides a summary of all public survey results. The survey itself can be found in Appendix A.

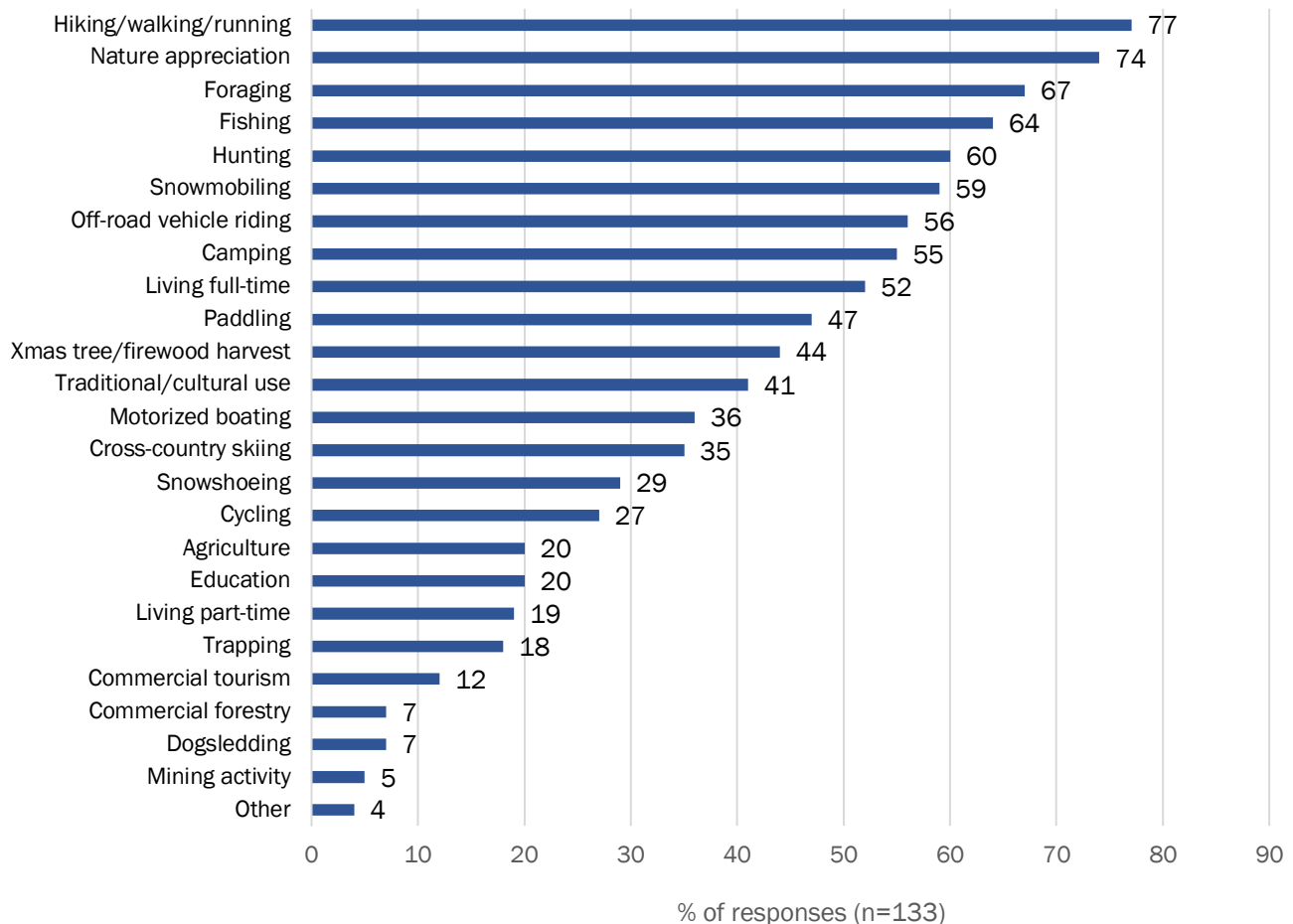
2.1 Use of the Planning Area

The survey opened by asking participants how they use the Alaska Highway West planning area.

Hiking/walking/running was the most common activity of survey respondents (77%), followed by nature appreciation/viewing (74%) and foraging (67%). Fishing (64%) and hunting (60%) rounded out the “Top 5” activities. The 4% of “Other” responses included horseback riding, harvesting logs for cabin construction, and health.

Refer to Chart #1 below for the full results.

Chart #1. How do you currently use the Alaska Highway West planning area? Check all that apply.



2.2 Values

Survey participants were asked to rate the importance of seven potential values in the planning area from “not at all” to “very” important.

The values identified as being **very important** by a majority of respondents were: wildlife/fish and habitat (88%); natural landscape/environment (77%); hunting/trapping/harvesting (70%); recreation (68%); heritage resources (66%); and tradition and culture (65%). Economic activity was rated as very important by 26% of respondents.

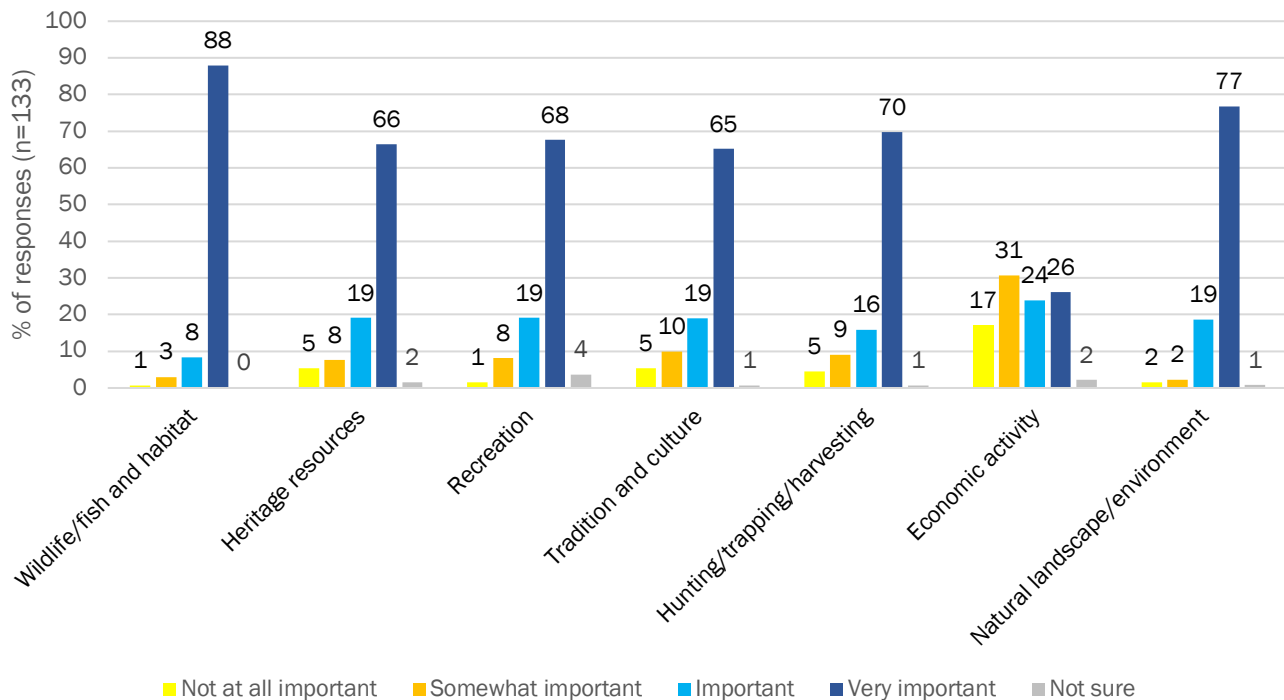
The values most often rated as **important** were: economic activity (24%); heritage resources, tradition and culture, recreation, and landscape/environment (19%); and hunting/trapping/harvesting (16%). Economic activity (31%), tradition and culture (10%) and hunting/trapping/harvesting (9%) were the three values most often rated as **somewhat important** by survey respondents.

Economic activity was rated as **not at all important** by 17% of survey respondents, over three times as much as the other values rated **not at all important** (heritage resources, recreation, and hunting/trapping/harvesting at 5%).

The results indicate very strong alignment among respondents around wildlife/fish and habitat and natural landscape/environment; strong alignment around heritage resources, recreation, tradition and culture, and hunting/trapping/harvesting; and a broader spectrum of responses around economic activity. Future engagement efforts during the planning process should explore the topic of economic activity in the planning area in more detail (e.g., ecotourism, resource extraction, guiding/trapping).

Refer to Chart #2 below.

Chart #2. Please indicate how important each of these values is to you in the planning area.



2.3 Important Places

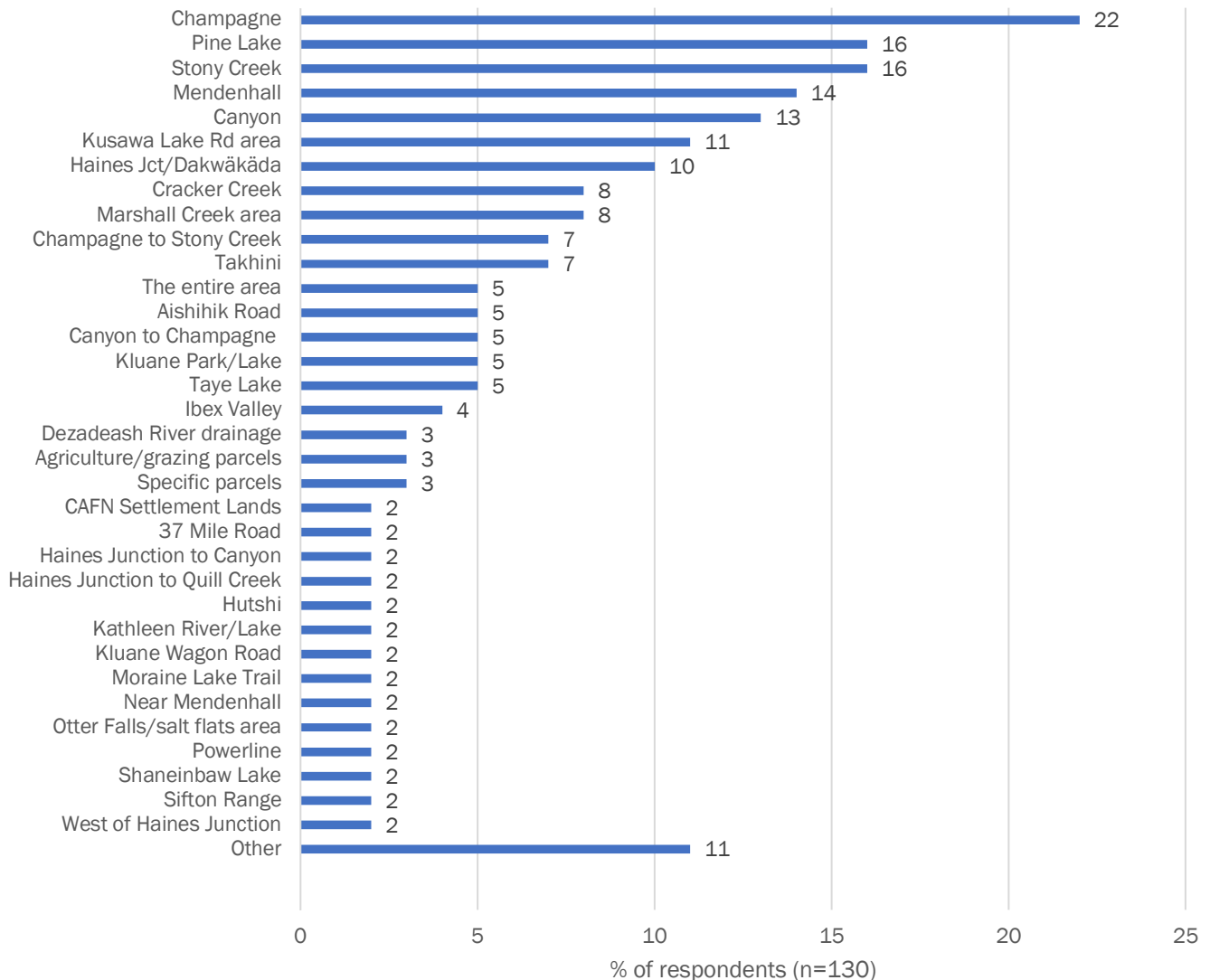
Survey participants were asked to identify the three most important places located within the planning area boundary and the reasons for their selection(s).

The most frequently cited locations (10% or more) were Champagne (22%), Pine Lake and Stony Creek (16% each), Mendenhall (14%), Canyon (13%) Kusawa Lake Road area (11%) and Haines Junction/Dakwākāda (10%).

The 11% of “Other” responses (each < 1% of total) included “911” pond, Aishihik trail, Annie Ned Creek, Dezadeash Lake, graveyards, forestry trails, hiking and hunting access trails and roads, Kusawa Park, Kwanlin Dün First Nation Settlement Land, Sceptre Lake, specific mining claim, and wild horse habitat.

Please refer to Chart #3 for the full results. Page 6 also includes a semi-representative sample of quotes from survey participants about their important places.

Chart #3. What places in/near the planning area are the most important to you?



QUOTES FROM RESPONDENTS: Important Places

Champagne

"It's where my family is from and where we spend a lot of our time. This includes both the north and south sides of the highway as many Champagne-based families hunt, trap and recreate north of the highway as well as the area directly surrounding Champagne".

"This is a traditional use area for the people that live there. Many traditional and non-traditional activities happen on the land".

"The Champagne area is very important to me because the landscape has been used by my ancestors for thousands of years. Today, the land is still being used and is rich in wildlife, pristine nature and heritage resources..."

Pine Lake

"Recreation, social connection, awe, living"

"Easily accessible lake with fishing/swimming/beach"

Stony Creek

"Stony Creek is culturally important and is a source of drinking water for local area residents. It's also an important area for berry picking, hiking and recreational activities".

"I'm a full time resident on the creek. There is increasingly more human activity in the area; also everchanging and incredible wildlife activity. This year (there) are moose, bison, caribou and rabbits. The corridor the creek provides is next level - so many animals!"

Mendenhall

"Backcountry Mendenhall has lots of trails that lead to deep forest used for hunting. Lots of people like to be here for peace and quiet and enjoy the country."

"This is part of my extended family's traditional use area; from here to Champagne and beyond, including all meadows and areas south of the highway".

"Heritage site of family history in the area; the area was used by my family for horse grazing and wagon road support".

Canyon

"Traditional area. Falls in my area of work for potentially commuting to from Haines Junction."

"Fishing. Hunting. Natural Resources."

Kusawa Lake Road Area

"Beautiful spot. Good access to Kusawa Lake. Wildlife corridor."

"Hunting, fishing, camping and hiking with family. Raising children on the land, many memories and time spent in this area."

Other Places

"The grazing lease is for family horses that have been in our family for generations."

"All of these places have a rich heritage for CAFN people. It is heavily used by non-residents and CAFN residents. A management plan to protect this area from further erosion is needed. How do we avoid turning this area into a metropolis like the IbeX Valley?"

"to use our R blocks for what they were selected for - hunting, trapping, gathering, fishing..."

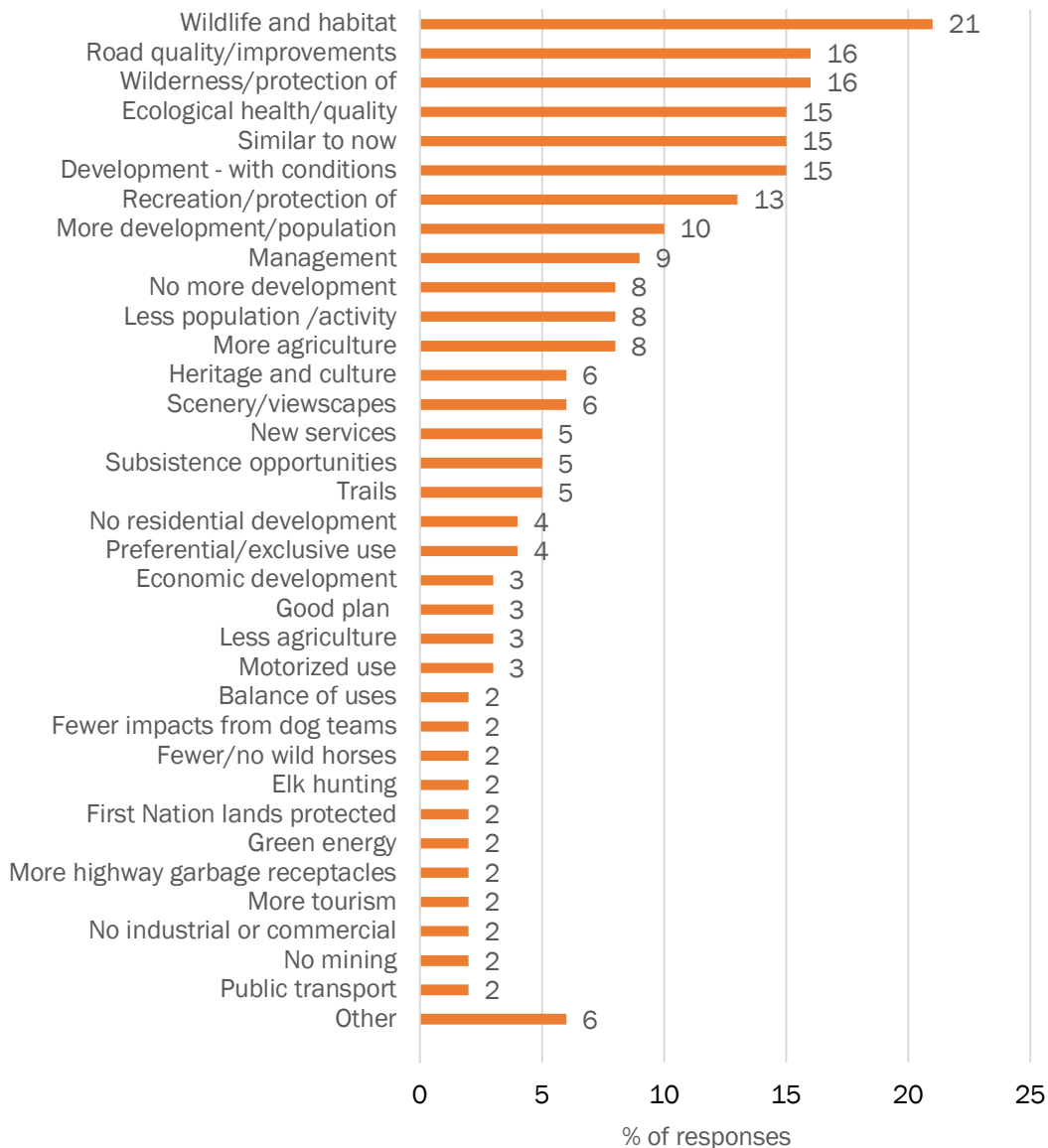
"Ancestral trail networks and place where my family accessed the mountains and backcountry on horseback and on foot. Access was necessary for food harvest and gathering throughout the year."

2.4 Vision for the Future

The survey asked participants to share what they wanted to see in the AHW area in 20 years. Responses were analyzed and organized thematically for a semi-quantitative overview of participant perspectives.

Wildlife/habitat was the most common feature of respondents' vision (21%), followed by road quality and/or maintenance/improvements and wilderness (both 16%). The other most frequent (10% or more) responses were ecological health/quality; no or little change; and development with conditions (all 15%); recreation (13%) and more development/population (10%). For clarity, "development with conditions" did not necessarily signify outright support; rather, some respondents acknowledged the potential and provided advice on how best to approach it (most suggesting nodal/clustered development or expanding existing developed areas).

Chart #4. What do you want to see in the planning area in 20 years?



The 6% of "Other" responses (each < 1% of total) included avoidance of overhunting, bison management, firesmaring south of Mendenhall, industrial development, no squatting, and a pipeline.

Refer to Chart #4 for the full results. Page 8 includes a semi-representative sample of quotes from survey participants about Vision.

QUOTES FROM RESPONDENTS: Vision (What people want to see)

"Much of the same. Not driveways all along the highway. One road that can lead to new subdivisions. Concentrate housing. Pine Lake area protected for nature experience; not seeing houses and cabins. Balance logging with recreation. Too much agriculture towards Ibex Valley".

"No more development putting pressure on recreation, wildlife and ecosystems"

"Proper conservation management, includes hunting rights for all Yukon residents. Development nodes for recreational properties to alleviate Class 1 applications to obtain cabins, etc."

"Protection of FN areas and lands but if there is to be developed areas then done so in small clusters where it makes logical sense."

"I would like to see a plan that is based on what people value, but is not so rigid that it outright prevents creative and beneficial initiatives".

"More opportunity for non-First Nation residents to purchase developed or undeveloped land. There is YG residential owned land (that is) large. I would like to this open to the public for purchase for rural living."

"Protected large intact landscapes for wildlife movement and health of the landscape, thought into wildlife corridors for unimpeded movement. Build rural residential adjacent to already developed areas like Mendenhall - focus on infilling already dense areas."

"More camping areas and consistent access to lakes and rivers for fishing and recreational use. It's such a beautiful land I want to enjoy it and also protect it from mining and other use".

"In 20 years, I would love to see the Alaska Highway West area develop into a thriving hub for sustainable agriculture, with well-managed agricultural spaces. I envision more local farms, small-scale producers, and diversified agricultural operations. These spaces would not only provide fresh, locally grown food for the community but also create jobs, foster innovation, and contribute to food security in the region. I also hope to see a focus on preserving the limited arable land we have, ensuring it's used responsibly and in a way that supports both the economy and the environment".

"Room/Place for my descendants to enjoy life as I have..."

"A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL ENCOMPASS RECREATION, HOUSING, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY BUT STILL ALLOW OPEN AREAS THAT ARE NOT DEVELOPED. THE WAY IT IS NOW SEEMS TO BE A NICE BALANCE."

"This is a very heavily populated region by bears, moose, elk, sheep, wolves, fox, lynx and many other animals. It is absurd and sad to see new agricultural development take place annually in this region and then have all these folks complain that wildlife is affecting their farmyards. I would like to see this region left alone and kept sparse of development. Considering the high impacts of farming only to produce such minimal production for what our climate can offer doesn't make sense".

"Controlled and sustainable wildlife management. Protection of local wildlife from transient and local residents (not the other way around)."

"A land use plan in place that encourages and fosters land stewardship that will serve as an example of people and communities making sustainable choices in order to live within the constraints of natural systems. This will result in intact landscapes that will be capable of supporting ecological communities, ecological process, and the ecosystem services on which we rely."

"Conservation of wildlife habitat, recreational areas and heritage resources. Some limited agricultural activities can occur as long as they do not infringe on other values such as elk and wild horse habitat".

"More developed. Way more agriculture land. Not so many stupid restrictions on where and how we can live, let us spread out and actually use the land. Stop with the cramming us into little pockets of development. There is more than enough land here and not every square centimeter is culturally significant".

"Access to the backcountry un-impeded by fences and private land."

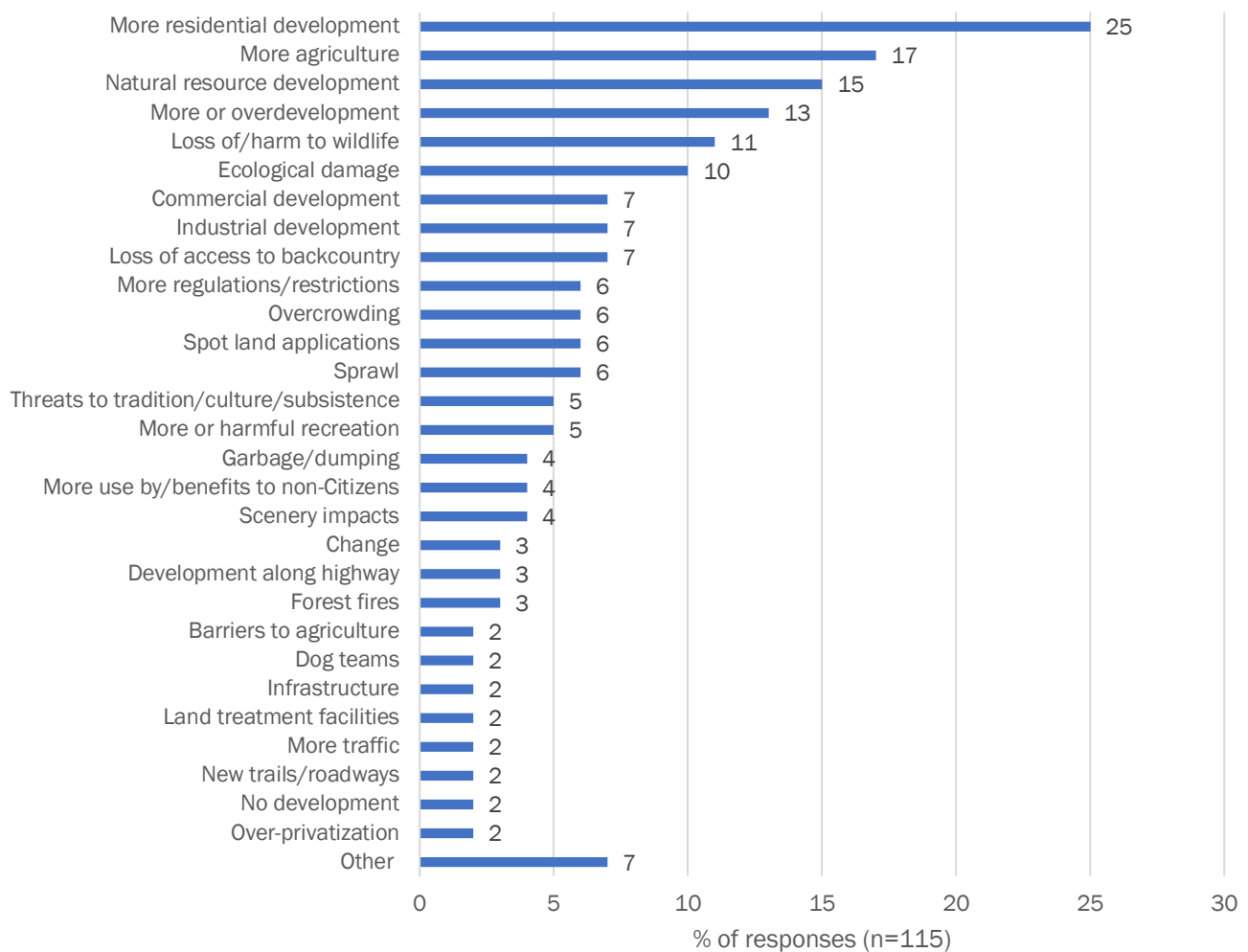
The survey also asked participants to share what they did not want to see in the AHW area in 20 years. Again, numerous themes emerged from the responses, providing more clarity and context to the results of its companion Vision-related question.

The most common response to the question of what respondents did not want to see in the planning area was more residential development (25%), followed by more agriculture (17%) and natural resource development (i.e., mining, forestry) (15%). The other most frequent (10% or more) responses were more development (in general) or overdevelopment; loss of or harm to wildlife populations (11%), and ecological damage (10%).

The 6% of “Other” responses (each representing < 1% of total) included development without research/analysis, loss of scenery, more hunting/trapping, more off-roading, more tourism, no economic development, protection of wild horses, and solar farms/windmills.

Refer to Chart #5 below for the full results. Page 10 includes a semi-representative sample of quotes from survey participants about Vision (or rather, the anti-thesis to it).

Chart #5. What do you NOT want to see in 20 years in the planning area?



QUOTES FROM RESPONDENTS: Vision (What people do NOT want to see)

"I do not want AK Hwy West (to) turn into a residential subdivision or increased agriculture. I don't want it to turn into another Ibex valley/Takhini River. My greatest fear would be to not being able access our traditional territory due to private property just like the Ibex Valley."

"Land that is over-run by off road vehicles, hunters killing for the fun of it and careless people camping wherever they want which will be a fire hazard to all."

"Spot land allocations, disturbance of heritage sites, disruption of traditional activities (specifically hunting and trapping), no new trails or roadways. Basically leave it as is."

"I do not want to see arable land that is suitable for agriculture turned into subdivisions or become inaccessible to producers".

"I do not want to see a huge influx of building lots and population growth. What is great about this area is the lack of people. That is why people visit here and live here."

"Spread out rural communities needing tons of resources to access and maintain."

"I don't want more homes that are not our people."

"Widespread development rather than thoughtful node based development."

"Placer miners, sites needing remediation, wildfires, high density housing..."

"Linear development that benefits few people and restricts enjoyment by the majority. Agriculture and forestry in particular use too much land for too little benefit".

"An increase in development (residential, agricultural, and industrial) that would compromise the ecological integrity of the area... Spot land applications should be discontinued because they fail to achieve the comprehensive and cooperative planning partnership between YG and Yukon First Nation Governments as envisioned in the Umbrella Final Agreement..."

"Everyone bunched into a couple little spots, no agriculture land developed, no chances for economic activity, everything off limits..."

"I do not want to see more agriculture development, I do not want to see persons or families monopolizing agriculture land and pushing hinterland further away."

"MINING ACTIVITY/exploration, CAMPGROUNDS, multi-family lot development, people living on their claims, Kluane Wagon Road over-run by cars, hikers not respecting residents, more gravel pits..."

"Development, more agricultural if it blocks off trails, more people on settlement land. There is conflict w/ bison hunters (due to) hunters cutting fences, widening trails with trucks...moose displaced by all the traffic..."

"More development holds and First Nation priority given".

"Placer mining or hard rock mining. Commercial forestry. Mineral exploration of any kind...preservation of wildlife on either side, namely elk, bison, horses - preserve the wildlife corridor"

"More hunting/trapping. More off-roading. More destruction of habitat. More commercial development."

"Rules. Staying. The same."

"Uncontrolled over-development in the area which will take away from the natural beauty and cultural heritage."

"Intolerant people and land uses not consistent with hunting, trapping, fishing, and agriculture."

2.5 Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

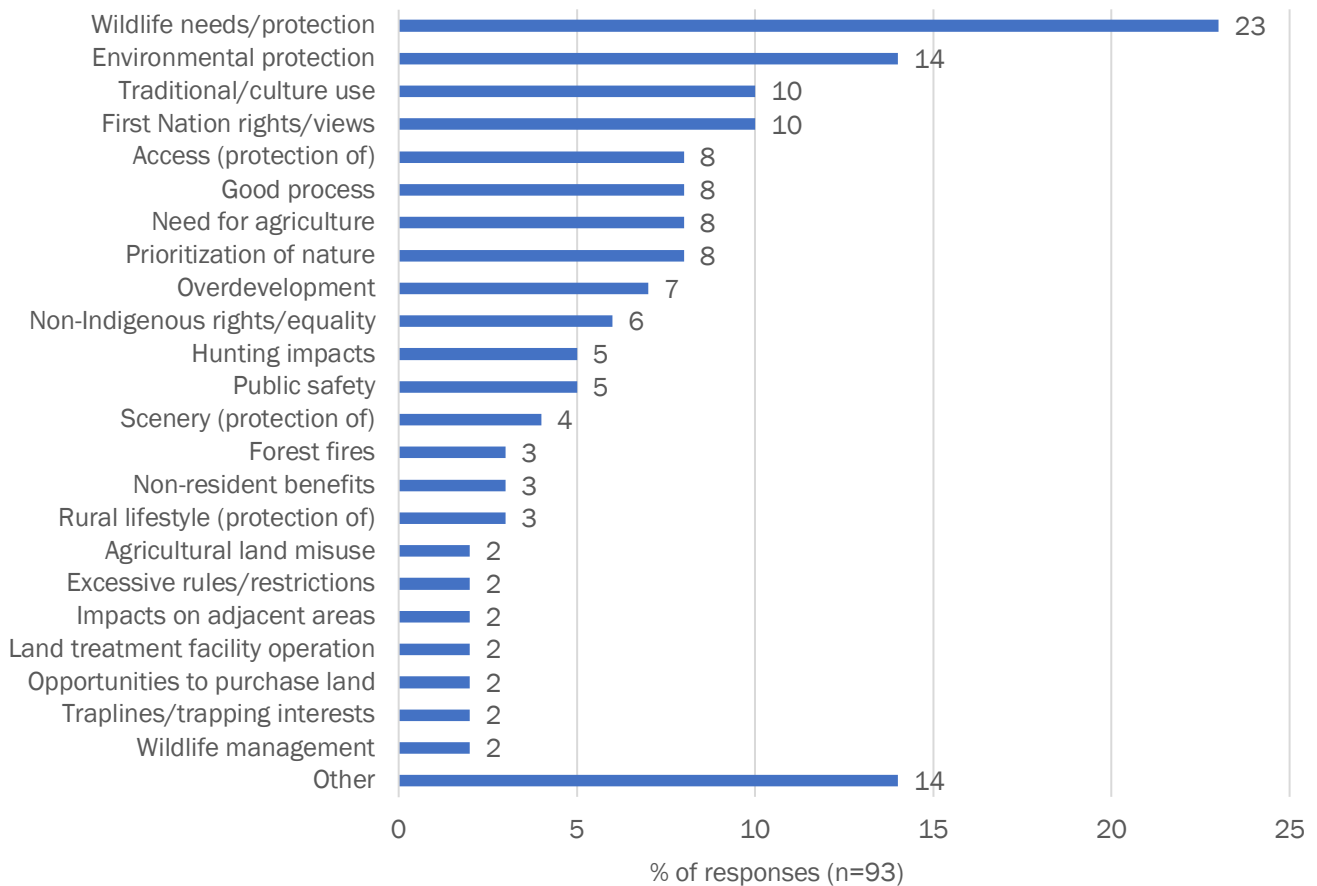
Survey respondents were asked to share issues, concerns, or opportunities that should be considered while planning for the AHW area. Many of the themes that emerged further substantiated the Vision and Values-related responses.

Wildlife needs and protection was the most common theme shared by respondents (23%). Environmental protection or integrity was the second (14%). The consideration of traditional/cultural uses and First Nation rights and viewpoints were also frequently indicated (10% each).

The 14% of “Other” responses (each representing < 1.1% of total) included concerns about industrial use next to Pine Lake, desire for no change, expanded road infrastructure to relieve congestion, harvesting opportunities, need for a gas station between Haines Junction and Whitehorse, need to give longtime Yukoners greater influence than new Yukoners over decisions, more access to fuelwood, , off-road vehicle impacts, protection of agricultural land and associated process improvements, recreation, road repairs, and Stony Creek mining.

Refer to Chart #6 for the full results. Page 12 also includes quotes from survey participants about their issues, concerns, and opportunities.

Chart #6. What issues, concerns or opportunities should be considered during the AHW process?



QUOTES FROM RESPONDENTS: Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

"They should consider how the current land is being utilized by the animals and people. For instance, east of Champagne there is an agricultural land disposition. This should not go ahead because it should be a wildlife zone. The area east of Champagne is heavily used by animals and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. This area is also used by many trappers who are making a positive impact on moose populations."

"The lack of opportunity should make time the essence. The governments have been stalling too long and creating a stagnant Haines Junction area. They have forced many locals to move due to lack of land availability, and lack of opportunity".

"Ensuring all voices and opinions are heard. Not just catering to the loudest and most vocal. Ensuring that this doesn't turn into a political process driven by governments and their agendas. Without Yukon resident input, this will be a failed plan from the start".

"Given the limited availability of arable land in the region, it's crucial to ensure that productive agricultural spaces are preserved and not converted to residential or commercial developments. Protecting these lands from encroachment will help maintain local food security and support the growth of a sustainable agricultural sector".

"Educating the general public as to why First Nation citizens are affected by the increasing development of this area. With such a new demand to live in the "wild west" of the Yukon, outsiders bring with them a full lack of understanding and respect to the First Nation culture of this region. I would like to see the Yukon Government support and preserve this area for its many traditional uses as well as for the high volume of wildlife that is also highly affected".

"It is important to not treat First Nations 'more fair' and recognize and have non preferential rules between whites, migrants and First Nations when applying for land. Local is LOCAL and should have preference NOT First Nations affiliations".

"I strongly encourage the steering committee to consider alternatives to the status quo that focuses on conservation rather than exploitation. Given the intactness and resulting health of the Yukon's boreal forest as compared to southern regions, the committee members have a profound responsibility".

"Get the hello out of the way of people that want to produce something of value to the territory. It isn't a park and shouldn't be one... This goes for everywhere... build the economy and government is NOT the economy"

"Government should allow more access to firewood, this would help us with wood gathering and decrease fire risk-firesmaring. An issue I have is with how much land continues to be re-zoned etc for agriculture. Enough! There's enough agriculture, enough people taking complete advantage of how simple YG has made it to get this land- agriculture is destroying public lands enjoyed by many, i.e. trails, harvesting, etc. for the sole purpose only one person".

"GET INPUT FROM ALL SHARE HOLDERS. REMEMBER TO JUST LEAVE UNDEVELOPED LAND AS PART OF THE MIX".

"Wildlife corridors, cultural history, heritage resource sites, spot land applications that impact access to hunting, trapping, cultural sites".

"Development needs to be managed so it does not have a cumulative negative impact on First Nation rights to subsistence harvesting. There are significant populations of wildlife along this corridor (grizzly bears, black bears, wolves, elk, bison). In 20 years there will be a lot more bison, a lot more cougar, and a lot more deer. The role of fire in this landscape is going to intensify. This has to be considered in any plans to expand the urban/wildland interface".

"As a trapper in this area for many years, I have already seen a huge change in animal activity, largely due to the bison hunting season. All of my trapping trails that I have cut are now all bison hunter trails! Many of these hunters then go back in the summer and use the land via ATVs. All of this activity has negatively impacted the ungulates and the fur bearers. So to answer the question: the trappers must be consulted about ANY new activities that may be proposed in this development plan".

"Don't lose sight of the land adjacent to the planning boundary (i.e. the land beyond the ~5km corridor along the highway), as zoning decisions within this plan can and will have potentially significant impacts beyond the boundaries of this plan. The lands and waters know no boundaries."

"Making development opportunities available for commercial enterprise. Fairness in granting these opportunities."

"existing treaty rights on FN settlement lands..."

2.6 Survey Respondent Information (Individuals)

The survey asked respondents to indicate whether they were participating as individuals or on behalf of a business or organization. Individuals were then asked a series of demographic-related questions.

65% of individual survey respondents indicated that they owned property in the planning area, while 35% indicated they did not. 23% of respondents reported living on Settlement Land, with the other 77% reporting they didn't. Refer to Charts #7 and #8.

Chart #7. Do you own a property in the planning area? (n=122)

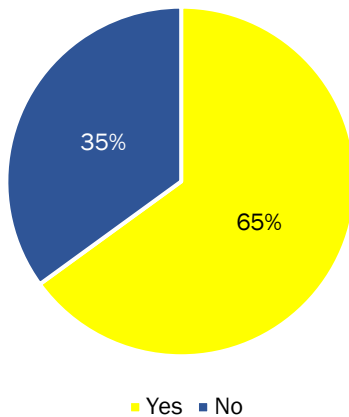
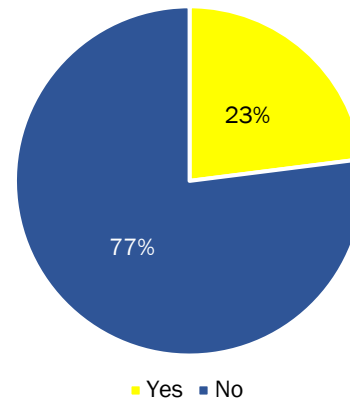
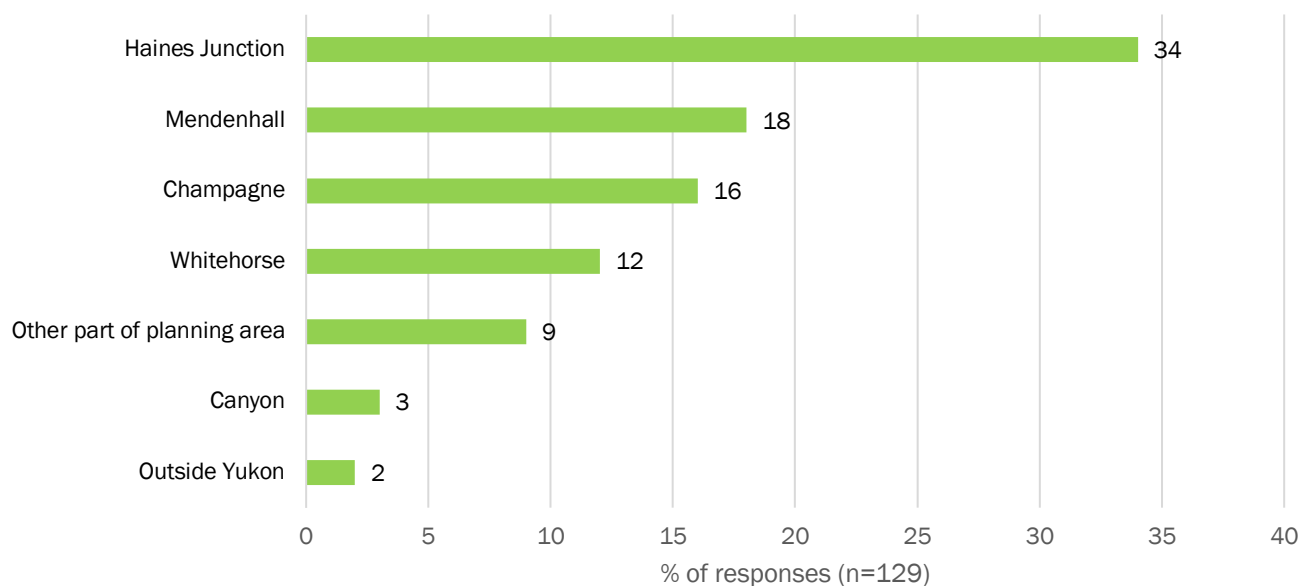


Chart #8. Do you live on Settlement Land? (n=125)



Haines Junction was the most reported community of residence (34%), followed by Mendenhall (18%), Champagne (16%), Whitehorse (12%), or another part of the planning area (9%). Refer to Chart #9.

Chart #9. Where do you live?



Participants were asked to identify Indigenous ancestry. 22% indicated citizenship of CAFN, while 9% indicated citizenship of CAFN and another Yukon First Nation (YFN), and 4% indicated citizenship of a YFN other than CAFN. 65% indicated no Indigenous ancestry. Refer to Chart #10.

Over half of survey participants identify as female, compared to 36% identifying as male. 10% preferred not to say, while 1% indicated being gender diverse. Refer to Chart #11.

There was a somewhat even distribution of participation across age groups. The 30-39 age group was the most represented (22%), followed closely by 40-49 (21%). The 65+ (17%) and 50-59 (16%) age groups edged out 60-64 (12%). 3% belonged to the 18-29 age group, while 9% preferred not to say. Refer to Chart #12.

Chart #10. Are you Indigenous?

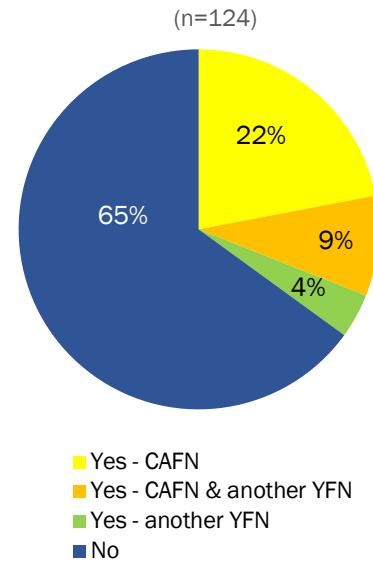


Chart #11. How do you identify in terms of gender? (n=125)

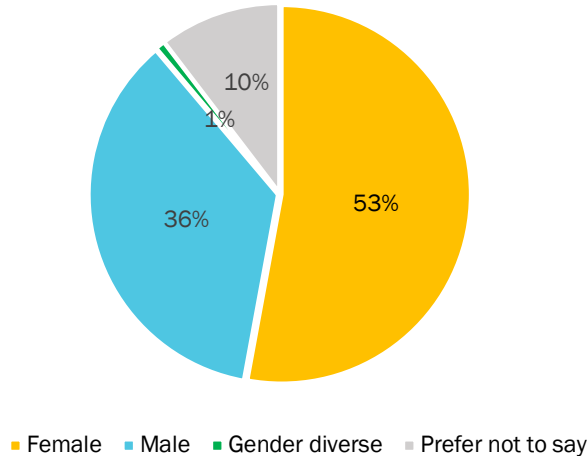
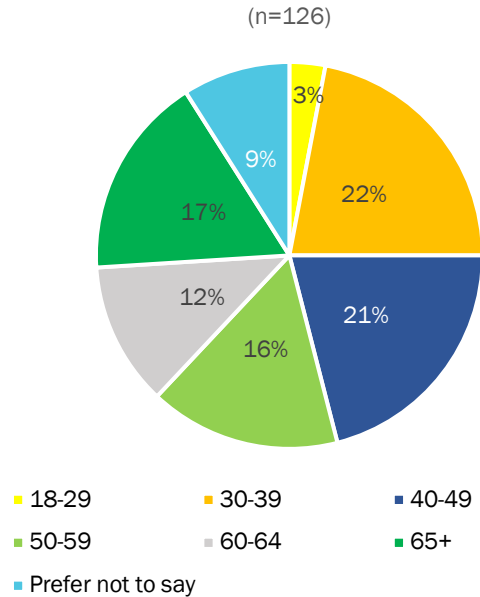


Chart #12. How old are you? (n=126)



3.0 OTHER ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

3.1 Committee Member Discussions and Impressions

Steering Committee members, planning staff from each government, and a third-party consultant were on hand for all three community events to answer questions, facilitate survey completion, and talk to attendees about their interests and concerns.

Key “takeaways” from the events for Steering Committee members and support staff included:

- There was considerable interest in Champagne in some of YG’s large land reservations, including an agricultural reservation east of Champagne. Some felt that this reservation is inappropriate given the terrain conditions, apparent presence of a wildlife corridor, and use as an important trail access point.
- Mendenhall attendees expressed concerns about more development along the south side of the highway between Champagne and the Kusawa Park boundary due to wetlands and other important habitat. There were some suggestions that the north side would be more suitable due to its higher and drier conditions; however, care would be required to minimize conflicts with hunting and trapping access and uses.
- Mining activity at Stony Creek is a concern to some Mendenhall area residents due to their reliance on it for drinking water.
- Some participants at all three events expressed skepticism about how much weight their input would be given by the governments, while others expressed appreciation for the governments making a demonstrated effort to seek their views.
- The role of the planning area as an access corridor for activities that take place outside its boundaries was mentioned frequently at all three events. There is concern about how land use decisions made within the planning boundary will impact recreation, hunting, trapping, and other land-based activities in adjacent areas.

3.2 Stakeholder Organization Input

The consultant working on behalf of the Committee reached out to 18 stakeholder organizations via email on June 10 to notify them of the engagement and encourage them to participate via survey or written submission. In total, one organization participated: the Yukon Agricultural Association (YAA).

YAA shared some of the following key points with the Committee:

- Arable land in the southwestern Yukon is a precious resource and converting it to residential or commercial land uses would reduce local food production capacity and future agricultural sector growth. There should be clear policy that protects these areas.
- The AHW planning area could develop into a thriving hub for sustainable agriculture that features more local farms, small-scale producers, and diversified agricultural operations while respecting the land and its natural resources.
- Agricultural producers would benefit from gaining easier access to land, a streamlined approval process, and expedited approval processes.
- The plan should encourage broader economic diversification to help reduce reliance on external sources and create long-term job opportunities.

3.3 Business Input

Three survey participants indicated that they were responding on behalf of a business. Two indicated they were farmers, while one did not specify the nature of their business. Key points shared by these respondents included:

- The protection and maintenance of infrastructure and attractions such as the highway, heritage buildings and landmarks is important to the local economy.
- Agriculture production can and should be protected alongside the ability to harvest fish and wildlife.
- The regulatory environment is a barrier to accomplishing anything as a private business.
- A new LAP that reflects the desires of area residents, versus YG and/or Whitehorse, should be completed within a few years.
- The protection of scenic values along the corridor is important.
- Growth needs to be managed carefully so as not to undermine the very qualities that draw existing residents and visitors to the area.

APPENDIX A

Alaska Highway West Public Survey



SPRING 2025 PUBLIC SURVEY: VISION & VALUES

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) and the Government of Yukon (YG) are working together to create a local area plan for the Alaska Highway West (AHW) area. The planning area stretches between east of Haines Junction to west of Stony Creek and extends roughly 2.5 km north and south of the Alaska Highway; in addition, a southern leg runs along the east side of the Haines Road between Haines Junction and Quill Creek.

The local area plan will help coordinate land uses and avoid future land use conflicts while considering local, traditional, and scientific knowledge. An advisory committee comprised of appointees of CAFN and YG is working to ensure the voices and interests of the public and CAFN Citizens are heard and considered throughout the process.

We are asking Yukoners who have an interest in the AHW area to complete this survey. We want to hear about how you use and envision the future for the AHW area, along with what you value about it.

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Your responses will be shared with the governments and advisory committee but will remain anonymous. A report summarizing the results of this survey will be available on both governments' AHW webpages in Fall 2025. There will be more opportunities to provide input as the plan is developed.

If you have any questions regarding this project or survey, please call Dave Leegstra with CAFN at (867) 634-5278 (dleegstra@cafn.ca) or Adam Humphrey with YG at (867) 667-3734 (adam.humphrey@yukon.ca).

Individual respondents will not be identified in any reports or associated materials. Your responses will be combined with others for reporting purposes. Information collected through this survey is protected in accordance with the Statistics Act and the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

***1. How do you currently use the Alaska Highway West area? Check all that apply.**

- Fishing
- Hunting
- Trapping
- Agriculture
- Traditional/ cultural use
- Foraging (e.g., berry or mushroom picking)
- Nature appreciation/viewing (e.g., birds, wildlife, aurora)
- Education/research activities (e.g., school, university)
- Hiking, walking or running
- Cycling (e.g., mountain, road, or fat biking)
- Cross-country skiing
- Using off-road vehicles (ATVs, dirt bikes, ARGOs and quads)
- Snowmobiling
- Snowshoeing
- Motorized boating and/or motorized boat sports (e.g., waterskiing)
- Paddling (e.g., canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding)
- Dogsledding
- Camping
- Living in a full-time residence
- Living in a part-time/seasonal residence
- Commercial forestry/timber harvest
- Christmas tree or personal fuel wood harvesting
- Commercial tourism (e.g., guiding or accommodating clients)
- Mining activity
- Other:

- N/A - I don't use the area

2. The following is a list of activities and values associated with the Alaska Highway West area. Please indicate how important each of these values is to you in the planning area.

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Not sure
Wildlife/fish and habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heritage resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tradition and culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting/trapping/harvesting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic activity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural landscape/environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Have we missed any values?

Yes, specify other values:

No

3. What places in the Alaska Highway West area are the most important to you, and why?
You can name up to three places. (See map for reference.)

- Place #1 _____

Why it's important to you:

- Place #2 _____

Why it's important to you:

- Place #3 _____

Why it's important to you:

4. What do you want to see in the Alaska Highway West area in 20 years?

5. What do you not want to see in the Alaska Highway West area in 20 years?

6. What issues, concerns or opportunities should be considered while the governments and committee develop a plan for Alaska Highway West?

7. In what capacity are you completing this survey?

- As an individual (i.e., member of the public)
- On behalf of a business (see note* below)
- On behalf of an organization (see note* below)

**Knowing a bit more about your business or organization may help us better understand your input. If you feel comfortable doing so, please share your business/organization name:*

***IF YOU INDICATED RESPONDING ON BEHALF OF A BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION,
PLEASE SKIP THE REST OF THE SURVEY***

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8. Where do you live?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Canyon | <input type="radio"/> Takhini River subdivision |
| <input type="radio"/> Champagne | <input type="radio"/> Whitehorse |
| <input type="radio"/> Haines Junction | <input type="radio"/> Other community in Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Ibex Valley | <input type="radio"/> Other part of the planning area: |
| <input type="radio"/> Mendenhall | <hr/> |
| <input type="radio"/> Pine Lake | <input type="radio"/> Outside of Yukon |

9. Do you own a property in the planning area?

- Yes
- No

10. Do you live on Settlement Land?

- Yes
- No

11. Are you a Citizen of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations?

- Yes
- No

12. Are you a Member, Citizen, or Beneficiary of another Yukon First Nation?

- Yes
- No

12. Gender: how do you identify?

- Male
- Female
- Other gender
- Prefer not to say

13. How old are you?

- Under 18 years old
- 18 - 29 years old
- 30 - 39 years old
- 40 - 49 years old
- 50 - 59 years old
- 60 - 64 years old
- 65 years old or older
- Prefer not to say

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE SURVEY!