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## **The Yukon government and the Association of Yukon Communities continue to collaborate on key initiatives**

DAWSON CITY—With the support of Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) president Bev Buckway at their 37th Annual General Meeting in Dawson City, Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor today announced plans to partner on initiatives related to municipal grant funding, municipal legislation and the delivery of structural fire services.

"The Yukon government is pleased to move forward in collaboration with Association of Yukon Communities on a number of priority projects that will help to ensure Yukon communities remain vibrant, healthy and sustainable over the long term," Taylor said. "We have a shared goal of building strong communities and are committed to working together for the benefit of all Yukon citizens and communities."

In particular, the Yukon government will undertake a full review of the *Municipal Act* and develop a new five-year Comprehensive Municipal Grant program with AYC and municipalities. Discussions will also take place with municipal governments in the months ahead on direct funding options to help address rising costs and deficiencies related to municipal fire services, while also preserving the local autonomy of municipal fire departments.

"AYC is ready to engage with the Yukon government on ensuring our municipalities achieve the goal of high standards of public safety in our fire services," Buckway said. "AYC will work closely with the Yukon government to communicate the next steps in the Our Towns, Our Future review process as we collaborate on these important initiatives."

The Annual General Meeting of the AYC is a key gathering of municipal and Yukon government officials. It provides a forum for dialogue between governments and opportunities for workshops and policy discussions on matters of importance to municipal governments and local advisory councils in Yukon.

For more information visit the Association of Yukon Communities or the Department of Community Services.

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