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Minister standing up for Yukon values at Montreal meeting

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon is attending the meeting of Canada's territorial and provincial environment ministers in Montreal on October 3 on behalf of Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko.

Ministers will be discussing the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, which will be a roadmap for provinces and territories to grow Canada's economy while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change.

"In Montreal I will be taking a strong stand on behalf of all northerners to ensure that national climate change policies recognize the unique circumstances that exist in the Arctic and sub-Arctic," Dixon said. "My message will be a clear one: a carbon tax is not the solution for Yukon or the other territories. We have a made-in-Yukon solution to climate change that will reduce our emissions while growing the economy."

Following the October 3 meeting, recommendations for a Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change will go to first ministers for review and possible ratification later this year. Along with providing national guidance, a pan-Canadian framework will support Canada's partnerships and commitments internationally, including those identified through the Paris Agreement and the upcoming Conference of the Parties 22 in Morocco this November.

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