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Minister commits to partner for long-term sustainability of Yukon municipal governments

DAWSON CITY – At the Association of Yukon Communities’ annual general meeting, Community Services Minister Archie Lang today addressed members and committed to work in partnership to review funding, program and service delivery, recruitment and retention, and to address issues of importance to Yukon municipal governments.

“We are establishing a municipal fiscal framework review to get to the heart of long-term municipal sustainability in Yukon,” Lang said. “I would consider this to be one of the most important initiatives in recent years for municipalities.”

The Municipal Fiscal Framework Review Committee will include three senior officials from the Department of Community Services and three representatives to be appointed by the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC). The committee will report to the minister.

“The current model of municipal governance in Yukon has been in place since the 1980s and we have learned lessons along the way,” Lang said. “We need to find ways to recruit and retain chief administrative officers and skilled staff, and look at key issues that will ensure long-term viability of our municipal governments.”

The committee will be formed over the next few months and recommendations will be put forward in April 2011. The review will be comprehensive and undertaken in partnership with the Association of Yukon Communities.

“We wholeheartedly embrace this initiative from Community Services and look forward to positive outcomes for Yukon municipalities from these discussions,” Association of Yukon Communities president Bev Buckway said.

The full scope of the review will be developed with AYC and will include meetings with municipal councils, staff members, citizens, and consider best practices from across Canada.

The AYC annual general meeting is taking place in the City of Dawson from April 16 to 18.

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