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## Motor Vehicles begins issuing Yukon's new secure driver's licence and general ID card

WHITEHORSE – "The Motor Vehicles branch begins issuing the new secure driver's licence and general identification cards today," Community Services Minister Archie Lang and Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner Tracy McPhee announced at a joint event this morning in Whitehorse.

"We are pleased to be working with the Information and Privacy Commissioner to provide Yukoners with secure identification," Lang said. "We take the protection of personal information very seriously and are confident in the new secure application process."

To apply for the new secure identification, Yukoners are reminded to bring with them two documents that prove they live in Yukon, as well as government-issued photo identification that shows signature, date of birth, and legal name.

"Yukoners, like other Canadians, are finding more and more uses for government-issued identification, so I'm pleased that all Yukoners may apply for either the new driver's licence or general identification card," McPhee said. "My office has worked with Community Services over the past year to ensure that the cards and the process to obtain them are designed to protect Yukoners' privacy."

The new service is being offered in Whitehorse starting today for new applicants and November renewals. As of November 4, the service will be offered to all applicants.

For details and a complete schedule of roll-out dates across Yukon visit <a href="https://www.community.gov.yk.ca">www.community.gov.yk.ca</a>.

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