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Government of Yukon and Yukon First Nations approve next steps for collaboration on joint priorities

Yukon's Premier and Cabinet members and First Nations Chiefs met today for this year's third Yukon Forum. There, the leaders approved an action plan on priorities shared by First Nations and the Government of Yukon.

The plan sees the establishment of joint working groups and a review of collaborative processes to determine what is going well and what can be improved.

In addition, the plan outlines the next steps that will be taken on a number of topics that are deeply important to Yukoners: justice, heritage, education, health and social services, implementation of the land claim agreements and fiscal relations.

Quotes

"The priorities we have identified together address long-standing and complex issues. The processes and working groups we are setting up under the Yukon Forum will build a foundation for long-term collaboration and systemic change. Our goal is to advance reconciliation and work together to find tangible solutions that create healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities in Yukon."

–Yukon Premier Sandy Silver

"Champagne and Aishihik First Nations is honoured to host the Yukon Forum in our community of Shadhäla (Champagne) today. We are pleased that the Yukon Forum is being held in the communities because it allows leaders to see the impacts of our decisions at a community level. Continued collaboration by our governments is vital."


–Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Kaaxnox, Dän Nätthe Ada (Chief Steve Smith)

Quick facts

- The Yukon Forum is a meeting of the political leaders of the Government of Yukon, Yukon First Nations governments and the Council of Yukon First Nations.
- In January 2017, the forum was re-invigorated through the signing of an intergovernmental declaration that identified the creation of a joint five-year action plan on shared priorities.
- At the May 2017 Yukon Forum, leaders approved a list of joint priorities and committed to developing joint action plans for achieving these priorities.
- These priorities include fiscal relations; collaborative processes for heritage, justice, education, health and social services; land claim and self-government implementation; and ensuring that Yukon's legislative agenda considers First Nations' priorities.

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Yukon Forum website

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