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## **Government of Yukon issues special warrant to meet financial commitments**

The Government of Yukon has issued a special warrant to ensure government programs and functions continue to operate while the 2017-18 budget is debated during the spring legislative sitting, Premier and Minister of Finance Sandy Silver announced today.

The special warrant provides budgetary authorization for up to \$427 million. Of this amount, \$334 million relates to operation and maintenance funds and \$93 million to capital plans.

As all departments require spending authority on April 1, 2017, this special warrant will allow government programs and services to continue. Yukoners will not experience an interruption to the services on which they rely.

### **Quotes**

"Due to the timing of the election and the amount of work required to produce a complete and clear budget, this special warrant is necessary. It will give government departments the authority to continue to conduct business, run programs, provide services and administer the funds that Yukoners expect and deserve.

The budget presented for debate in the spring sitting will show Yukoners the full picture of the government's finances.

I look forward to debating our budget with my colleagues this spring."

*-Premier and Minister of Finance Sandy Silver*

### **Quick facts**

- The special warrant ensures that funds are available for departments prior to the approval of the 2017-18 Main Estimates.
- A full debate of the budget must occur before approval can be granted.
- The special warrant is in effect from April 1, 2017 until June 30, 2017.
- The funds will be used to address financial costs associated with all areas of government departmental spending.
- Major agreements requiring funding on April 1, 2017 are also included as part of the warrant. These include programs or initiatives that must be funded by the start of the year like: Comprehensive Municipal Grants; fulfillment of the contribution agreement with Yukon College and bus contracts; contributions made to the Yukon Hospital Corporation and other non-governmental organizations; funding for various boards and councils; and fulfillment of RCMP and 911 contracts.

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