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Minister Silver delivers budget that improves life for Yukoners, puts focus on evidence and results

Premier and Finance Minister Sandy Silver today delivered a 2017-18 budget that will create the conditions to make life better for Yukoners. The government will work with Yukoners and focus on four priorities that will guide leadership in the coming years.

To support people and their wellbeing, the budget invests in youth programs, health care, expanded addiction treatment, improved education and various initiatives that help Yukoners gain skills and training to successfully compete in the job market.

To build strong government-to-government relationships fostering reconciliation and cooperation with First Nations, budget investments support the work of the Yukon Forum, fund the activities of Aboriginal women's organizations, contribute to housing and energy retrofit projects and encourage sport participation.

To promote sustainable economic growth and provide good jobs for Yukoners, the budget supports reductions to corporate tax rates, improved tourism marketing, mining investment, a doubling of the Regional Economic Development Fund's budget and sustained investment in bridge and highway maintenance and repairs.

To contribute to healthy, vibrant communities, the budget invests in lot development for new housing, local infrastructure, group homes, shelter beds and affordable homeownership projects.

Quotes

"This budget supports the commitment and hard work that Yukoners are willing to dedicate to building a brighter future for themselves and for Yukon. This is the first budget of many that will set a new standard in making decisions backed by evidence, in addressing the real challenges facing Yukon and showing measurable progress towards the goals we identify, together with Yukoners."

-Premier and Minister of Finance Sandy Silver

Quick facts

- The total budget for 2017-18 is \$1.44 billion.
- The operations and maintenance budget is \$1.13 billion and the capital budget is \$309 million.
- For the first time, the budget will be tabled at the same time as the Yukon Economic Forecast, which allows Yukoners to see the economic facts that support budget **decisions**.

Learn more: The 2017-18 budget and key highlights

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