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Police force review recommendations to be implemented

WHITEHORSE—*Sharing Common Ground, Review of Yukon's Police Force* was endorsed by Justice Minister Marian C. Horne and First Nations leaders on February 11 and an implementation strategy will soon be underway.

"We were able to have a frank discussion about the contents of the report and have agreed to move forward on its recommendations," Horne said. "We have started identifying priorities, and will work together to develop an implementation plan."

Council of Yukon First Nations Grand Chief Ruth Massie is supportive of the decision.

"I am pleased to hear from the minister that the list of priorities outlined in the report is very similar to those of First Nations," said Massie. "We are looking forward to the future and working on the implementation of the police review recommendations."

One of the priorities the minister and First Nations leaders agreed to work on immediately is the establishment of a Yukon Police Council, which will make written recommendations on issues relating to the delivery of policing services in Yukon. The council will be chaired by the deputy minister of Justice and composed of six members appointed by the Justice Minister, including three people nominated by the First Nations.

Other priorities include creating a First Nations relations advisor position within the RCMP, establishing an independent civilian complaints coordinator to help citizens who have concerns with the RCMP, and securing a memorandum of understanding with a civilian police investigation agency.

"I want to ensure that we proceed quickly to apply the recommendations and improve the quality of policing services provided to Yukoners," Horne added.

For more information about *Sharing Common Ground* visit www.policereview2010.gov.yk.ca/index.html or call 867-667-3033.

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