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Motor Vehicles Act Amendments Tabled

WHITEHORSE – Two amendments to the *Motor Vehicles Act* will allow municipalities to enforce parking requirements on private property and to regulate off-road vehicle use within municipal boundaries. Public Works Minister Archie Lang tabled the *Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act* today.

"We are responsive to the concerns of Yukon's communities," Lang said. "This legislative change enables municipalities to establish bylaws ensuring the safe use of off-road vehicles within municipal boundaries and it allows them to enforce accessible parking," Lang said. "Amending the existing legislation is in keeping with the Yukon government's commitment to promote safer communities and provide good governance."

The amendments were brought forward by the City of Whitehorse and the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC).

The *Motor Vehicles Act* is a law that primarily addresses public safety by ensuring vehicles and operators conform to legal requirements while traveling on Yukon highways. Making periodic amendments to the law is a common practice to ensure that the legislation is kept up to date.

For more information about the amendments and the department of Highways and Public Works, please visit www.hpw.gov.yk.ca.

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