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CBC Urged to Maintain Service to the North

WHITEHORSE – Premier Dennis Fentie is urging the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to continue the current level of support for northern radio and television services as they consider their financial constraints.

The Government of Yukon presented a motion in the legislative assembly today urging the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) to keep its northern broadcasting system intact. The North makes up 40 per cent of Canada's land mass and this broadcasting service is vitally important to link northern, remote communities.

"Northerners and Canadians have relied on CBC for generations," Fentie said. "Here in the North, CBC radio and television provide essential communications to our communities, our sister territories and our nation."

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