



FOR RELEASE
October 28, 2015

Bill to modernize the Land Titles Act tabled today

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon tabled a bill today to modernize the territory's land titles legislation.

"The Yukon government is committed to building Yukon's economy and the new *Land Titles Act* will help us deliver more efficient and effective land titles services for the benefit of all Yukoners," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "In a first for Canada, the new legislation will allow for registration of First Nation Settlement Land in the Yukon Land Titles Office while safeguarding aboriginal title."

Other provisions will allow the Land Titles Office to transition to an electronic registration system, which will streamline and speed up business processes.

"This bill strengthens Yukon's land titles system, improves Yukoners' access to land titles information and services, and provides a stronger legislative framework to meet the volume and complexity of Yukon's dynamic real estate market," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "We thank the stakeholder advisory group, drafting committee and public for their input on this bill and on our ongoing initiative to modernize Yukon's land titles system."

Kwanlin Dün Chief Doris Bill added: "The visionaries of Kwanlin Dün self-government and land claim negotiations intended that settlement land be available to citizens forever and, that our land and its resources bring prosperity to our people. Our challenge has been to develop a system that retains Aboriginal rights and title, has the confidence of lending institutions and is cost effective. We have worked with the Yukon government on these amendments to enable KDFN settlement land leases to be registered. This will mean that our economic development corporation will be better positioned to increase the wealth of our Nation."

New regulations to accompany the act will provide details on the process for registration of First Nation Settlement Land as well as the rules governing plans of survey. New standard forms, filing processes and other requirements of the Land Titles Office will also be addressed. Drafting of the regulations is underway and will be completed next year.

The new bill is a component of the Land Titles Modernization Project, which is examining all aspects of Yukon's land titles regime and the associated business processes used in the Land Titles Office.

Learn more: Land Titles Modernization Project

-30-

Contact:

Dan Macdonald
Cabinet Communications
867-393-6470
dan.macdonald@gov.yk.ca

Megan Foreman
Communications, Justice
867-689-8721
Megan.Foreman@gov.yk.ca

Eileen Vance-Duchesne
Executive Assistant to the Chief
867-633-7826
eileen.duchesne@kdfn.net

News Release #15-327



Stay up to date with the latest Yukon government news by subscribing to our RSS feed here:
<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/rss.html>. Or follow us on Twitter @yukongov.