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## **New deputy shores up office of Yukon's chief medical officer of health**

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon today announced the hiring of a deputy chief medical officer of health for Yukon.

Dr. Catherine Elliott has joined the office of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Brendan Hanley.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Elliott join Dr. Hanley in this important work," Nixon said. "The role that this office fulfills is of utmost importance to ensuring the health and well-being of Yukon citizens in everything from communicable disease control, to water safety, injury prevention and respiratory health during forest fire season."

Elliott comes to Yukon from British Columbia, where she worked as a physician epidemiologist with Environmental Health Services at the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and led teams in Enteric Diseases and Public Health Emergency Management. Her research at BCCDC has included public health response to wildfires, health effects of air pollution and public health surveillance. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada in Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

"Dr. Elliott brings a wealth of expertise and experience to this office and I am very happy to have another pair of hands to assist me," Hanley said. "We look forward to serving the public health needs of Yukoners in an even more thorough and timely way."

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