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Yukon seeks input into proposed regulations including minimum rental standards

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is asking for feedback on proposed regulations under the *Residential Landlord and Tenant Act*, including minimum rental standards. This is the last step required before the new legislation is proclaimed into effect.

"When finalized, the *Residential Landlord and Tenant Act* and its supporting regulations will provide Yukoners with legislation that reflects best practices from across Canada," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "The public's input will help us in balancing the rights of tenants and landlords in support of a healthy rental market in Yukon."

The Residential Tenancies Office, created by the new *Residential Landlord and Tenant Act*, is leading the development of the regulations that it will use to administer the legislation. The new office will also provide public information and support to clients, hear and settle disputes outside of the courts, and have the ability to make binding decisions in relation to those disputes.

The proposed regulations will cover areas such as:

- Permitted and prohibited deposits,
- Issues that must be addressed in tenancy agreements,
- Permitted fees under tenancy agreements, and
- Dispute resolution fees.

Minimum standards are proposed for exteriors and interiors of residential properties, including mandatory compliance with upcoming changes in the *Oil Fired Appliance Safety Statutory Amendment Act*. Amendments to this act will require smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in all dwellings with an oil-fired appliance or an attached garage.

The public participation document is available on the Community Services website at www.community.gov.yk.ca/consumer/new_rlta.html.

Print copies are also available at community libraries and at the main information desk in the Government of Yukon administration building at 2071-2nd Avenue in Whitehorse.

The public is invited to participate and provide comments from December 11 to March 11, 2014.

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