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Yukon Employees' Union and Yukon government ratify new collective agreement

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon and the government's largest employee group, represented by the Public Service Alliance of Canada/Yukon Employees' Union, have ratified a new collective agreement.

"The negotiations were productive and I'd like to acknowledge the constructive and positive efforts of our officials in helping to reach this new agreement," Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission Elaine Taylor said. "The agreement includes several new provisions and updates that will be of mutual benefit to our government and our employees."

"A lot of hard work by both parties went into this agreement," Yukon Employees' Union president Steve Geick said. "We feel it is a fair deal and are pleased the membership took a similar view."

The new agreement sets out yearly salary increases totaling 5.75 per cent over three years – 2 per cent in 2013, 2 per cent in 2014 and 1.75 per cent in 2015. The three-year term is from January 2013 to December 31, 2015.

The new collective agreement covers approximately 70 per cent of Government of Yukon employees.

Negotiations began in November 2012 to replace the previous collective agreement, which expired in December 2012.

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