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Yukon to lead in carbon monoxide detector legislation

WHITEHORSE—Legislation to improve public safety regarding the use of oil-fired appliances was tabled today in the Yukon Legislative Assembly by Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor.

"The legislation tabled today balances public safety, industry capacity and important changes to permitting processes," Taylor said. "Action is also being taken to provide training in the local oil fired appliance industry, and raise public awareness of heating system safety."

Highlights of the legislative changes include powers to:

- require that only qualified oil burner mechanics may apply for and hold a permit to install or modify an oil-fired appliance;
- refer to trade qualifications and create a public registry of trade-qualified oil burner mechanics; and
- adopt the National Fire Code of Canada.

In addition, under this legislation, Yukon will be the first jurisdiction in Canada to require carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in all residences, including rental units, which have fuel burning appliances or an attached garage.

The proposed amendments affect the *Building Standards Act*, *Fire Prevention Act* and *Electrical Protection Act*. Regulatory amendments will be developed this summer.

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