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Forum brings groups together to discuss RCMP training and development

WHITEHORSE—The Northern Institute of Social Justice (NISJ) at Yukon College will host the Yukon RCMP Draft Training and Development Framework Forum on May 14 during National Police Week. The forum was developed in response to recommendation 3.2 from the *Sharing Common Ground* report on policing in the territory.

"The government is pleased to see this forum going ahead," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "Since its release, *Sharing Common Ground* has guided positive change in policing services in the territory."

Stakeholders and partners in policing will gather at the forum to discuss training and development plans for RCMP members serving in the territory. The NISJ will present the outcome of the discussions to the Yukon Police Council, which provides community feedback on policing to the minister of Justice.

"The development of the draft framework and the planning for the forum has been a collaborative project with an inter-agency working group", NISJ executive director Joanne Lewis said. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to host the forum at Yukon College and look forward to the discussion and the feedback on the draft framework."

The working group that developed the draft framework includes representatives from the Council of Yukon First Nations, the Women's Directorate, the Yukon Status of Women's Council, the PSAC Aboriginal People's Committee/PSAC Regional Women's Committee, the Yukon RCMP, the Yukon Department of Justice and the NISJ.

"The RCMP understands the importance of listening to our communities and understanding their needs and priorities," Chief Superintendent Peter Clark, Commanding Officer of the Yukon RCMP said. "A framework that allows us to consider community input alongside professional qualifications and our own personnel's individual development needs will help us develop a better-balanced training program."

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