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Government of Yukon reaching out to societies to hear their challenges with current legislation

The Government of Yukon is looking at options on how to modernize and improve the *Societies Act* and Regulations.

In the first phase of public engagement, the Government of Yukon will contact societies directly to gain a better understanding of their challenges associated with the current legislation.

Suggestions provided by these focus groups will be used to help prepare for public roundtables later in the fall. All Yukon societies and interested groups will be invited to explore how the legislation can be modernized to better meet their needs and support their important contributions.

Quotes

"Societies, and the volunteers that run them, contribute so much to what makes Yukon a great place to live. We know the legislation needs updating. We are looking forward to hearing from Yukoners about their experience with the legislation, and how we can improve it to reduce red tape and better serve Yukon."

–Minister of Community Services John Streicker

Quick facts

- A society is a not-for-profit corporation that can be created by five or more people who share a common recreational, scientific, community, social or cultural interest. A society can be created for any lawful purpose other than running a business, and is a legal entity that exists independently of its members. Societies created outside the territory can also register in Yukon to pursue their objectives.
- More than 700 societies are registered in the Yukon.
- Current legislation requires societies to file periodic reports with the Registrar of Societies.
- Under the current Act, customized bylaws and changes to them must be reviewed for compliance with applicable Canadian law and approved by the Registrar of Societies.

Learn more: Yukon Societies

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