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## **Government of Yukon and Kwanlin Dün First Nation advance land titles registration**

The Government of Yukon and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation have taken another step towards greater economic growth for the First Nation by approving a first-of-its-kind land registration amendment to the Kwanlin Dün First Nation Self-Government Agreement.

Once approved by the Government of Canada, this amendment will allow the Kwanlin Dün First Nation to register leases on Settlement Land in the Yukon Land Titles Office without affecting Aboriginal rights or title.

Once these leases are registered, lots can be developed for housing, commercial or other purposes. Registration of the leases in the Yukon Land Titles Office provides security of tenure to the leaseholder.

Unique in Canada, the provisions of the *Land Titles Act, 2015* and *Settlement Land Regulation* allow Yukon First Nations with self-government agreements to register leases or land in the Yukon Land Titles Office while retaining Aboriginal rights and title.

### **Quotes**

"This initiative has established a process for First Nations to follow, should they choose to register their Category A and B Settlement Land in the Yukon Land Titles Office. The changes made to the *Land Titles Act, 2015* and *Settlement Land Regulation* has laid the foundation for generating new economic growth for Kwanlin Dün First Nation, all First Nations and all Yukoners."

– Minister of Justice Tracy McPhee

"Kwanlin Dün has been working for many years with governments on the need for a land registry to unlock the potential of our land for the benefit of our citizens and to increase the prosperity of our Nation while retaining Aboriginal rights and title forever. We are pleased that this landmark amendment brings Kwanlin Dün and other Yukon First Nations, should they choose, one step closer to this registry option."

– Kwanlin Dün First Nation Chief Doris Bill

### **Quick facts**

- The amendment to the Kwanlin Dün First Nation Self-Government Agreement must be approved by the Government of Canada before it can take effect.
- This is another outcome of the Land Titles Modernization project of which the *Land Titles Act, 2015*, and the *Settlement Lands Regulation* are a part.
- This continues recent cooperation between Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Government of Yukon in modernizing Yukon's land titles system to promote economic growth.
- Other Yukon First Nations may choose to make a similar land registration amendment to their own self-government agreements.

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