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Spring sitting wraps up, fall sitting to begin October 3

The Government of Yukon concluded the spring sitting of the Legislative Assembly yesterday. Accomplishments of the recent sitting include establishing National Aboriginal Day as an annual statutory holiday, delivering and passing the 2017-18 budget, funding economic development in rural communities and amending the *Vital Statistics Act* and *Human Rights Act* to eliminate discrimination based on a person's gender identity or gender expression.

Premier Sandy Silver announced that the fall sitting of the Yukon Legislative Assembly will begin on October 3.

Quotes

"I am very proud of what we have accomplished during the spring sitting. It was a productive, successful sitting and we will continue the build on progress made on behalf of Yukoners. I look forward to actively engaging with Yukoners over the summer months to ensure their voices are heard in the fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly."

—Premier Sandy Silver

Quick Facts

- The Government of Yukon delivered and passed a 2017-18 budget which improves life for Yukoners by reducing the small and general corporate tax rates from 3 to 2 per cent and from 15 to 12 per cent, respectively.
- The Government of Yukon established an independent Financial Advisory Panel to develop options that will help return Yukon to a healthy financial position.
- Legislation designated National Aboriginal Day as an annual statutory holiday in Yukon beginning June 21, 2017.
- The Regional Economic Development Fund's budget increased from \$405,000 to \$800,000 to stimulate development of economic opportunities in Yukon First Nations and rural communities.
- The Government of Yukon has confirmed the planned location of the new French First Language high school on the Riverdale Education Reserve.
- Changes to the *Vital Statistics Act* remove the requirement for sex reassignment surgery before a person can change the sex on their birth registration.
- Amendments to the *Human Rights Act* make it illegal to discriminate against a person on the grounds of gender identity and gender expression.

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