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Yukon Forum Newsletter



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- Yukon's Premier, Cabinet members, Council of Yukon First Nation's Grand Chief and Yukon First Nations Chiefs met for the third Yukon Forum of 2019 at the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre.
- Key topics discussed included:
 - Fish and Wildlife
 - Child Welfare
 - Representative Public Service Plan
 - Justice
 - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
 - Yukon Days

Progress from the Yukon Forum Working Groups

Fiscal Relations

Infrastructure and Housing Funding

- Yukon First Nation Leadership passed a resolution regarding collaboration and implementation of housing initiatives.
- Several Yukon First Nation priorities have been approved through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement Implementation

Economic Development – Chapter 22

- Yukon government's new representative public service plan has received endorsements from six First Nations. Yukon government officially endorsed the plan at the September 18, 2019 Yukon Forum in Teslin.
- The Implementation Working Group, comprised of representatives from Canada, Yukon and Yukon First Nation governments, discussed the Chapter 22 Review in Dawson in June. Yukon, Canada and some Yukon First Nation governments have completed reporting on the status of each Chapter 22 provision.



Previous Yukon Forum

- May 30, 2019 in Carmacks
- [Key topics discussed](#) .
 - Signed the Heritage Memorandum of Understanding regarding Collaboration in Heritage Management
 - Progress on Education priority
 - Discussion around Climate Change & Wildland Fire Management

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Chapter 11: Land Use Planning

- The Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan was approved by the Government of Yukon, The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, and the Gwich'in Tribal Council. The signing ceremony was August 22, 2019 in Mayo.

Fish and Wildlife

- The independent review of the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board is complete and the final report was presented to leaders at the September 18, 2019 Yukon Forum in Teslin.

Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement

Health and Social Services

- The Terms of Reference for the Trilateral Table on Indigenous Child Welfare were signed in April 2019 and the Table is now undertaking work planning.
- Funding for culturally appropriate mental wellness initiatives has been allotted via the First Nations Partners Committee on Mental Wellness.

Justice

- Yukon Government and Yukon First Nation officials have been engaged in advancing research that will advance better understanding and implementation of Restorative Justice in Yukon

Education

- In collaboration with Yukon First Nations, an Assistant Deputy Minister of First Nations Initiatives position has been established and staffed at the Department of Education, reflecting the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action #62 (iv) to establish senior-level positions dedicated to Aboriginal content in Education.

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