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Yukon Forum Newsletter



February 14, 2019, Yukon Forum

- Yukon's Premier, Cabinet members, Council of Yukon First Nation's Grand Chief and Yukon First Nations Chiefs met for the first Yukon Forum of 2019 at the Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House in Whitehorse.
- Key topics discussed included:
 - mining
 - economic development
 - Arctic and Northern Policy Framework
 - Intergovernmental Forum with the federal government

Progress from the Yukon Forum Working Groups

- **Fiscal Relations**
 - Discussions continue on shared infrastructure priorities, resource revenue sharing and the renewal of Personal Income Tax Sharing Agreements.
- **Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement Implementation**

Mining

- Work continues to identify opportunities to improve how mining and exploration activities are managed in Yukon. The goal is to ensure Yukon's mineral resources are managed in a manner that is consistent with the Final and Self-Government Agreements and to increase clarity and certainty to industry.

Economic Development – Chapter 22

- Work continues on a First Nations procurement policy and the Representative Public Service Plan.
- In January 2019, Premier Silver, Minister Mostyn and Minister Pillai met with the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development to discuss implementation of Chapter 22 and opportunities for collaboration.



Previous Yukon Forum

- December 14, 2018, in Whitehorse.
- [Key topics discussed](#)
 - progress on fish and wildlife priorities
 - progress on the Whitehorse Correctional Centre report
 - progress on land use planning
 - child welfare
 - creation of a Joint Senior Executive Committee

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Collaborative approach

- The Joint Senior Executive Committee, made up of Government of Yukon Deputy Ministers and self-governing First Nations Executive Directors was created. They have met twice, in November 2018 and January 2019. Their goal is to enhance collaboration and communication between the senior levels of our governments and resolve issues.

Fish and Wildlife

- A review of the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board has begun. The Government of Yukon and Council of Yukon First Nations hired Stratos as the independent contractor who will carry out the review.
- We are having discussions about harvest allocations for moose.

• Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement

Health and Social Services

- The Government of Yukon and Council of Yukon First Nations attended a conference together on Group Care Options.
- The Government of Yukon is developing memorandums of understanding with a number of First Nations to guide the delivery of family and children services in their communities.

Education

- A new assistant deputy minister of First Nations Initiatives position has been created in the Department of Education. A recruitment process is underway.
- The Government of Yukon is working with a number of First Nations to implement or negotiate Education Agreements.

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