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Yukon government confirms commitment to new municipal grant program

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government and the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) co-hosted a municipal summit this week to confirm commitments to review the Comprehensive Municipal Grant (CMG), a key issue brought forward from the *Our Towns, Our Future* review process.

The municipal summit included elected officials and administrators from all eight of Yukon's municipal governments and the Association of Yukon Communities, and resulted from discussions between Yukon government and municipalities that began earlier this spring. This fiscal year marks the final year in a five-year funding agreement that came into effect April 1, 2008.

"The Government of Yukon is pleased to work with municipal governments and the Association of Yukon Communities on the Comprehensive Municipal Grant program," Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor said. "The government is committed to ensuring that we have a new Comprehensive Municipal Grant program in place that meets long-term needs of municipal governments, ensures that all communities benefit, and works toward a seamless transition to a new five-year program."

During the summit, municipal governments indicated their interest in changing the CMG formula. The issues raised by municipal governments at the summit will be considered in the development of the next five-year program, which is expected to be announced later this year.

"We are pleased to be working with the Government of Yukon to update the CMG so that it is fair, equitable, transparent and predictable, while continuing to meet the needs of all Yukon communities," Carmacks mayor and AYC president Elaine Wyatt said. "There has already been a lot of good discussion about how to change the funding formula and the municipalities have indicated their key criteria for going forward. We believe that our discussions will further advance this initiative."

Since 2007, Yukon government has increased the annual Comprehensive Municipal Grant from just over \$12 million to more than \$16.5 million in 2011-12. The annual Comprehensive Municipal Grant is provided to Yukon's eight municipal governments to support their capital and operation and maintenance budgets.

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