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Recommended response:

- The Arctic Winter Games are returning to Whitehorse in March 2026. I want to congratulate the host City of Whitehorse—excitement is building as opening day draws near.
- Earlier this month, I was pleased to take part in the 100-days-out flag raising event. It was a powerful moment of pride and anticipation.
- The Government of Yukon is providing \$4.35 million in financial and in-kind support to the 2026 Arctic Winter Games Host Society.
- Our Sport and Recreation Branch is working closely with the City of Whitehorse, the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, the Host Society, and territorial sport organizations to ensure these Games are successful and memorable, showcasing the beauty and culture of our territory.

Additional response:

- The Games will bring lasting benefits to the Yukon: boosting our economy, strengthening sport development, building partnerships, promoting fair play and healthy lifestyles, and celebrating cultural diversity, awareness, and understanding.
- Our goal is to position the Yukon as a destination for sports and major games. We will be conducting long-term planning with sports organizations and municipalities to ensure the Yukon has adequate sports infrastructure.

Context:

- This may become an issue because the public could question the costs associated with hosting a major sport event from March 8th to 15th 2026.

Background:

- The Arctic Winter Games is a high-profile, circumpolar sport competition for northern and Arctic athletes, and a multi-cultural showcase for the circumpolar world. Every two years since 1970, the Games celebrate sport, social exchange, and culture while providing an opportunity for the developing athlete to compete in friendly competition and share cultural values of northern regions of the world.
- The Arctic Winter Games International Committee is made up of representatives from each of the permanent partners (Alberta, Alaska, Greenland, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Nunavik and Yukon) and is responsible for implementing policies and providing leadership to the Games.
- The 2026 Arctic Winter Games Host Society, made up of strong leaders in our community, oversees the management of the upcoming Games and engages with key partners and stakeholders throughout the process.
- The Deputy Minister of Community Services and Director of Sport & Recreation Branch represent the Government of Yukon on the host society Board of Directors.
- During the Arctic Winter Games, the International Committee will host a meeting with government leaders from all permanent partners to provide the information and resources needed to support discussions and decision-making for the Games.
- In addition to substantial financial support, the Government of Yukon is providing in-kind contributions which include a secondment position to the Host Society for the General Manager, as well as a Coordinator of Athlete Services, Venues and Logistics.

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Association of Yukon Communities - Resolutions

Community Services

Recommended response:

- I look forward to working with the Association of Yukon Communities to advance shared objectives and deliver commitments that strengthen local governance, improve sustainability, and enhance community well-being.
- Our partnership with the Association focuses on aligning priorities with community needs and advancing shared objectives.
- I attended the Association of Yukon Communities quarterly board meeting on November 29th, which provided an excellent opportunity to hear directly from municipal leaders.

Additional response:

- I am familiar with the resolutions adopted by the Association of Yukon Communities last spring and recognize their importance in addressing municipal priorities.
- We look forward to working with community leaders on important issues including:
 - Understanding how the Community Recreation Assistance Grant can be adjusted for inflation and indexing moving forward.
 - Strengthening municipal governments through closer collaboration on infrastructure planning and development.
 - Understanding how the Comprehensive Municipal Grant can ensure communities are resourced to deliver essential services.
 - Empowering Local Advisory Councils by initiating discussions to expand their responsibilities and input into decisions affecting unincorporated communities.

Association of Yukon Communities - Resolutions

Community Services

Context:

- This may become an issue because the Association of Yukon Communities is an active advocate regarding municipal affairs and local governance.
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Background:

- The Association of Yukon Communities and the Government of Yukon signed a 3-year Partnership Agreement (2025–2028) to formalize cooperation and consultation.
- The Association of Yukon Communities passed nine resolutions at the 2025 Annual General Meeting. The subjects of the resolutions are:
 - Strengthening Yukon's Municipal Workforce Capacity (Economic Development - lead, Community Services - supporting)
 - Establishment of a Municipal Rate Class (Yukon Utilities Board)
 - RCMP Staffing in Rural Yukon Communities (Justice)
 - Strengthening Emergency Management, Fire Service, and EMS Support (Community Services)
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Recommended response

- The Sport and Recreation Branch coordinates with communities and local First Nations on the recruitment and training of seasonal staff. Local governments hire specialized pool managers to run their aquatics programs.
- For the 2025 season, seven pools operated in rural Yukon communities, supporting healthy, active lifestyles and physical activity.
- We are committed to building vibrant communities by investing in sport and recreation infrastructure and programs that promote health, wellness and active lifestyles across the territory.

Additional response:

- The Ross River and Beaver Creek pools were closed this season. Ross River youth participated in a week-long swim camp held at the Faro pool and in open water. The residents of Ross River also had access to private bookings at the Faro pool, in addition to public swims and children's swimming lessons.
- In partnership with the Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon, the Government of Yukon hosted an annual Spring Aquatics Workshop in Faro in May 2025. These workshops develop knowledge and skills around safe pool operations, lifesaving certification and aquatics programming.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- There is public interest in public pools because the pools in Ross River and Beaver Creek have not opened for several years due to required repairs and staffing shortages.

Background:

- Municipal pools in Dawson City, Watson Lake, Faro, Carmacks and Mayo are owned and operated by the municipality. Pools in Pelly Crossing, Carcross, Ross River, and Beaver Creek are owned by the Government of Yukon.
- The operation and maintenance of each Government of Yukon pool is a joint responsibility between Community Services, Property Management Division and the Local Authority for Recreation.
- The pool in Carmacks received funding from the Canada Community-Building Fund and the Government of Yukon's Community Development Fund. The Village of Carmacks and the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation have developed a joint agreement to equally share the costs of operating the pool.
- In 2025, the Department of Highways and Public Works completed a review of the Beaver Creek pool, to identify potential sources of water accumulating beneath the pool lining. The findings indicate that surface drainage appears to be the source of the water that accumulates under the liner.
- A structural and geotechnical evaluation of the Ross River pool by the Department of Highways and Public Works confirmed severe foundation and structural issues due to differential settlement and permafrost degradation. As a result of these findings, the pool remained closed this summer.
- The government is currently reviewing options and planning next steps to address the findings from these assessments.

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Recommended response:

- The Comprehensive Municipal Grant is the primary source of territorial funding for municipalities, providing unconditional block funding that supports sustainable service delivery.
- The grant formula includes a base allocation for each municipality and considers population, number of dwellings, major infrastructure assets, and local revenue capacity.
- I recognize the importance of this funding. Our government is committed to ensuring municipalities are funded sustainably so they can continue delivering the core services that underpin strong communities.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- Ensuring the Comprehensive Municipal Grant remains sustainable is a priority for municipal governments and the Association of Yukon Communities.

Background:

- The Comprehensive Municipal Grant, created in 1991, is an unconditional block grant that supports municipalities in delivering core services. It is calculated annually using a formula established in legislation.
- The Comprehensive Municipal Grant framework has undergone periodic reviews to assess long-term financial sustainability and refine formula components. These reviews have informed adjustments to certain formula factors.
- In June 2023, the Association of Yukon Communities submitted a report to the Government of Yukon, titled *Comprehensive Municipal Grant Review – Analysis*.
- The AYC report highlighted rising costs from peripheral users, regulatory changes, expanded programs and services, climate impacts, and municipalities' limited ability to raise revenue through fees, charges, or property taxes.
- Between 2023 and 2025, the Association of Yukon Communities and the Government of Yukon officials continued technical work to identify municipal operating cost pressures

and explore options for formula refinement. This included the establishment of the Comprehensive Municipal Grant Enhancement Task Force in 2024, which formally began discussions on the Association of Yukon Communities-requested changes.

- Recent changes to the Comprehensive Municipal Grant regulation, effective in 2025, include adjustments to the asset maintenance component and the continuation of a funding floor. These changes reflect the outcome of this review work and maintain the core principles guiding the grant: adequacy, equity, certainty, transparency, and accountability.
- In 2026, it is projected that \$30,001,165 will be distributed to Yukon municipalities through the Comprehensive Municipal Grant.

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Recommended response:

- Long-term planning of recreational and sport infrastructure remains a priority, and we work closely with sport organizations and municipalities to ensure facilities meet community needs and support future growth.
- We are commitment to advancing sport infrastructure around the territory, particularly as we move forward with the construction of the new Dawson City Recreation Center.
- We are working with our partners on this project, the City of Dawson and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in government and are using an innovative progressive design build process for this project.
- Construction began this past summer, and the project is anticipated to reach completion in 2028.
- Once complete, the center will feature modern amenities and expanded opportunities for sports, recreation, and community programming for Dawson City's residents and visitors alike.

Additional response:

- Investing in practical, functional sport and recreation infrastructure is essential to Yukoners' health, strengthening communities and ensuring equitable access to active living.

Context:

- This is an important project for the City of Dawson and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and promotes healthy, sustainable communities.

Background:

- The new Dawson City Recreation Centre will provide a modern, safe and accessible community hub. Located on the corner of Dome Road and the North Klondike Highway, the year-round center will include a variety of recreational amenities, including an ice rink, curling sheets, fitness center, indoor play area and walking loop. The center will also include multi-purpose spaces, offices, and a canteen.
- Dawson's Waterfront Building and the Art and Margaret Fry Recreation Centre will continue to operate until the new center is commissioned.
- A Progressive Design Build contract was awarded to Wildstone Construction & Engineering Ltd in 2024. The project delivery method was selected to mitigate risks to project schedule and costs and to realize opportunities in project design through early collaboration between the design team and the contractor.
- The Government of Yukon manages this project in collaboration with the City of Dawson and with input from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. The City of Dawson Recreation Board advises on the project.
- The Government of Canada is investing \$40,000,000 through the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream and \$7,925,000 through the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The Government of Yukon is investing \$15,975,000 and is leading the project management of the construction.
- The Government of Yukon is investing an additional \$8.3 million in site preparations, which includes site grading and stormwater management.
- Once the new Centre is completed, the City of Dawson will own the facility and be responsible for its operations and maintenance.

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Federal Community Infrastructure Funding

Community Services

Recommended response:

- Community Services administers a variety of federal funding opportunities to ensure stable and predictable resources that strengthen Yukon communities and help municipal and First Nation governments close the territory's infrastructure gap.
- We look forward to working with the municipalities and First Nations to better understand their infrastructure needs like water systems and roads, to ensure critical infrastructure is maintained and repaired to support a sustainable territory.
- With new and existing infrastructure funding from the Government of Canada, we will work towards planning and prioritizing investments that extend the life of critical infrastructure and maximize the long-term value of federal investments in Yukon communities.

Additional response:

- The Build Communities Strong Fund was approved in the recent federal budget on November 17, 2025.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding is fully subscribed, and more federal investment is required to support infrastructure in the Yukon.
- The Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund has not been fully allocated and may be of interest to municipalities and First Nations.
- Federal budget 2025 announced the Build Communities Strong Fund that proposes \$51.0 billion over 10 years in new (\$23.2 billion) and existing (\$27.8 billion) funding. Funding will support housing enabling infrastructure, health related infrastructure and infrastructure at colleges and universities.

Federal Community Infrastructure Funding

Community Services

Background:

- Community Services, Infrastructure Development Branch, manages the following federal funding agreements:
 - **Small Communities Fund** - Signed in February 2015, the Government of Yukon advanced 61 projects totaling over \$340 million of combined federal and Government of Yukon contributions. 12 projects are still being implemented. The agreement is set to end in fiscal year 27/28.
 - **Investigating in Canada Infrastructure Fund** - Signed in 2018, by the application deadline of March 31, 2025, the Government of Yukon has advanced 76 projects with a combined investment of over \$600 million. This summer, 42 projects were in various phases of implementation. The agreement is set to end in fiscal year 33/34.
 - **Canada Community-Building Fund, formerly Gas Tax Fund** - In 2024, the Government of Yukon entered into a new 10-year administrative agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund. In fiscal year 2025-26, the Government of Yukon received \$18.75 million.
 - **Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund** - In March 2025, the Government of Yukon signed a bilateral agreement with a combined investment of over \$100 million to address housing-enabling infrastructure priorities.
 - **Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund** - In March 2025, the Government of Yukon signed the Carmacks Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund contribution agreement, receiving \$38 million in federal funding.

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Recommended response:

- In October 2024, the Government of Yukon launched a time-limited, free public transit initiative, with the end date set for November 30, 2025.
- The program was established to provide barrier free access to public transit by providing tickets and passes to non-governmental organizations with mandates that support Yukoners who are low-income, vulnerable, youth or seniors,
- Bus passes and tickets were provided to participating non-governmental organizations to hand out to their clients, while the information desk at the Jim Smith building and Whitehorse Public Library were providing a limited number of passes and tickets to the public.
- The total estimated cost of the program was approximately \$1.2 million.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- This program was introduced in October 2024 as a time-limited initiative and concluded on November 30, 2025.
- Non-governmental organizations were invited to participate and 24 enrolled in the initiative.

Background:

- The Free Transit initiative provided eligible non-profit organizations with transit tickets and passes to distribute to clients at no charge.
- Transit tickets and passes were also made available at the Jim Smith Building and the Whitehorse Public Library.

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Free Transit in Whitehorse

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Recommended response:

- The Government of Yukon supports businesses, municipalities and residents in recycling. A sustainable recycling system is important for the Yukon, for our environment, and to reduce the cost to operate and eventually decommission landfills.
- For many years, Yukoners diverted waste from landfills by recycling, with financial support from the local and territory governments.
- Since summer 2025, Extended Producer Responsibility has taken on the responsibility for recycling of batteries, automotive waste fluids, hazardous products, paper and packaging. This includes curbside collection in Whitehorse.
- This user-pay system has shifted the cost of recycling from Yukon taxpayers and municipalities to producers of these products.

Additional response:

- To support this transition, Community Services has established a recycling depot for business who need a place to bring paper and packaging products. Business can bring this material to Raven Recycling, free of charge.
- We are also supporting municipalities with waste management and recycling by providing both capital and operational funding to improve facilities and support municipalities to serve residents in their region.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- Recycling across the territory is supported by the Government of Yukon.

Background:

- Government of Yukon has historically supported recycling paper and packaging through diversion credits. Depots and processors were paid a per-tonne fee for collection and processing.
- These credits are no longer in place. These services are now established through contracting processes either through Extended Producer Responsibility programs or directly by the Government of Yukon.
- As part of the transition to Extended Producer Responsibility, commercial and residential materials are now managed independently. Extended Producer Responsibility organizations manage the residential stream and the Government of Yukon manages the commercial stream.
- In tandem with this transition, the Government of Yukon has made small changes to how it handles beverage containers, for improved efficiencies. Beverage container processors are now contracted directly by the Government of Yukon, and community depots now have the ability to choose their preferred processor.

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Recommended response:

- Yukon's vibrant and growing communities need a supply of land to support growth.
- By working hand in hand with municipalities, First Nations and the private sector, we will ensure families and businesses have the space they need to grow and thrive.
- We will work with our partners around the Yukon to develop a strategy for rural land development that meets the needs and the aspirations of their community and that identifies land for housing to facilitate growth and prosperity in rural Yukon.

Additional response:

- We look forward to exploring ways that we can incentivize and streamline housing construction and development.
- There is also a need to expand land development. We will explore ways for private developers to bring new housing projects to market, helping drive economic growth.
- We will work with Yukon First Nations to create partnerships that enable residential housing and commercial opportunities and consider ways to support First Nations that want to accelerate the development of their settlement lands.
- We will also make additional land available for development. This could include acquiring vacant or abandoned lots, negotiating land transfers between governments, and collaboratively planning future development areas.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- Increasing lot availability and addressing housing pressures in all Yukon communities is of high interest to the public.

Background:

- Land development is a complex process involving numerous regulatory requirements, stakeholders and decision-makers.
- The branch is the primary land developer on Yukon government-owned land for residential, commercial, industrial and recreational land. In recent years the focus has been on residential and industrial land to meet housing and economic pressures.
- The Land Development Branch works with municipal, First Nation and private sector partners to identify priority areas and conduct site assessment, planning, design, construction, and land titling, for new subdivisions. Energy, Mines and Resources' Land Management Branch manages the release of lots.

Projects are underway at different stages of development in most Yukon communities.

Project highlights include:

Dawson

- Dredge Pond II – a 42-lot country residential subdivision – is in final design stage, moving to tender in early 2026.

Haines Junction

- Dhāl Ghāy/Mountain Ridge – a 44-lot Subdivision is complete (ATCO/Northwestel services underway) with lots ready for release this winter.

Watson Lake

- Recently released 24 new residential lots on Frances Avenue (summer 2025).

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Recommended response:

- The Government of Yukon is working towards a cohesive solid waste management model, that is both fiscally and environmentally sustainable.
- Community Operations branch manages 12 solid waste facilities in unincorporated communities and provides base operating funds for 13 recycling depots. We also transport recyclables from community depots to Whitehorse for shipment to southern markets.
- We are working with municipalities to implement best practices at regional solid waste facilities through Regional Waste Management Facility Agreements. These agreements provide annual financial support for regional users outside municipal boundaries and a 50% contribution to municipalities towards closure and post-closure liability costs.
- Most waste facilities now have gates, set operating hours, consistent tipping fees, and onsite staff to manage waste streams. This will help to extend the life of landfills, while reducing environmental risk and costs associated with closure liabilities.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- Modernizing solid waste management is a multi-stage process that affects users differently in each area and phase.

Background:

- The Government of Yukon's solid waste facilities in the Whitehorse periphery started charging tipping fees in 2020.
- Tipping fees were then introduced in three additional Government of Yukon facilities in 2025 (Champagne, Destruction Bay and Pelly Crossing).

Solid Waste Services

Community Services

- Ongoing modernization of solid waste management is based on the direction provided by the Ministerial Committee in the 2018 report: recommendations for Action towards a Sustainable Solid Waste Management System for Yukon.
- The Committee, co-chaired by the Association for Yukon Communities and including municipalities and Government of Yukon representation, recommended actions in three key areas:
 - Increase efficiency through regionalization, with support to strengthen regional facilities serving users beyond municipal boundaries;
 - Adopt a user-pay model with consistent tipping fees approach across all facilities; and,
 - Improve environmental outcomes through clear standards and best practices, including diverting organics and recyclables from landfills to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and leachate contamination.
- Whitehorse functions similarly as a regional facility under a Memorandum of Agreement with the Community Operations Branch, where the Government of Yukon ships rural household waste to Whitehorse and pays the agreed tipping fees.
- Illegal dumping has not increased since tipping fees were introduced in the Whitehorse periphery. We continue to monitor impacts following the implementation of tipping fees in Champagne, Destruction Bay and Pelly Crossing. Fines for illegal dumping were increased to strengthen enforcement if needed.

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Recommended response:

- Whitehorse is experiencing a period of significant growth. Its population has increased by 30 percent in the past decade. This trend is expected to continue.
- We will invest in land and infrastructure development to ensure that Yukoners have the services and the spaces to build their homes and futures.
- We will continue developing the Whistle Bend subdivision, and will work with the City of Whitehorse to address traffic congestion in the area.
- We will also look beyond Whistle Bend. Together with the City of Whitehorse, the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, and residents of our capital city, we will plan the next major residential development.

Additional response:

- There is also a need to expand land development opportunities in the City of Whitehorse, and around the Yukon. We will explore ways for private developers to bring new housing projects to market, helping drive economic growth.
- We will work with Yukon First Nations to create partnerships that enable residential housing and commercial opportunities and consider ways to support First Nations that want to accelerate the development of their settlement lands.
- This government will also make sure additional land is available for development across the Yukon. This could include acquiring vacant or

abandoned lots, negotiating land transfers between governments, and collaboratively planning future development areas.

- We look forward to working with our partners in the private sector to create these economic opportunities, and with the City of Whitehorse on areas identified for development by their Official Community Planning process.

Context:

- Addressing housing affordability and increasing lot availability are high priorities for the public.

Background:

Copper Ridge Parcels 519/1126

- Land Development Branch, the City of Whitehorse, and Energy, Mines and Resources worked together to ready these lot parcels for private sector release.

Whistle Bend, Current Situation

- Phase 9 was completed this summer, and 98 lots were released in September 2025.
- Phases 12 and 13 – 15 large multi-family, public service and commercial lots - will be completed in summer 2026.
- Detailed design for Phases 10 and 11, the stormwater conveyance and outfall system, landscaping, and Mountainview traffic upgrades are advancing this winter.

Chasàn Tatäy (Range Point) Subdivision. Joint Government of Yukon - Kwanlin Dün First Nation project

- The Government of Yukon and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation have worked in partnership to complete the master plan and zoning and are constructing this neighbourhood.
- 67 lots and up to 420 units of housing on the two adjacent Government of Yukon and Kwanlin Dün First Nation-owned parcels.

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Session Briefing Note**Fall 2025****Lot Sales, Lotteries, and Support
for Housing and Development**Energy, Mines and
Resources

Recommended response:

- We are committed to reforming the land lottery system to ensure that builders have access to lots.
- We are committed to releasing residential lots to the private sector with conditions that ensure timely development.
- The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources continues to offer lots for sale as they become available through lottery, tender, and over-the-counter sales.

Additional response:

- We plan to release new residential development opportunities this winter in Whitehorse and Haines Junction and look forward to collaborating with builders on upcoming residential housing initiatives.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- There continues to be high demand for building lots within Whitehorse and across the territory for residential, commercial, and industrial developments.
- Platform commitments:
 - Reforming the Land Lottery System to recognize that homebuilders provide the vast majority of housing and to ensure they have access to lots (without using proxies).
 - Releasing Prepared Lots to the Private Sector with conditions for timely development, while recovering costs.
 - Releasing Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural Land to facilitate economic development and business opportunities for the private sector.

Session Briefing Note**Fall 2025****Lot Sales, Lotteries, and Support
for Housing and Development**Energy, Mines and
Resources

- Releasing Cottage Lots and Other Recreational Land for sale or lease with a particular focus on waterfront access.

Background:

- Several options have been identified to change the land lottery system.
- A public engagement on reform to the land lottery was completed in August 2024 as part of engagement on new lands legislation.
- The Land Management Branch has been working with builders to develop a residential lottery process that balances the needs of industry.
- The sale of titled public land is administered through the *Lands Act*, via the *Financial Administration Act*.
- Under the *Lands Act*, the *Lands Regulations* outline how residential land lotteries are implemented and how lots are priced (i.e., market value or development cost).
- While the *Lands Regulation* prioritizes the sale of residential lots to individuals building their own homes, Management Board directives can increase flexibility or adjust these priorities. Recent trends show builders applying for multiple lots through proxies.
- In recent years, the costs to develop subdivisions have been very high, making it difficult for YG to recover its costs when selling developed lots.
- Future land development across Yukon is expected to include First Nation Settlement Land and private sector land. Selling land at less than the cost of development may make it difficult for others to develop and sell land profitably.

Approved by:**Sierra van der Meer****November 28, 2025**Deputy Minister,
Department of Energy, Mines and Resources

Date approved

Recommended response:

- Canada experienced a notable wildfire season last year. Yukon Wildland Fire Management worked hard in response to fires at home and we supported our partners in other areas of Canada.
- This past summer, Wildland Fire Management responded to 165 wildfires which burned 169,216 hectares, including significant threats to multiple communities.
- Dawson faced fires on all sides of the community, with a major wildfire threatening West Dawson.
- Keno and Ethel Lake residents prepared for possible evacuation, and fires in the Northern Tutchone district caused frequent road closures and travel disruptions.
- Wildland Fire Management drew on resources from across the territory, along with outside specialists and expertise to keep our communities, our people, and our critical infrastructure safe.

Additional response:

- Unseasonably warm fall temperatures and strong winds prompted the Government of Yukon to extend some wildland firefighting crews into the fall, to ensure a rapid response capacity later in the year than typical.
- Wildland Fire Management acknowledges the contributions of our many partners, including First Nation and municipal governments, the Emergency Measures Organization, the Fire Marshal's Office, volunteer and municipal fire departments, the RCMP, Yukon First Nation Wildfire and many others

Context—this may be an issue because:

- The public may have interest in Wildland Fire Management activities in 2025 from hearing about fires or being impacted from fires in their communities.
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Background:

- Protective Services offered valuable information through the Wildfire Hub, making it easier to find up to date wildfire information for Yukoners.
- Leaders' briefings were held bi-weekly throughout the summer, inviting community leaders to meet with Yukon government Wildland Fire Management and Emergency Measures Organization officials to ask questions and for updates on emergency response operations.
- Wildland Fire Management prepares for the fire season by ensuring resources are in place, ready to respond to incidents as required. During the season, Wildland Fire Management's meteorologist and fire behavior specialists actively monitor current and short-term weather forecasts to ensure appropriate response to fires.
- The costs for wildfire response vary considerably each year based on location of fires and the severity of the fire season, however the overall costs of fire response (called "direct fire") is increasing.
- Wildland Fire Management is exploring multiple options to manage the cost pressures, this includes reviewing the use of key equipment, aircraft, crew locations and alternatives approaches for tendering.

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Recommended response:

- The building safety branch works to uphold national building standards that keep Yukoners safe. We also ensure that permitting processes are efficient and cost-effective.
- Our inspectors aim to approve building permits within 10 business days when applications include all required documents.
- We look forward to working with the building industry and municipalities to support the delivery of safe, energy-efficient homes for Yukoners.
- Our partners at the City of Whitehorse have implemented a new e-permitting system that makes the inspection and permitting process easier for builders.
- We are developing a new Government of Yukon permitting system to further streamline applications for the public.

Additional response:

- The Yukon government recognizes the need to make it easier, faster and less expensive to build, so we are committed to ensure that the construction industry and municipalities are engaged and consulted in implementing changes to the existing building and construction codes.
- We intend to working with municipalities and stakeholders to consider ways to reduce Development Cost Charges and Permit Fees to incentivize housing construction and drive down costs in our territory.

Context – this may be an issue because:

- Permitting requirements, costs and processes are seen as barriers to building homes in the Yukon.

- In 2024, contractors building within the City of Whitehorse experienced long wait times for permits, delaying the start of construction.
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Background:

- Government of Yukon officials issue building permits outside Whitehorse and City of Whitehorse officials issue building permits within city limits.
- The Government of Yukon has not experienced challenges in keeping up with building permitting demand in the areas it covers – such as electrical and plumbing permits, and construction outside of Whitehorse.
- In 2024, the Government of Yukon issued 3,420 permits for a variety of installations and completed 6,644 inspections. This included permits for oil or woodstove heaters, gas appliances, plumbing installations, boilers and pressure vessels, and elevators.
- Before any construction begins, plans are reviewed to make sure they meet the applicable building codes and safety standards. Regular inspections are then carried out throughout the construction period.

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Recommended response:

- The Fire Marshal's Office works with numerous agencies and community partners to reduce the loss of life and property.
- They support 15 volunteer fire departments across the Yukon with administrative assistance, personal protective equipment, training resources and recruitment.
- The Fire Marshal's Office also provides municipalities with equipment, inspection and investigation training, public information resources, and assistance during large-scale incidents.
- Effective public education and community outreach remain essential tools in preventing fire and life-safety incidents, and we deeply appreciate the commitment of volunteers, municipal fire service members, community champions, and partner agencies who help protect our communities.

Additional response:

- This government is committed to further supporting firefighters by working with municipalities, First Nations, and the Association of Yukon Firefighters and Fire Chiefs to ensure crews have appropriate gear, equipment, and training.

Context – this may be an issue because:

- The Fire Marshal's Office is working to meet its obligations under the *Fire Prevention Act* and the *Workers' Safety and Compensation Act* regulations. The Department is engaged in strategic planning to address long-standing resource, funding and infrastructure shortfalls. This impacts volunteer fire departments' operations and community safety.

Background:

- Fire services have a variety of service levels that can be adjusted according to volunteer capacity and community participation. One person in a community can build fire resiliency through prevention and education as a Fire Safety Champion, four people can support a Scene Safety Response Unit program, and eight people can support a fire department.
- The fire services review continues to guide changes in approaches at the Fire Marshal's Office to improve fire services in the territory.
- Municipalities are responsible for administering fire and life safety programs under the *Municipal Act*.
- Fire departments volunteers respond to building fires, vehicle collisions and other emergencies in unincorporated communities and are paid an honorarium.
- The Fire Marshal's Office oversees fire safety in buildings and communities across the Yukon while Wildland Fire Management manages forest and vegetation fires.

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Recommended response:

- The new edition of the National Building Code of Canada will be published in December of 2025.
- Modern standards of construction bring many benefits to Yukoners, including confidence that our buildings are safe and insurable.
- It is important that these codes be thoughtfully implemented. We will implement the new building code in collaboration with municipal partners and industry stakeholders to ensure broad acceptance and successful adoption.

Additional response:

- This government looks forward to working collaboratively with the building construction industry and municipalities to develop a more consultative and responsive approach to adopting the National Building Code.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- Building codes directly impact the new residential and commercial construction in Yukon and changes to the National Building Code are of interest to the construction industry and homeowners.

Background:

- As per the *Building Standards Act*, Yukon adopts the National Building Code when it is published but with timelines ensure that there is time to learn and prepare for the changes to the standards, prior to enforcement.
- The National Building Code is updated every 5 years, with a variety of approaches taken to implement the standardized code across the country.
- Since 2015, work has been underway nationally to harmonize the different types of construction codes (building, plumbing, electrical etc.) and align jurisdictional

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specific requirements. These efforts help reduce costs of construction and reduce trade barriers for the construction industry (materials, suppliers, trades) working between different jurisdictions.

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Recommended response:

- The Yukon Emergency Measures Organization works with community partners, municipalities, and First Nations to develop emergency management capacity in the Yukon. This ensures a coordinated response to emergencies.
- We appreciate the efforts and leadership of municipal and First Nation governments to plan and prepare for emergencies.
- Preparing for emergencies starts with personal preparedness. We encourage all Yukoners to prepare themselves, their families, and their homes for emergency events. Resources are available through Yukon.ca/emergencies.

Additional response:

- The Yukon government is committed to supporting and collaborating in community emergency planning.
- Government of Yukon emergency management planners visit communities year-round to coordinate planning, provide training, and help implement after-action review findings from previous emergencies.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- Flooding and wildfires in the territory have raised public interest in the Yukon Government's emergency preparedness and management.

Background:

- Working under the authority of the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*, the Emergency Measures Organization coordinates Yukon government departments and

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agencies involved in emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

- The Emergency Measures Organization has 24/7 monitoring for emergency events, including 24/7 communications staff to enable fast public alerting, public communications, and government response when required.
- The Emergency Measures Organization facilitates emergency management capacity development, training and exercises for all Yukon communities, including municipalities and First Nations. This ensures a coordinated response to emergencies.
- Emergency Measures Organization is working with communities to support the update of emergency management plans and support with Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessments.
- Emergency Measures Organization is providing emergency management training internally to expand the capacity of Yukon government employees to assist during emergencies through a variety of online courses and tabletop exercises.

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Recommended response:

- Across the territory, fire departments and programs rely on a core of volunteers who dedicate their time to train and be available to help Yukoners in need.
- There are more than *one hundred and fifty* active volunteer firefighters, who are supported with honorarium, training, and equipment.
- A safe and sustainable fire service across the territory is a top priority. Yukoners expect a quick response to emergencies.

Additional response:

- The Government of Yukon is committed to supporting the Yukon's fire service, ensuring that volunteer fire fighters are provided with the appropriate gear, equipment and training they need to do their important jobs.
- We look forward to collaborating with stakeholders and fire services around the Yukon to consider the best options to ensure our first responders have the resources they need to protect people and property throughout the territory.

Context – this may be an issue because:

- Yukon communities can struggle to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters.
- There has been significant media attention on the resource challenges of Yukon's fire service.

Background:

- Following the independent review of fire services in rural Yukon released in 2021, the Fire Marshal's Office has made progress on implementing the report's recommendations to ensure safe and sustainable fire services across the territory.
- The Department of Community Services is developing options for a multi-year approach to providing funding for firefighter equipment and training, maintaining compliance with *Workers Safety and Compensation Act* regulations and supporting sustainable fire protection services across the territory.
- Opportunities include establishing agreements with municipalities to formally recognize and fund the fire service support that municipal governments provide to people outside municipal boundaries.
- Other opportunities include supporting businesses by making fire safety inspections consistent in all communities, supporting volunteer fire departments by providing certified training and equipment and helping the public by increasing fire safety education.

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Recommended response:

- Updating the *Health Professions Act* is a large, multi-year initiative that is an important part of improving the Yukon health care system.
- Streamlining processes for health care professions will reduce red tape, and help provide safe, high-quality care for Yukoners.
- By simplifying registration and licensing processes, and by creating a fair, culturally safe, and easily accessible complaints system, we will strengthen regulatory protections for Yukoners and health professionals alike.

Additional response:

- Yukon government is committed to collaborating with health care professionals, First Nation governments, and the public to create a modern, robust regulatory regime that enables excellence in health care and a good quality of life for Yukoners.
- We look forward to working with our partners and stakeholders to understand how we can expedite the review of the regulations under the *Health Professions Act*.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- Designing and moving to a new governance model is a significant multi-year undertaking requiring both resources and collaboration with all health professions.
- During the engagement, Yukon Registered Nurses Association stated that they are not in support of a government regulator model.
- This initiative can affect all health professions, both regulated and unregulated.

Background:

- There are currently 15 health professions regulated under eight different models.

- In 2022, consultants worked with the three regulators (Community Services, Yukon Medical Council, and Yukon Registered Nurses Association) to assess existing regulatory models for gaps and best practices.
- An engagement from January 6 to February 7, 2025, included in-person and virtual sessions with health professionals and the public as well as surveys.
- Feedback from the engagement released in August 2025 identified the need for:
 - a stable, unbiased regulatory system that includes health professionals, First Nation governments, the public, and Yukon government in either a co-regulated, independent or combined model;
 - a complaints system that is transparent, effective, and accessible, while ensuring cultural and psychological safety. It should have realistic timelines, offer alternative dispute resolution options, and include defined procedures for reporting outcomes that balance confidentiality with public disclosure;
 - a duty to report with clear definitions and criteria to determine whether an incident meets the duty to report requirements;
 - a dedicated sexual misconduct complaint process that is prioritized, trauma-informed, and properly resourced to make reporting and accessing support easier for victims;
 - support for health professionals' wellbeing by providing the opportunity to access help without impacting licensure while balancing the need to address public safety and significant harm done; and
 - workspaces that meet the standards of practice requirements for a respective profession without the red tape of permitting.

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Recommended response:

- Expanding pharmacists' scope of practice is a key step towards strengthening Yukon's health care system
- Regulating pharmacists and expanding their scope of practice not only supports high-quality pharmacy services; but also improves access to safe, high-quality health care for Yukoners.
- Expanding our pharmacists' scope of practice will require updates to regulations to ensure that we have modern standards that reduce barriers and enable a broader range of high-quality services.

Additional response:

- We look forward to working with Yukon's pharmacists and other stakeholders, to understand how best to expand their scope of practice and make the best use of their expertise within the health system.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- The Pharmacists Advisory Committee has expressed interest in having Schedule A of the *Pharmacists Regulation* amended to allow pharmacists to prescribe medications for additional minor ailments.

Background:

- Yukon pharmacists are regulated by the *Pharmacists Regulation* under the *Health Professions Act*.
- Since December 2022, participating pharmacists have been able to assess and prescribe medications for common, minor ailments. They can also provide injections for travel-related diseases and prescribe medication for smoking cessation.

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Pharmacists' Scope of Practice

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- As of April 2023, pharmacists are authorized to prescribe and administer travel and publicly funded vaccines for Yukoners who are aged five and older.
 - Standards of Practice for Pharmacists and Rural Permit Holders received minor updates effective November 1, 2025.
 - Pharmacists' scope of practice and level of prescribing authority varies across Canada.

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Recommended response:

- Community Services administers the licensing process for physicians in the Yukon on behalf of the Yukon Medical Council.
- The Department has worked with the Yukon Medical Council to streamline the licensing process and ensure that applications are reviewed quickly and are processed efficiently.
- Ongoing improvements to the licensing process will continue to reduce administrative barriers, prevent backlogs, and maintain a high standard of care for Yukoners.

Additional response:

- We look forward to working with the Yukon Medical Council to streamline the process for recognizing foreign-trained doctors from jurisdictions with comparable standards.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- Concerns have been raised about the availability of physicians in the Yukon.
- A motion related to physician recruitment passed in the Legislature on March 19, 2025.
- The Government of Yukon, through Health and Social Services have a three-year Memorandum of Agreement with Yukon Medical Association that supports improving access to primary and community health care across the territory.

Background:

- All physicians in Canada begin their application processes through a national credentialing system.
- The requirements of licensure in the Yukon are laid out in the Medical Profession Registration and Fees Regulation under the *Medical Professions Act*.

- Yukon Medical Council is not involved in the recruitment of professionals. It is responsible for regulating the practice of medicine by licensing physicians, setting and enforcing standards of practice and ethics, and managing complaints and disciplinary processes to protect the public.
- Yukon Medical Association is an association of the Yukon's medical doctors whose role is to advocate for its members, promote the highest level of professionalism in medical practice and promote accessible and quality health care for Yukoners.

Licensing physicians in the Yukon

- There are three ways to obtain full licensure in the Yukon:
 - Hold a full licence in another Canadian jurisdiction and apply through the Canadian Free Trade Agreement;
 - Apply directly to the Yukon and hold a Medical Council of Canada Licentiate and certification with either the Royal College of Canada or the College of Family Physicians of Canada; or,
 - Qualify for the Limited Family or Specialist Register and pass the Canadian certifications within 10 years. These two classes enable international graduates an avenue to full licensure in the Yukon.

Other jurisdictions

- Licensing pathways for internationally trained physicians vary in Canada. Most include a review of the medical undergraduate education, experience practicing under supervision in Canada, and passing the Canadian certification exams.
- Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Ontario now recognize US board certified specialists and family physicians, waiving the need for Canadian Certification with the Royal College of Canada and Canadian College of Family Physicians to get a license.

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Recommended response:

- Regulating psychologists ensures that Yukoners receive services from experienced and qualified professionals.
- Establishing the Psychologists Advisory Committee is a critical step in modernizing Yukon's approach to regulating the practice and ensuring safe, high-quality mental health care for Yukoners.
- The Committee will provide us with expert advice that will reduce regulatory barriers, create pathways for new graduates to register, and enable qualified psychologists from outside the territory to practice here.

Additional responses:

- I understand that the Committee's will advise the Regulator on a clear pathway to licensure, recommend criteria for lifting restrictions on existing licenses, and review Standards of Practice - including guidance on tele-psychology and education.
- We appreciate the perspectives of the Psychological Society of Yukon and will consider their input as part of our decision-making process.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- The Psychological Society of Yukon has raised the need for provisional licensing among other concerns.

Background:

- The Yukon began regulating psychologists in February 2025. Psychologists are regulated by the Psychologists Regulation under the *Health Professions Act*.
- Community Services engaged with local psychologists and national regulators in 2023 and 2024 to receive input to help inform policy and standards of practice.

- Provisional licensing allows psychologists to practice while completing the requirements for full registration. Criteria continues to be developed with input from the Advisory Committee.
- Telepsychology standards and removal of license restrictions will also be reviewed by the Advisory Committee.
- Amendments and more complex considerations regarding the Regulation can be included in the broader *Health Professions Act* multi-year project.
- Yukon's classification framework for psychologists will evolve through evidence-based input from the Advisory Committee, ensuring alignment with national best practices while maintaining flexibility to meet local needs.

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Residential Tenancies Act - Rent Caps

Community Services

Rent Cap Response:

- We have committed to phasing out the rent cap. Yukoners shared their concerns, and we recognize that the rent cap is not achieving its intended goals.
- The Yukon is experiencing a housing shortage, and the rent cap is not working to create more housing options for Yukoners.
- We know that we need to balance the needs of tenants and landlords and make rent more affordable in Yukon.

Residential Tenancies Act response:

- The Residential Tenancies Office administers the *Residential Tenancies Act* by providing information, education, and a fair, accessible process for resolving disputes between landlords and tenants.
- The Act came into force on September 1, 2025, and the Department is monitoring its effectiveness while continuing to educate the public so that landlords, tenants, and service providers clearly understand their rights and their responsibilities.
- If a landlord or tenant has a concern, they can contact the Office for formal dispute resolution to ensure all rights and responsibilities under the Act are upheld.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- The concern about availability of rental housing and increasing costs are issues for renters and landlords.

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Background:

Rent Caps:

- The annual rent increases allowed in the Yukon are controlled through regulation. This means that with a regulation change, the allowable amount can be adjusted or the controls on rent increases can be removed entirely.
- The *Residential Tenancies Act* creates the legal framework required to have this regulation, but the act itself does not require there to be a rent cap.
- As written now, mobile home pad fees are subject to the rent cap. If the rent cap is adjusted or removed, this change applies to all rental situations.
- The *Residential Tenancies Regulation* sets the annual rent cap to align with the average percentage change in the Consumer Price Index of two calendar years.

Residential Tenancies:

- Community Services began a review of the *Residential Landlord and Tenant Act* in June 2023.
- Engagement was led by independent contractors who convened a 17-session “Solutions Lab” with 11 participants from key organizations, including: Safe at Home Society, Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, Yukon Tenants Association, Yukon Council on Aging, Residential Landlords Association, Chamber of Commerce Housing Committee, Da Daghay Development Corporation, Gray Management Services, Yukon Real Estate Association, and Association of Yukon Communities.
- Public engagement launched February 1, 2024, with an online and paper survey (in partnership with the Yukon Bureau of Statistics) completed by 1,420 Yukoners.
- In February, nine public events were held (online and in-person in Whitehorse, Haines Junction, Watson Lake, and Dawson City), using varied formats such as info sessions, town halls, workshops, and one-on-one meetings.
- Twelve additional meetings were held with municipalities, First Nations governments, the Yukon Residential Landlord Association, NGOs, and others. NGOs consulted included: Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, Safe at Home, Blood Ties

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Four Directions, Yukon Aboriginal Women's Circle, Women's Coalition, Council of Yukon First Nations, Betty's Haven, and Canadian Centre for Housing Rights.

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Truth and Reconciliation Commission – Update on Calls to Action

Executive Council
Office

Recommended response:

- Reconciliation is an ongoing process and a shared responsibility of all governments and individuals in the Yukon.
- Advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action is central to our government's commitment to reconciliation.
- We will continue to collaborate and work in partnership with Indigenous governments and groups on advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action to create meaningful change and better programs and services for Yukon First Nations Peoples and all Yukoners.

Additional response:

- We are tracking our actions and initiatives in addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- It has been 10 years since the report and Calls to Action were published. The Official Opposition may ask for an update on the government's progress in addressing the Calls to Action.

Background:

- Released in 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)'s report *Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future* contains 94 Calls to Action on redressing the harms resulting from residential schools and creating better relations between the federal, provincial and territorial governments and Indigenous Peoples. There are 32 Calls to Action that relate directly to YG.
- YG and YFNs collaborated on addressing the Calls to Action under the 2017 Yukon Forum Joint Priority Action Plan and through other reconciliation initiatives, such as supporting the important work of the YFN-led Yukon Residential Schools and Missing Children Project.
- YG has taken additional steps to address the Calls to Action, including:
 - establishing the position of Assistant Deputy Minister of First Nations Initiatives at the Department of Education, signing an agreement to establish a YFN School Board and entering into education agreements with all YFNs (speaks to Calls 7 and 10 directed to the federal government);
 - supporting Indigenous athletes and the North American Indigenous Games (Call 88);

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– Update on Calls to Action**

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- implementing the YFN Procurement Policy (relates to Call 92) and the Representative Public Service Plan: *Breaking Trail Together* (relates to Call 7);
- working with YFNs and Yukon Indigenous women's groups to implement the Yukon's *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2-Spirit+ People Strategy* (MMIWG2S+ Strategy) (relates to Call 41);
- participating at the Trilateral Table on the Wellbeing of YFN Children and Families to address gaps for culturally appropriate parenting programs (Call 5); and
- receiving input from YFNs on Health and Social Services programming through the Mental Health Advisory Committee (relates to Call 19).
- YG last reported on its progress to implement the TRC Calls to Action in fall 2023 through a status report and Pathways magazine. The magazine and report provided an update on the actions being taken across YG and in collaboration with YFN governments in areas including child welfare, health, education and justice.

Approved by:

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November 28, 2025

Deputy Minister, Executive Council Office

Date Approved

2025–26 Supplementary Estimates No. 1 – CORPORATE

Finance

Recommended response:

- By bringing these Supplementary Estimates to the Legislative Assembly for debate, we are providing transparency to the public about how the government is allocating taxpayer dollars.
- These Supplementary Estimates serve as an update on spending from the previous government, to fulfill the obligations and contracts already committed to by departments for the current fiscal year.
- We want to increase transparency and accountability around spending, rather than relying on special warrants for the remainder of the year.
- We look forward to bringing forward a budget this spring that we have had the opportunity to shape, and that is reflective of our priorities and commitments to Yukoners.

Contingencies

- Our guiding principle has been that these Supplementary Estimates will provide the resources needed by departments to take them to the end of the fiscal year, without requiring further changes or dependence on additional spending.
- There is a provisional contingency for price and volumes pressures, including inflation, increased demand for public services, and potential wage increases resulting from ongoing collective bargaining.
- There is also a general contingency to ensure compliance with financial authorities. These contingencies are included to ensure all departments remain within their voted budgets for the fiscal year given the potential for unforeseen pressures.

2025–26 Supplementary Estimates No. 1 – CORPORATE

Finance

Summary:

- The 2025-26 Supplementary Estimates No. 1 forecasts an overall gross increase of \$150.4 million in O&M spending, with an offsetting increase of \$8.3 million in recoveries. The net increase in O&M spending is forecast at \$142.0 million when accounting for recoveries.
- Capital adjustments in the Supplementary Estimates No. 1 reflect an overall increase of \$1.0 million in spending and a \$1.6 million increase in capital recoveries. This results in a net decrease in capital spending of \$594 thousand.
- Budgetary revenues are projected to increase by \$5.9 million, primarily due to a \$5.7 million increase in accrued interest on loans to the Receiver for Victoria Gold Corporation.
- The Government of Yukon continues to maintain a budgetary surplus forecast for 2025-26 of \$12.5 million, revised down from the \$82.0 million forecast in the Main Estimates.

FTEs:

- There is an increase of 71.2 FTEs or “Full-Time Equivalents” in the Supplementary Estimates. This is primarily for 57.3 FTEs in Education, including teachers, Educational Assistants, and other positions to provide enhanced support for students.
- This increase also includes 11.4 positions in Health and Social Services for both frontline and administrative positions, and small personnel additions to the Department of Justice (2 FTEs) and the Public Service Commission (0.5 FTEs).

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2025–26 Supplementary Estimates No. 1 – CORPORATE

Finance

Borrowing:

- Total anticipated territorial borrowing was \$773.9 million in the 2025–26 Main Estimates, inclusive of \$400 million in long-term borrowing authorized in the *First Appropriation Act 2025–26*. We expect to proceed with the second tranche of this borrowing in the spring, using the remaining \$200 million authorized.
- Significant energy infrastructure pressures require an increase of \$100 million to the Yukon Development Corporation’s short-term borrowing limit. This includes \$50 million authorized by the previous government, and an additional \$50 million being authorized by this government to address critical work in Mayo.
- Other factors include a decrease of \$966,000 in a loan payable by Yukon University and a \$3.15 million increase in accrued interest payable.
- Revised estimated total borrowing in 2025–26 is \$876.1 million. This leaves \$323.9 million available within the \$1.2 billion borrowing limit.

Context—this may be an issue because:

- The 2025-26 Second Appropriation Act will be tabled during the fall sitting.

Background:

- Supplementary estimates are introduced by the government to account for unforeseen spending at the time of tabling the annual Budget.

Approved by:

Katherine White

December 8, 2025

Deputy Minister, Finance

Date approved