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Government of Yukon tables Bill to amend the Health Act

The Government of Yukon today tabled Bill No. 11, which will amend the *Health Act* to disband the Health and Social Services Council.

The council is an independent advisory body that was established in 1990 to review major policy, legislative and program initiatives and make recommendations to Cabinet in the areas of health, justice and education.

Although the council has been a valuable resource, new technology allows the government to interact more easily with the territory's residents. The government continues to seek Yukoners' knowledge and perspective of issues through public engagement, consultation and issue-specific advisory groups.

Quotes:

"I would like to thank all current and past members of the Health and Social Services Council for the valuable services they have provided to the Government of Yukon over the years and assure Yukoners we will continue to seek their perspectives. Our approach is to use modern tools to engage with Yukoners and gather their comments as we go forward."

–Minister of Health and Social Services Pauline Frost

Quick facts

- The Health Act addresses collaborative health planning, community health development and assessment of community health status and needs. It governs public health services, any other services related to social development, counselling and those related to prevention of illness or injury, health promotion.
- The changes to the Health Act remove any sections that reference the Council.
- The Yukon government continues to engage with Yukoners in a variety of ways, such as public meetings, online surveys and social media.
- The public servant who is currently tasked with the role of executive secretary of the council will take on other responsibilities within the department.

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