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Government of Yukon and First Nations to collaborate on shared priorities

Yukon's premier and chiefs committed to work together on a number of shared priorities at today's Yukon Forum.

Developed jointly by the Government of Yukon and First Nations governments, the priorities include fiscal matters; cooperation on justice, education, health, and heritage initiatives; implementing the land claim and self-government agreements; and ensuring that Yukon's legislation respects the agreements and considers First Nations' priorities.

With the approval of these joint priorities at today's Yukon Forum, the leaders have tasked their officials to develop an action plan for their implementation.

Quotes

"Reconciliation requires collaboration among our governments. At this Yukon Forum we identified our shared priorities for action over the coming years. These priorities are of great importance to our governments and will guide our work together to bring tangible benefits to all Yukoners."

–Yukon Premier Sandy Silver

"Yukon First Nations and the Government of Yukon endorsed a list of joint priorities that will form the basis of our working relationship over the next five years. Yukon First Nations look forward to advancing these efforts."

–Council of Yukon First Nations Grand Chief Peter Johnston

Quick facts

- At the January 13, 2017, Yukon Forum, leaders signed the intergovernmental *Working Together* Declaration and committed to identifying joint priorities for action by the governments.
- The Yukon Forum was created in 2005 under the *Cooperation in Governance Act* to formalize the government-to-government relationship between the Government of Yukon and Yukon First Nations.

Learn more: Yukon Forum Joint Priorities

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