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Minister Silver announces financial advisory panel for Yukon

Finance Minister Sandy Silver has announced the development of an independent Yukon panel that will advise the Government of Yukon on options that will help it return to a healthy financial position and ensure it can fund the priorities of the territory.

The Yukon Financial Advisory Panel is comprised of five territorial and Canadian business, management and academic leaders – all of whom were selected because they are recognized, forward-thinking individuals in their respective fields.

Over the coming months, the panel will speak with Yukoners, First Nation governments, municipal governments, labour groups, non-governmental organizations and businesses in order to develop financial tools to enable Yukon to achieve healthy finances now and in the future. The Panel's findings and proposed options will support high-quality jobs that promote economic diversification and environmental stewardship. The options will be delivered in a final report by the end of the calendar year.

The members of the Yukon Financial Advisory Panel are:

- Norm McIntyre (Chair) – Chartered Professional Accountant
- Grace Southwick – Director of the Department of Lands, Resources and Heritage for Kluane First Nation
- Tim O'Neill – Former executive vice-president and chief economist at the Bank of Montreal
- Ron Kneebone – Professor of economics and the scientific director of the University of Calgary Social Policy and Health Research division
- Trevor Tombe – Assistant professor of economics at the University of Calgary and a research fellow at the School of Public Policy

Quotes

"This government's top priority is creating a bright future for Yukoners. We are all part of developing solutions and we are committed to ensuring the government and Yukon residents are in a sound financial position now and in the future."

–Premier and Minister of Finance Sandy Silver

Quick facts

- The recommendations developed by the Yukon Financial Advisory Panel will help inform the Government of Yukon's financial decisions and policies for the next 5 years.
- Conversations with Yukoners, businesses and governments will take place between June and September 2017.
- A response from the Government of Yukon will follow the presentation of proposed options by the panel.

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