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## **Statement from Minister of Environment Pauline Frost regarding the Auditor General of Canada's Report on Climate Change in Yukon**

Minister of Environment Pauline Frost today released the following statement regarding the Auditor General of Canada's Report on Climate Change in Yukon:

"The office of the Auditor General of Canada released its Report on Climate Change in Yukon today. The report audited the actions, commitments and initiatives undertaken by the Government of Yukon between July 2006 and July 2017.

"The report presented four overarching recommendations, outlining that there are improvements to be made in Yukon's approach to climate change. The government supports the recommendations, and work is underway to address them.

"Climate change is a priority for this government. Our efforts include the development of a new Yukon strategy for climate change, energy and green economy. As part of that, we are in the early stages of establishing partnerships with First Nations and municipalities so the strategy reflects the needs, concerns and ideas of all Yukoners.

"It is envisioned that, in collaboration with our partners, the commitments and targets in the new Yukon strategy for climate change, energy, and green economy will be supported by clear milestones, completion dates and associated costs. We expect to seek public feedback into this strategy in 2018 so that it can be released in 2019 – however final dates will be decided with our partners.

"As outlined in the report, a climate risk assessment contract is also underway. This information will support departments as they develop climate risk reduction plans, including implementation and monitoring plans.

"Climate change affects all of us. It impacts our traditional ways of life, our wildlife and our environment. We are working to set the foundation for effective, targeted climate action as it is vital for Yukoners today and for future generations."

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