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Deadline extended for Societies Act feedback

The Government of Yukon is continuing to engage with Yukon societies on the process of modernizing and improving the *Societies Act*. Over 75 people participated in open-house events and focus group meetings in Whitehorse on October 27 and 28. These sessions provided the opportunity for societies' board members and interested public to share their experiences and challenges with the current legislation.

The Government of Yukon has extended the deadline for the public to send in written submissions until **December 14, 2017**. People are encouraged to comment on current procedures and process, and how potential changes to the *Societies Act* could better meet their needs. Submissions may be emailed to corporateaffairs@gov.yk.ca. To guide this discussion, a number of issues of concern have been identified. These can be found in the *Societies Act* Issues Report.

Rural Yukon societies have also been invited to participate via teleconference. These conversations will take place over the coming weeks.

Quotes

"We are encouraged by the good turn out and participation at the open house events. I look forward to hearing more from Yukoners about their concerns and suggestions to improve the *Societies Act*. We know Yukoners care deeply about the non-profit sector so we are extending the deadline to December 14 to give people more time to provide their valuable input. Their feedback now will help shape the new *Societies Act* and we will be going back out to engage with Yukoners again once a draft is ready."

—*Minister of Community Services John Streicker*

Quick facts

- A society is an organization with legal status, formed for a particular purpose. In Yukon, a group of five or more people who share a common recreational, cultural, scientific, community or other social objective, may incorporate as a society for any lawful purpose other than carrying on a business. It is typically referred to as a "non" or "not-for-profit" organization.
- There are over 700 registered societies in Yukon.

Learn more: *Societies Act* public engagement

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