Mandate for Yukon Government Infrastructure on First Nation Settlement Land

(This mandate is issued under the authority of Cabinet minute No. 08-12(2).)

Prior to entering into discussions or negotiations with First Nation governments about the possible constructing of Yukon government facilities and infrastructure on Settlement Land, Departments must obtain a mandate to do so from Cabinet.

Rationale:

The purpose of requiring a mandate is to ensure that a number of issues have been fully considered prior to entering such discussions. These include:

- That there is a solid 'business case' for the proposed approach;
- That the long term financial costs and benefits have been determined;
- That there is consistency in the resulting arrangements between different First Nations;
- That proposals can be checked against any applicable sections of the Final and/or Self Government Agreements;
- That the expectations of the First Nation are not raised unrealistically prior to a final decision;
- That other possible locations have been considered;
- That the broader business community (including other property owners) has been considered.

Exemptions:

This does not apply to the <u>lease</u> of office space in either existing or proposed buildings.