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Premier directs senior government leaders to review Truth and Reconciliation report

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski has tasked government deputy ministers with reviewing the findings in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report and preparing a plan for Yukon's response.

"Yukon has already made significant strides in some areas identified by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report, including the negotiation of modern-day treaties, development of curricula that address residential schools, and support for First Nations' involvement in the child welfare system, to name but a few," Pasloski said. "A thorough internal review will identify additional next steps our government can make towards reconciliation."

Deputy ministers from departments such as the Executive Council Office, Justice, Education, Health and Social Services, and Community Services will review the 94 recommendations in the report. They will assess work that has been done to date, identify areas where more work is required, and report back to the premier by this fall. The government also intends to engage with First Nation partners and Yukon communities in determining next steps.

"All Canadians have a responsibility to understand the impact of residential schools and our role in the healing process," Pasloski added. "The Yukon government is committed to the ongoing work of building a healthy and optimistic future for all Yukoners."

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