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Local governments honoured at gala event in Whitehorse

WHITEHORSE— Local government representatives from across Yukon were honoured at an evening event at Yukon College on Saturday.

"The work of local governments is essential to the lives of Yukoners and the people who serve on them make a real contribution to the territory," Deputy Premier Elaine Taylor said. "The event was an opportunity to recognize the dedication to public service demonstrated by our mayors, councillors and other officials and the work our representatives do to bring lasting benefits to people across the territory."

The event highlighted the work of local officials and the work that the Government of Yukon and the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) have done in partnership to help build stronger Yukon communities. This includes the Our Towns, Our Futures initiative, which provided a strong foundation and a platform for joint initiatives such as the *Municipal Act* review, a five year Comprehensive Municipal Grant program and enhancements to structural fire services.

"On behalf of all AYC members, I salute every person who served as a local government representative these past three years," AYC president Wayne Potoroka said. "Local officials serve because they're passionate about their communities and helping their neighbours. They truly represent the best of civil society and selflessness."

On Saturday evening the Government of Yukon and the Association of Yukon Communities renewed a memorandum of understanding that formally recognizes their mutual commitment to foster the development of safe, healthy and vibrant Yukon communities.

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