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## **Input wanted on proposed biomass energy strategy**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is seeking public feedback on a draft strategy for the development of a biomass energy sector in Yukon.

"A biomass energy strategy will guide the development of an emerging sector that can offer yet another much-needed solution to deliver adequate energy during our long, cold winter months," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "The adoption of modern, clean-burning wood-heating technology will increase demand for wood products and create new jobs in the forestry and the heating industries."

Biomass energy is energy derived from organic matter. In Yukon, the most commonly available biomass resource is wood, which is the main focus of the draft strategy.

Six key action areas are being proposed:

- Using biomass energy for government infrastructure.
- Developing regulations, policies and programs for a biomass energy industry.
- Managing air quality to protect public and environmental health and safety.
- Facilitating the development of a biomass energy industry in Yukon.
- Ensuring a sustainable timber supply.
- Ensuring biomass fuel quality and security.

"Using biomass for heat is a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable solution for heating in the territory," Kent added. "The proposed action items are a clear path forward for achieving a viable, safe and clean industry that will be good for Yukon's economy and environment. We look forward to receiving feedback from the public."

Yukon residents are encouraged to provide feedback on the draft strategy, which is available online. Comments will be accepted until Friday, June 26. Paper copies can be provided on request.

### **Learn more:**

View the draft biomass energy strategy or call 867-393-7063

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