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Bill to modernize the Land Titles Act passed

WHITEHORSE—Commissioner Doug Phillips granted Assent to the Government of Yukon's bill to modernize the territory's land titles legislation today. The bill had been passed with the unanimous support of legislative assembly members on November 16.

"This bill reflects government's commitment to modernize the land titles system and the legislative frameworks that support Yukon's real estate market," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "The act includes provisions that allow for registration of First Nations Settlement Land with the Yukon Land Titles Office while safeguarding Aboriginal title. We believe this is a first in Canada."

The Land Titles Act, 2015 makes provisions for an electronic filing system, which will streamline business operations and provide Yukoners with improved land titles registry services. Yukon First Nations will also have the option to register Settlement Land in the Land Titles Office, while safeguarding Aboriginal title.

"The Department of Justice will continue working with key stakeholders to draft the act's accompanying regulations, which will provide clarity on its new provisions and requirements," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "It's expected that draft regulations will be ready in the next year."

The act and its forthcoming regulations are a component of the Land Titles Modernization Project, which is improving aspects of Yukon's land titles regime and the associated business processes used in the Land Titles Office.

Learn more: Land Titles Modernization Project

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