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What We Heard documents for land titles modernization now online

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government has released a What We Heard document outlining the results of consultation on the Land Titles Modernization Project.

Consultations were held by Yukon government officials with targeted stakeholders throughout the summer and fall of 2012. Justice Minister Mike Nixon was pleased with the quality and quantity of information received from Yukoners.

"Accurate land information is the cornerstone of any economy," Nixon said. "Representatives from the legal, survey and business communities working on the stakeholder committee recognize the importance of Yukon having sound legislation and business systems that meet the needs of the public."

In April 2012, the Yukon government launched the Land Titles Modernization Project. Phase one was the scoping initiative to determine options for improving land titles services in the territory. That scoping initiative has been concluded. Government is now entering phase two (development), which will be followed by phase three (implementation).

Stakeholder committee membership includes representatives of the Law Society of Yukon, the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors, the City of Whitehorse, participating First Nations governments and Land Titles Office staff.

The Land Titles Modernization Project will include the creation of an automated system to support registrations in the Land Titles office and a new land titles act. A new condominium act will also be prepared with both bills slated for drafting in 2014.

"We have a very old land titles system that served Yukoners well for generations but it can no longer accommodate the volume of transactions in a stronger Yukon economy," Nixon added. "Our government is committed to modernizing our land titles system so that it efficiently serves Yukon well into the future."

Digital copies of the What We Heard documents are available through the Yukon government website at www.justice.gov.yk.ca/1475.html.

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