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Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in signs protocol with Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods unit

WHITEHORSE—The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government and the Department of Justice's Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit have agreed to a communication protocol. This agreement will guide the implementation of the SCAN Act and the work of the unit in responding to complaints of illegal activity on Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Settlement Land.

"The Government of Yukon supports the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief and Council in their efforts to create safer communities by implementing SCAN on the First Nation's settlement lands," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "All Yukoners have a right to feel secure in their neighbourhoods, and SCAN helps empower community members to achieve that."

SCAN and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in are committed to building a respectful, cooperative working relationship and share a common interest in creating safer communities. The SCAN unit helps Yukoners deal with problem properties by investigating and, if necessary, shutting down properties that are regularly used for illegal activities.

"Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in seeks the peaceful use and enjoyment of property on settlement land by its citizens and is committed to reducing illegal activity and the harms which accompany it," Deputy Chief Jay Farr said.

Within the scope of its legislated authority, SCAN will support Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in with the recommended response and examine options available for resolution of the complaint.

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