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The Yukon government appeals Peel land use planning case to ensure public government has say over public lands

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will appeal the Yukon Supreme Court's December 2 decision in the Peel Watershed land use planning court case.

"This is about Yukon's future, our economy, and the authority of a democratically elected government."

Through this appeal, the government is seeking clarity that the democratically elected Yukon government retains the authority to make final decisions on public lands. With several additional land use plans yet to be developed, the Yukon government recognises the impact this decision may have on the land use planning process in the territory as well as on Yukon's economic future.

Minister of Energy, Mines and
Resources Scott Kent

"The Yukon government believes that this issue has such significant implications for Yukon that taking it to a higher level of court is the right thing to do and the responsible thing to do," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "This is about our democracy, our economy and our future."

The Government of Yukon recognizes the fundamental importance of the Final Agreements. The case raises important issues with respect to the interpretation of the Agreements. Given the significance of these issues, an appeal is warranted.

While the court proceedings are underway, a staking withdrawal and relief from assessment measures will be put in place for the Peel region. Rights for oil and gas will also not be issued in the region during this period.

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