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New advisory committee on energy efficiency building requirements appointed

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government has established an advisory committee to provide recommendations on the potential application of new energy efficiency standards in the National Building Code (NBC).

"The Government of Yukon is committed to ensuring that the territory's building standards reflect Yukon interests, including ensuring log home construction remains an affordable option," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said.

The advisory committee will review the NBC energy efficiency provisions and invite construction sector stakeholders and the public to comment between now and October 15. The committee will submit its report and recommendations by November 30.

"We encourage all Yukoners to share their views regarding whether energy efficiency provisions in Section 9.36 of the National Building Code should be used here," Cathers said. "To help ensure that the voices of rural Yukoners are heard, experienced log home builders and home construction contractors from rural Yukon have been asked to sit on the committee, along with an expert in the energy efficiency field, and representatives of the Association of Yukon Communities and the City of Whitehorse."

Earlier this year, pending a review by Yukon stakeholders and the public, the government granted builders a one-year exemption from compliance with the new NBC energy efficiency standards. The exemption is in effect from April 1 to March 31, 2015. It does not affect City of Whitehorse building standards, which are established by municipal bylaw.

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