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## **Proposed amendments to the Fatal Accidents Act open for comment**

WHITEHORSE—The Department of Justice is inviting the public to comment on proposed amendments to the *Fatal Accidents Act*.

Amendments are being considered to allow Yukoners the right to seek bereavement damages when a close family member is killed and where another person is at fault.

"Minor amendments to the *Fatal Accidents Act* would bring Yukon legislation in line with other jurisdictions and ensure we are being responsive to the needs of Yukoners in their most difficult hours," Minister of Justice and Attorney General Mike Nixon said.

Yukon is currently one of the few jurisdictions in Canada that permits damages for out-of-pocket expenses only, such as funeral costs. Amendments to the legislation would allow families to also seek compensation for grief and loss.

"The Department of Justice encourages comments from the public to determine who should be eligible for bereavement damages and in what amount," Nixon added. "Protecting Yukoners is of utmost importance and we want to hear opinions on how best to do that."

A discussion paper detailing proposed bereavement damages options under the *Fatal Accidents Act* is available on the Justice department's website.

The public may submit comments by email or regular mail before March 1.

### **Learn more**

Discussion paper: [www.justice.gov.yk.ca/pdf/Discussion\\_Paper](http://www.justice.gov.yk.ca/pdf/Discussion_Paper)  [260 KB]

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