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Yukon government updating pharmacy legislation

WHITEHORSE—An advisory committee is being appointed by the Government of Yukon to help modernize Yukon's pharmacy legislation.

The committee will consist of representatives from the Yukon Pharmacists Association, Yukon Medical Association, Yukon Registered Nurses Association, and Yukon Hospital Corporation, as well as pharmacy owners, other local health professionals and members of the public. The group will meet regularly over the next several months to identify issues and make recommendations to the government about the regulation of pharmacy professions and of pharmacies.

This is a joint initiative between the departments of Community Services and Health and Social Services.

"I am pleased to see next steps taken to involve health professionals and public representatives in updating the regulation of pharmacy professions," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said. "This pharmacy initiative will allow these professionals to have a modern regulatory framework in which to practice their profession."

"This process of collaborating among health professionals is a critical step in realizing a health care system where everyone is working together as a team for the benefit of the patient," Health & Social Services Minister Doug Graham said.

Nearly all Canadian jurisdictions are developing or have already passed legislation that recognizes pharmacy professions as a partner in collaborative health care.

"We applaud the Government of Yukon for taking the necessary steps to review and update Yukon Pharmacy legislation," President of the Yukon Pharmacists Association Josianne Gauthier said. "This initiative is important for the health and well-being of Yukoners. We look forward to working together to modernize the legislation governing pharmacists in the practice of their evolving profession."

Once the advisory committee has completed its work, the public will have an opportunity to provide feedback.

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