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New land regulation streamlines rezoning applications for rural Yukoners

WHITEHORSE—A new regulation under the *Area Development Act* has streamlined the rezoning application process for landowners in rural Yukon.

"While the public consultation and review process remains the same, rezoning decisions that previously required an order in council will now be completed through a ministerial order," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "This new regulation means rural Yukoners can expect a much quicker decision on their rezoning applications."

Development area regulations are in place for approximately 20 rural regions in Yukon. Property owners wishing to change the zoning of their property can apply for an amendment to the development area regulation. In most cases, rezoning supports a landowner's desire to change the use of their property, for example, from Rural Residential to Commercial Tourism or to enable an accessory use, such as adding guest cabins.

All rezoning applications will continue to have a public notice and consultation process. This process provides the public with opportunities to provide feedback on the proposed change of land use.

Learn more:

Government of Yukon land planning processes: <http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/index.html>

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