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## **Yukon government makes strategic investments in Yukon's future**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has issued a special warrant to ensure funding for new agreements with First Nations and to support essential social programming during the 2015/16 fiscal year, Premier and Minister of Finance Darrell Pasloski announced today.

"Jurisdictions across Canada are facing tough economic times and Yukon is not immune to this reality," Premier Pasloski said. "We have a record of strong financial management in Yukon, and will continue to make the hard decisions and take necessary measures in difficult times."

Recent agreements with First Nations include the announcement of funding to support reconciliation negotiations with the Kaska Nation as well as a government-to-government protocol with self-governing First Nations to guide discussions on mining related matters and shared priorities.

"This year we have made major strides in improving government-to-government relationships with First Nations and we are supporting Yukoners at a time when our economy has slowed," added Pasloski.

The special warrant provides additional budgetary authorization for up to \$15.640 million, of which \$15.515 million relates to operation and maintenance funds and \$125,000 to capital plans. Eight departments within the Yukon government require additional spending authority.

The funds will be used to address numerous costs, including:

- funding agreement with the Kaska Nation;
- social assistance payments;
- medical travel costs;
- physician claims; and
- costs of the 2015 wildfire season.

The special warrant is in effect from February 5 to March 31.

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