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## **Government of Yukon tables Bill to amend the Pounds Act**

The Government of Yukon today tabled Bill No. 9, which will amend the *Pounds Act* to apply consistent rules for livestock owners across Yukon.

The Act to Amend the Pounds Act will align legislation with others, including the *Highways Act* and the *Animal Protection Act*. In so doing, it will improve the ability of the Government of Yukon to respond to stray livestock across the territory, rather than in limited districts.

### **Quotes**

“As our agriculture sector grows, it is important that we apply consistent rules for livestock owners. This will better protect Yukon livestock, and improve public safety on Yukon’s highways.”

–*Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Ranj Pillai*

### **Quick facts**

- The Pounds Act defines the responsibilities of livestock owners, what offences they can face if their animals stray, and what processes are followed when an animal is impounded.
- The Pounds Act is being amended to align with past changes to the Highways Act and Animal Protection Act. The alignment of these three Acts will ensure clear and consistent application across Yukon.
- The Pounds Act is a law of general application. This means it will apply on First Nation Settlement Land until that First Nation passes its own legislation for livestock control, at which time the Pounds Act will no longer apply.
- The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources conducted a consultation with First Nations, municipalities, stakeholders and the public from July 11 to August 11, 2017.

### **Learn more:** Pounds Act Amendments

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