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Government of Yukon Supports Red Coat Justice

WHITEHORSE – Yukon government is pleased to welcome the cast and crew of Red Coat Justice to Yukon. Red Coat Justice is an independent Canadian feature film production that expects to film over 18 days this summer.

"This film production is a great opportunity to expand the capacity of the Yukon film industry," Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. "Yukon's film industry is growing and a project like this one will help showcase Yukon as a film location and also provide an ongoing training opportunity for the film community."

The project has been approved for up to \$200,855 in Yukon government funding under the Yukon Film Incentive Program.

In advance of production, the producers worked with the Yukon Film & Sound Commission and the Northern Film and Video Industry Association to deliver mentored training to Yukon residents in the positions of producer, director, first assistant director and production manager. The mentorship program received financial support from the Yukon Film Training Initiative and the Yukon Cultural Industries Training Fund.

Marsh Lake resident Michael Vernon is the Yukon co-producer. "The mentorship program has certainly helped to develop the careers and portfolios of Yukon filmmakers and film crews," Vernon said. "The positions they will be working in are key to the production of this film and will offer hands-on and real-life work experience."

Written and directed by S. Wyeth Clarkson, Red Coat Justice is the story of North West Mounted Police officer Wade Grayling who is dispatched to Yukon in 1895. A murder soon draws him into a dangerous dispute as he struggles to bring peace, order and justice to the farthest reaches of an untamed Canada.

The production office is now open and filming is scheduled to begin in late summer. No announcements about casting have been made by the production company.

To learn more about the Yukon Film & Sound Commission and its programs, visit www.reelyukon.com.

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