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Yukon Forum Concludes

WHITEHORSE – The Government of Yukon and First Nation government leaders wrapped up the Yukon Forum today, where they advanced work on Northern Strategy Trust Fund proposals. Participants also agreed upon the need for a trilateral approach on an agreement regarding the new Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) to present at the Intergovernmental Forum on September 23.

“We discussed and approved projects that fall under the \$16 million Northern Strategy Trust Fund,” Premier Dennis Fentie said. “Together, we agreed upon a common framework for engagement with CanNor. The Yukon government will continue to support First Nations in concluding their Financial Transfer Agreements to further strengthen governance and capacity.”

“We continue our engagement with the Yukon government to ensure our First Nation priorities are supported through the Northern Strategy Trust Fund,” Council of Yukon First Nation (CYFN) Grand Chief Andy Carvill said. “CYFN will carry forward its unwavering support of our First Nation priorities during the discussions on CanNor with Minister Strahl.”

A total of 31 projects were approved from 79 proposals that were submitted for consideration. The Yukon government will spend \$4 million to help upgrade the emergency mobile radio system (MRS). First Nations will invest \$4 million in two programs to collect, analyze and store Yukon First Nation statistical information and to revitalize Yukon First Nation languages.

The remaining \$8 million has been allocated by a joint committee of senior officials from Yukon and First Nations governments.

“Selected projects will be led by First Nations or by Yukon government or together,” Fentie added. “The Northern Strategy Trust Fund is an excellent example of what happens when we work together toward mutual goals to bring lasting benefits to Yukoners.”

Under the Northern Strategy Trust Fund framework, third parties, such as non-government organizations are also able to bring project proposals forward.

The Northern Strategy Trust Fund provided money for projects from 2006 to 2009. For more information about the Northern Strategy Trust, visit www.eco.gov.yk.ca/northern_strategy_trust.html.

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Click [here](#) to view the list of projects approved under the Northern Strategy Trust Fund.

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