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Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act Amended

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon Legislative Assembly amended the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPP act) this week. The ATIPP act is now expanded to include the Yukon Hospital Corporation, Yukon College, Yukon Energy Corporation and Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board.

"The amendments reflect best practices from other parts of Canada and will help modernize our legislation and bring it into line with similar laws in other parts of the country," Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang said. "The amended law addresses the way technological change affects how information is gathered, stored and retrieved, and how it is shared."

The ATIPP act now includes a provision for regular review every six years.

"We believe this will make it easier to keep the law up-to-date and relevant for Yukoners and demonstrates this government's commitment to the continued modernization of the ATIPP act." Lang added.

The amendments reflect some of the suggestions made by participants during a two-month consultation process that took place last year as well as recommendations made by the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

For more information about the amendments referred to in this news release visit www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca.

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