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New regulation to provide tools for management and use of government facilities

WHITEHORSE— Government of Yukon is releasing a draft regulation today to increase public knowledge and understanding of a legislative change to govern the maintenance, management, proper use and protection of government facilities.

“The purpose of this regulation is to help balance two important responsibilities,” Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko said. “The responsibility to support people in exercising their democratic rights and fundamental freedoms while maintaining public safety, and the responsibility to keep public facilities safe and accessible to all.”

This regulation will not infringe on the individual’s right to protest at government facilities. It is intended to address situations where there are health and safety issues, and to protect the overall integrity of our public institutions.

The Yukon government does not currently have an effective mechanism to safe-guard government facilities, and address issues that create damage and pose a threat to public access.

“This provision brings Yukon in line with most other Canadian jurisdictions,” Istchenko added. “This regulation will increase the public’s safety by clearly defining the use of government facilities.”

A copy of the draft regulation is available on the Highways and Public Works website: hpw.gov.yk.ca

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