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37th annual general meeting of the Association of Yukon Communities sees continuing focus toward long-term municipal sustainability

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government and the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) will continue to collaborate on projects aimed at long-term municipal sustainability, Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor and the newly elected president of the Association of Yukon Communities Elaine Wyatt announced today.

Premier Darrell Pasloski, along with ministers Currie Dixon, Scott Kent, Wade Istchenko and Pelly-Nisutlin MLA Stacey Hassard were also in attendance at the weekend conference.

"Our attendance at the AGM was a show of support for the good work the Association of Yukon Communities and our municipal officials carry out each day and I hope it sends the message that our doors are open," Pasloski said. "The leadership of AYC has worked closely with the Yukon government in recent years and this is a relationship that our government will work to build on."

Key discussions over the weekend included plans to initiate a broad review of the *Municipal Act*, make key enhancements to Yukon fire services and collaborate on the development of a new five-year Comprehensive Municipal Grant program beginning in 2013/14. There was also a renewed commitment to implement the findings of the *Our Towns, Our Future* review.

"We are pleased to have the support of the Association of Yukon Communities as we move forward with a number of priority projects that will help build strong communities for the benefit of all Yukoners," Taylor said. "The weekend was a tremendous success and I want to extend my appreciation to the City of Dawson and Association of Yukon Communities for their hard work and commitment to good governance."

Other business at the annual general meeting included the Association of Yukon Communities elections for a new executive team. Mayor of Carmacks Elaine Wyatt was elected as the new president. Mayor Bev Buckway will remain on the executive as past-president. Councillor Wayne Potoroka will serve as the first vice president and Councillor Diana Rogerson is the second vice president.

"We saw excellent support from government officials at this year's AGM and we want to continue to build this relationship as we move forward with projects like the Municipal Act review, which is one of our main priorities going forward," Wyatt said. "The main focus of the Association of Yukon Communities over the coming years will be to strengthen communication between our members and to continue to work closely with the Department of Community Services to advance our key priorities."

The annual general meeting of the AYC is a key gathering of municipal and Yukon government officials. It provides a forum for dialogue between governments and opportunities for workshops and policy discussions on matters of importance to municipal governments and local advisory councils in Yukon.

For more information visit the Association of Yukon Communities or the Department of Community Services.

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