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A year of progress on *Sharing Common Ground* recommendations

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon, Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) and the Yukon RCMP have released a one-year progress report on the implementation of recommendations contained in *Sharing Common Ground*, the final report from the review of Yukon's police force.

Sharing Common Ground contains 33 recommendations, which respond to concerns raised during the review and outline the foundation for establishing a new relationship between Yukon citizens and the RCMP.

"As a result of strong collaboration and commitment to implementation we have made significant progress over this past year," Justice Minister Mike Nixon said. "I look forward to continuing to work with our partners to improve service and build on the impressive work that has been done since the release of *Sharing Common Ground*."

The *Sharing Common Ground Year One Report* represents the work of many people and organizations over this past year. The first year saw construction begin on a new arrest processing unit to replace Whitehorse detachment cells, signing of an agreement with the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, establishment of a Police Council and the creation of a domestic violence and sexualized assault committee to coordinate the response of service providers to this kind of violence.

"The recommendations in *Sharing Common Ground* have provided an opportunity to come together, to bring forward different perspectives and to provide a new vision for policing in Yukon," CYFN Grand Chief Ruth Massie said. "We look forward to a harmonious working relationship, as we strive together toward the goal of 'sharing common ground'".

A great deal of work has gone into implementing the recommendations since the release of *Sharing Common Ground* with work underway on most of the recommendations.

"*Sharing Common Ground* continues to be an important roadmap for the RCMP in meeting the needs and expectations of Yukoners," Chief Superintendent Peter Clark said. "We are proud of the relationships that are being renewed and the new ones that are being formed. We look forward to continuing to work with our communities and partners to deliver high quality policing services in Yukon."

The *Sharing Common Ground Year One Report* and information about the review of Yukon's police force can be found at: www.policereview2010.gov.yk.ca.

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