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Yukon Police Council is seeking public input for policing priorities

WHITEHORSE—The newly established Yukon Police Council is seeking input from Yukon citizens on policing priorities in the territory.

In October, the Yukon Police Council will make written recommendations to the Justice minister on policing priorities and the council is asking the public for their input in making these recommendations.

Citizens are being asked to share what they think are critical public safety issues in communities; what areas of policing need special focus; and what expectations they have for how police services are delivered in Yukon.

"The Yukon Police Council provides the mechanism for gathering community input, values and needs to be incorporated into policing priorities," Justice Minister Mike Nixon said. "Council members contribute a wide range of experiences and are taking the important step of seeking the views of their fellow Yukon citizens before making recommendations. It's important to the government that Yukoners have this opportunity to provide their input to the council."

The establishment of the council was a key recommendation from *Sharing Common Ground: Review of Yukon's Police Force* from 2010. During the review, Yukon First Nations, service providers and citizens said they wanted to provide more input into policing in Yukon.

"As members of the new Yukon Police Council, we feel it is of critical importance to engage Yukoners in dialogue," interim chair of the Yukon Police Council Robert Riches said. "The minister's policing priorities are one way in which the delivery of territorial police services by the RCMP can be focused on the unique context of Yukon."

Submissions will be accepted until September 19th by emailing yukonpolicecouncil@gov.yk.ca or mailing comments to:

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