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Premier announces shuffle of deputy ministers

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski today announced changes in the roles of several senior leaders in the Yukon government public service.

"The changes will give our senior leaders a broader corporate perspective that is valuable to government," Pasloski said. "This level of change will strengthen our corporate fabric and public service, by encouraging expanded collaboration and communication among departments, while maintaining stability and continuity."

As part of this initiative, Premier Pasloski is bringing clarity to the government's corporate direction with the introduction of mandate letters. These letters set out the premier's priorities for each department and crown corporation.

Six deputy ministers are assuming new positions, as follows:

Harvey Brooks, currently the deputy minister of Economic Development, will serve as deputy minister of Community Services.

Jeff O'Farrell, currently deputy minister of Community Services, will serve as deputy minister of Tourism and Culture.

Joy Waters, currently deputy minister of Tourism and Culture, will serve as President and CEO of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board.

Valerie Royle, currently President and CEO of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, will serve as deputy minister of Education.

Pamela Hine, currently deputy minister of Education, will serve as President of Yukon Housing Corporation, Yukon Liquor Corporation and Yukon Lottery Commission.

Ron MacMillan, currently President of the Yukon Housing Corporation, Yukon Liquor Corporation and Yukon Lottery Commission, will serve as deputy minister of Justice.

The government will begin recruiting for the vacant deputy minister positions of Economic Development and Health and Social Services.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the deputy ministers for their commitment and dedication to leading the public service and providing excellent programs and services to Yukoners," Pasloski added. "We are confident that these changes will provide exciting new challenges and an even more dynamic work environment throughout the public service."

All changes will be effective September 10.

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See backgrounder below for the biographies of the deputy ministers.

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Background**Yukon government deputy ministers by department:**

Effective September 10, 2012.

- **Community Services: Dr. Harvey Brooks**

Dr. Harvey Brooks has significant experience in cross-departmental approaches in national and international initiatives. In the Government of Saskatchewan he was the deputy minister of four different departments: Agriculture and Food, Government Relations, Highways and Transportation and Rural Revitalization. Dr. Brooks was appointed Yukon's deputy minister of Economic Development in July 2008.

- **Economic Development: Recruitment to begin shortly**

- **Education: Valerie Royle**

Ms. Royle holds a master's of business administration degree as well as the Certified Disability Management Professional designation. She worked previously with the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission of Newfoundland and Labrador as the executive director of Worker Services. In addition to working with many national boards, she teaches disability management and is an on-line lecturer in Memorial University of Newfoundland's Faculty of Business Administration. Ms. Royle was appointed president and CEO of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board in October 2005.

- **Energy, Mines and Resources: Greg Komaromi**

Greg Komaromi previously served as assistant deputy minister of Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources in Yukon's Energy, Mines and Resources. Before joining the Yukon government in 2000 he was a management consultant that provided business and strategic planning services. He holds a master's of business administration degree. Mr. Komaromi was appointed deputy minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in January 2012.

- **Environment: Kelvin Leary**

Mr. Leary started his career in Alberta and worked in forest management and parks before moving to Yukon. He worked in several Yukon communities including Mayo, Dawson City, Ross River and Watson Lake with the federal Department of Indian Affairs. He has held several senior positions in the Yukon government in environmental assessment and intergovernmental relations. He is in the process of completing a master's degree in public administration. Mr. Leary was appointed deputy minister of Environment Yukon in December 2006.

- **Executive Council Office: Joe MacGillivray**

Joe MacGillivray is the cabinet secretary and deputy minister of the Executive Council Office. He has held several senior-level public service positions in Yukon, including the CEO of the Yukon Hospital Corporation. Prior to that, he held a number of senior positions with the Yukon government, including as an assistant deputy minister with Energy, Mines and Resources. He holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Alaska. Mr. MacGillivray was appointed deputy minister of the Executive Council Office in August 2012.

- **Finance: David Hrycan**

Mr. Hrycan has held financial positions for more than 20 years with the governments of Yukon and the Northwest Territories. He is a Fellow Certified Management Accountant and has a degree in

business administration. He was appointed deputy minister of the Department of Finance in March 2007.

- **Health and Social Services: Stuart Whitley (retiring). Recruitment to begin shortly**

- **Highways and Public Works: Mike Johnson**

Mr. Johnson, who has a civil engineering degree, has had an extensive professional career including tenures with several Yukon construction and contracting firms. He was also the owner and operator of his own firms, Continental Crane & Construction and Construction Consulting. In the Yukon government, he has held the position of director of the Transportation Maintenance branch. Mr. Johnson was appointed deputy minister of Highways and Public Works in July 2007.

- **Justice: Ron MacMillan**

Ron MacMillan, QC, practiced law in the private sector before becoming the Deputy Attorney General and deputy minister of Community Services in the Government of Prince Edward Island. He has held several senior executive positions in that government. In 2008, Mr. MacMillan joined the Yukon government and was subsequently appointed acting deputy minister of Community Services. Mr. MacMillan was appointed President of Yukon Housing Corporation, Yukon Liquor Corporation and Yukon Lottery Commission in January 2009.

- **Public Service Commission: Catharine Read**

Catharine Read's prior government experience includes 12 years with the British Columbia government in assistant deputy minister and deputy minister positions, including deputy minister for Management Services, Small Business, Tourism and Culture, and Agriculture, Fish and Food. She was the Chief Economist for the Cayman Islands government and has done extensive consulting work for governments, industry and First Nations. Ms. Read was appointed as Yukon's Public Service Commissioner in September 2010.

- **Tourism and Culture: Jeff O'Farrell**

Mr. O'Farrell has worked with the Yukon government since 1999 in several senior positions in Community Services, Energy, Mines and Resources, the Executive Council Office and the Public Service Commission. He has a master's degree in public administration, as well as bachelor's degrees in geography and recreation and a diploma in resource management. Mr. O'Farrell was appointed deputy minister of Community Services in January 2009.

- **Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board: Joy Waters**

Joy Waters holds a master's degree in social work administration and has more than 30 years of senior provincial and territorial government experience. In her early career she worked in the Manitoba and Saskatchewan governments before moving to Yukon and joining the Yukon public service in various senior level positions. Ms. Waters was appointed deputy minister of Tourism and Culture in December 2010.

- **Yukon Housing Corporation/Yukon Liquor Corporation/Yukon Lottery Commission: Pamela Hine**

Pamela Hine began her public service career in 1980 and has extensive skills in management and administration in both public and private sectors. In 1995 she moved to the Eastern Arctic and in 2000 was appointed deputy minister in the Government of Nunavut with the departments of Education, and Community and Government Services. She also served as the President of the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Ms. Hine became the deputy minister of Education for the Government of Yukon in August 2007.

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