

# ENVIRONMENT

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT**

**MINISTER**

**Hon. J. Edzerza**

**DEPUTY MINISTER**

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**DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVE**

- To ensure that the natural resources and the environment of the Yukon are managed and used in accordance with government policy by:
  - maintaining and enhancing the quality of the Yukon's environment for present and future generations through ecosystem-based management, conservation of resources and protection and maintenance of biodiversity;
  - ensuring that all legislative and regulatory initiatives intended to safeguard Yukon's environment and natural resources remain relevant through the ongoing delivery of effective education, monitoring and enforcement programs;
  - strengthening the Yukon government's vision to maintain and enhance the Yukon's natural environment for present and future generations;
  - ensuring that Yukon people have the opportunity to be involved in the development and review of departmental programs, policies, legislation and regulations through open and meaningful communication and participatory processes;
  - managing natural resources in a manner that promotes integration with other sectors including economic development, so that optimum benefits can be derived for all Yukon people;
  - participating in national and international measures designed to enhance environmental quality and encourage sustainable use of natural resources;
  - integrating, implementing and managing authorities and responsibilities in water resource and environmental management; and
  - undertaking resource management activities that meet the Government of Yukon's obligations and respect the rights of aboriginal people and relationships established through land claims and self-government agreements.

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<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)</b>	<b>2011-12 ESTIMATE</b>	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2010-11 FORECAST	2010-11 ESTIMATE	2009-10 ACTUAL
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>				
Corporate Services	920	2,113	1,832	1,878
Environmental Sustainability	85	593	85	162
<b>Total Capital Vote 52</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>2,040</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Third-Party Recoveries	0	45	45	0
Recoveries from Canada	0	1,606	1,000	999
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>Categories</b>				
Tangible Capital Assets	148	1,841	1,366	1,321
Other Capital Projects and Purchases	852	865	551	719
Transfer Payments	5	0	0	0
<b>Total Categories</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>2,040</b>

Note:

Restated 2010-11 Forecast, 2010-11 Estimate and 2009-10 Actual to be consistent with the 2011-12 Estimate presentation.

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CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000s)	2011-12 ESTIMATE	Comparable		2009-10 ACTUAL
		2010-11 FORECAST	2010-11 ESTIMATE	
<b>Beginning of the Year</b>				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	8,259	7,723	4,889	4,715
Accumulated Amortization	(1,857)	(1,694)	(1,702)	(1,536)
Work-in-Progress	2,510	1,205	3,140	1,915
Net Book Value	8,912	7,234	6,327	5,094
<b>Changes during the Year</b>				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets				
Capital Expenditures	148	536	61	66
Work-in-Progress put in Service during Year	2,184	0	0	2,819
Disposals	0	0	0	(13)
Adjustment	0	0	0	136
Accumulated Amortization				
Amortization Expense	(218)	(163)	(163)	(171)
Disposals	0	0	0	13
Work-in-Progress				
Capital Expenditures	0	1,305	1,305	1,255
Adjustment to reconcile to Public Accounts				
Work-in-Progress <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	0	854
Work-in-Progress put in Service during Year	(2,184)	0	0	(2,819)
<b>End of the Year</b>				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	10,591	8,259	4,950	7,723
Accumulated Amortization	(2,075)	(1,857)	(1,865)	(1,694)
Net Book Value	8,516	6,402	3,085	6,029
Work-in-Progress	326	2,510	4,445	1,205
<b>Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress</b>	<b>8,842</b>	<b>8,912</b>	<b>7,530</b>	<b>7,234</b>
<b>Deferred Capital Contributions</b>				
Balance, Beginning of the Year	(2,519)	(999)	(929)	0
Additions	0	(1,520)	(1,045)	(999)
Amortization of Deferred Capital Contributions	49	0	0	0
Balance, End of the Year	(2,470)	(2,519)	(1,974)	(999)

1) The corresponding offset for this adjustment is located in the Changes in Tangible Capital Assets and Amortization schedule for the Department of Highways and Public Works.

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## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- To assist the department in managing its financial, human and information resources in an efficient, effective and fiscally responsible manner by providing strategic, operational and administrative support services.
- To assist the department to ensure its capital assets are acquired and maintained in a manner that adequately fulfils operational requirements.
- To support the effective use, availability and integration of data and information through the appropriate use of technology to meet departmental and client needs.
- To develop or amend environmental legislation, regulations or policy to ensure sound natural resource conservation and management while recognizing the dynamic nature of ecosystems, society and the economy.
- To coordinate strategic environmental and resource management initiatives.
- To oversee the department's land claims implementation obligations and represent departmental interests to support negotiations and fulfil the Yukon government's obligations under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.
- To oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan on behalf of the Yukon government.

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**CORPORATE SERVICES  
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<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000s)</b>	<b>2011-12 ESTIMATE</b>	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2010-11 FORECAST	2010-11 ESTIMATE	2009-10 ACTUAL
<b>Information Systems, Equipment and Furniture</b>				
Yukon Environment Information System	50	155	100	117
Information Technology Equipment and Systems	90	243	208	174
Operational Equipment	265	238	209	307
Prior Years' Projects	0	13	0	33
<b>Lands and Facilities</b>				
Capital Maintenance and Upgrades	282	60	60	77
Swan Haven Erosion Mitigation	233	0	0	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	1,374	1,255	1,167
<b>Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs</b>				
Prior Years' Projects	0	30	0	3
<b>Total Corporate Services</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>1,878</b>

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

#### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- To provide sustainable fish and wildlife harvesting and viewing opportunities for cultural, recreational and economic purposes.
- To promote and enhance participation in land-based activities (hunting, fishing, trapping) to sustain a unique Yukon lifestyle.
- To contribute to the effective implementation of agreements and political accords by working cooperatively with other governments and various governance bodies.
- To plan, establish and manage a system of wilderness preserves, natural environment parks and ecological reserves, Canadian Heritage Rivers, campgrounds and recreation sites; and to provide information/interpretative/regulatory services for Yukon residents and visitors.
- To provide regional delivery of departmental services in the areas of licensing, wildlife-human conflict, education, enforcement and outreach programs.
- To develop and implement management programs to maintain biological diversity and to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of fish, wildlife, habitat and water resources.
- To manage and protect Yukon's air, land and water resources through the assessment and mitigation of the effects of resource projects, education, monitoring and inspections, and the development and implementation of regulations and pollution prevention programs.
- To contribute to public safety and the protection of property.
- To coordinate, support and participate in research activities and contribute to territorial, national and international research projects.
- To develop and provide public information that enhances awareness, understanding of, and adherence to the laws pertaining to natural resources and the environment.
- To manage the resources of the natural environment in a balanced and sustainable way.
- To protect human health, wildlife and domestic animals through interdepartmental coordination and integration of the animal health and welfare programs.



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<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$000s)</b>	<b>2011-12 ESTIMATE</b>	<i>Comparable</i>		<b>2009-10 ACTUAL</b>
		<b>2010-11 FORECAST</b>	<b>2010-11 ESTIMATE</b>	
<b>Parks</b>				
Parks Special Management Areas Planning	<b>50</b>	50	50	42
Special Management Areas Resource Assessment	<b>35</b>	35	35	0
Prior Years' Projects	<b>0</b>	508	0	113
<b>Conservation Officer Services</b>				
Prior Years' Projects	<b>0</b>	0	0	7
<b>Total Environmental Sustainability</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>162</b>

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<b>REVENUES (\$000s)</b>	<b>2011-12 ESTIMATE</b>	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2010-11 FORECAST	2010-11 ESTIMATE	2009-10 ACTUAL
<b>THIRD-PARTY RECOVERIES</b>				
<b>Corporate Services</b>				
<b>Lands and Facilities</b>				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	45	45	0
<b>Total Third-Party Recoveries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>RECOVERIES FROM CANADA</b>				
<b>Corporate Services</b>				
<b>Lands and Facilities</b>				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	1,068	1,000	929
<b>Claims Implementation and Aboriginal Affairs</b>				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	30	0	0
<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>				
<b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b>				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	508	0	0
<b>Parks</b>				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	0	0	70
<b>Total Recoveries from Canada</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>999</b>

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<b>TRANSFER PAYMENTS (\$000s)</b>	<b>2011-12 ESTIMATE</b>	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2010-11 FORECAST	2010-11 ESTIMATE	2009-10 ACTUAL
<b>OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>				
Special Management Areas Resource Assessment - Ecosystem Assessment	5	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>