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- Yukon's Premier, Cabinet members, Council of Yukon First Nations' Grand Chief and Yukon First Nations Leaders met for the Yukon Forum both online and in person at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.
- Key topics discussed included:
 - MMIWG2s+ Strategy
 - COVID-19 update
 - Mineral Development Strategy
 - Forestry
 - Yukon Days
 - 2021 Yukon Forum Dates
 - Yukon First Nations Procurement Policy

Progress from the Yukon Forum Working Groups

*These are updates from Yukon Forum Working Groups and may not have been discussed at the December 11, 2020 Yukon Forum.

Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement Implementation

Chapter 22: Economic Development

- The Yukon First Nations Procurement Policy was approved by the December Yukon Forum following collaborative development. The policy will strengthen the territory's economy by reducing barriers and providing opportunities for Yukon First Nations governments, businesses and people to participate. The new policy encourages Yukon businesses to bid on government contracts in partnership with Yukon First Nations businesses.

Mining Memorandum of Understanding

- The independent panel completed their public engagement on of the Mineral Development Strategy in September and published their "What We Heard" document in early November 2020. They are



Previous Yukon Forum

- October 2, 2020 at KDCC and on Zoom
- [Issues discussed](#) included:
 - Off road vehicle regulation
 - Putting People First Plan
 - Yukon River salmon
 - Land use planning
 - COVID 19
 - Economic recovery
 - MMIWG2S+

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now working to develop recommendations and hope to release those recommendations in December. There will be public and stakeholder engagement on the draft recommendations in January and February.

YESAA Reset Memorandum of Understanding and Oversight Group

- The YESAA Oversight Group established a technical working group to support its work including exploring legislative review of YESAA.
- Planning is underway for a virtual YESAA Forum in the new year on cumulative effects.

Chapter 11: Land Use Planning

- The Dawson Regional Land Use Planning process is ongoing and a draft plan is expected in March 2021.
- Land use planning conversations are underway with a number of First Nations including Teslin Tlingit Council, First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun, Carcross/Tagish First Nation, and Kluane First Nation.

Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement

Heritage

- The Heritage Working Group's Terms of Reference came into effect and they held comprehensive work planning session in November.

Justice

- Kwanlin Dün First Nation signed the Community Tripartite (Policing) Agreement and a Letter of Expectation with the RCMP in a ceremony in Kwanlin Dün.
- Government of Yukon is making changes to the way it administers its Restorative Justice programs. CYFN's involvement in the recent hiring of a dedicated Manager for the Restorative Justice team is just one example of the changes being implemented.

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