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The Honourable John Streicker  
Minister of Community Service  
Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate  
Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation  
Minister responsible for the Yukon Lotteries Commission

Dear Minister Streicker:

I am honoured to welcome you to your role as the Minister of Community Service and Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate, the Yukon Liquor Corporation and the Yukon Lottery Commission.

Yukoners have entrusted us with a mandate to govern the territory. In fulfilling this serious responsibility, we must lead with respect, courage and compassion. We must work every day to earn the trust of the people we serve and respond to their needs and aspirations for a better Yukon.

This letter is to provide you with guidance in implementing our commitments to Yukoners looking at both what we do and how we do it.

We are clear about our priorities. Our government will help create jobs, balancing efforts to strengthen and diversify our economy with environmental stewardship. We will work collaboratively with Yukon First Nations for their benefit and the benefit of all Yukoners. We will build thriving Yukon communities recognizing local needs, local interests and local solutions. We will help Yukoners lead healthy, productive, happy lives through accessible, integrated programs and services tailored to their needs.

As we advance these priorities, we will work as a cohesive team respecting the collective nature of Cabinet decision making and recognizing that issues do not exist in silos. They are inter-related and often complex, requiring a 'one government' approach. We will also focus on delivering results that improve people's lives. We will monitor progress on achieving these results and report to, and seek feedback from, Yukon citizens on this progress.

At the same time, we will live within our fiscal means. We must make thoughtful and careful decisions about spending to support meaningful, effective investments in jobs, in people and in communities across the territory.

The limits of financial resources require a measured approach in fulfilling our commitments. Some initiatives will take more time to accomplish and we will need to account for emerging needs during the mandate. In order to deliver results in a paced manner, I want you to work in the near term on specific goals linked to our priorities.

Your overarching strategic priority will be to work in partnership with communities, including municipal governments, to build sustainable and diverse economies and support local solutions to local problems. All communities, including the Francophone community, play an important role in our collective identity. Your relationships with communities and local governments need to reflect our interest in enabling local interests and ambitions and making investments in a fiscally responsible manner to realize economic and community development.

In particular, I expect you to work with your colleagues and community partners in the near term to deliver on key goals:

**As Minister of Community Services:**

- Establish National Aboriginal Day as a statutory Yukon holiday
- Provide municipalities with a predictable level of funding through a five-year funding plan
- Consult on and determine appropriate funding levels for structural fire protection
- Develop a longer-term plan to support investments in community infrastructure
- Collaborate on waste management and recycling and other diversion programs that reduce waste and illegal dumping
- Work with the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation and the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission to increase affordable housing options in our communities and collaborate with the private sector on new models for staff and social housing that promote economic growth in communities
- Work with the Minister of Economic Development to identify and work to remove regulatory and service impediments to competitiveness
- Work with the Minister of Health and Social Services to regulate and fund midwifery to provide a safe and more affordable childbirth option in communities

**As Minister responsible for French Language Services:**

- Work with the Francophone community to develop practical solutions to providing more services in French, with a particular focus on primary, emergency and mental health

**As Minister of the Yukon Liquor Corporation:**

- Consult the Yukon Liquor Board, the business community, consumers and civil society to assess whether the Liquor Act meets current needs and provides for an appropriate balance between economic opportunities and social responsibility.

Through discussions in Cabinet, caucus and in the Yukon Legislative Assembly, we will further define what goals we will advance to deliver on our mandate.

As a member of Cabinet, you are to follow the requirements of governance processes to ensure decisions are well considered, implications well understood and planned outcomes clear.

Your deputy ministers are a key source of non-partisan advice and support. You are to foster an effective, positive and respectful working relationship with your deputies and with the public service generally. The efforts of the dedicated, professional public service in providing research, expertise and evaluation are fundamental to our reaching fair, evidence-based and balanced decisions.

We promised Yukoners we will be inclusive in acting on our public responsibilities. This means listening to and understanding the value of all opinions. It means respecting the diversity and equality of our citizens and how their cultures, heritage and languages contribute to the social fabric of Yukon. We committed to being open and transparent when making decisions, balancing the needs of society and serving the broad public interest. We said we will be accountable for the decisions we make – in other words, we will do what we say we will do.

We want the Yukon Legislative Assembly to be a place of respect, accountability, inclusiveness and transparency, working for the betterment of Yukon. In this regard, you are expected to work cooperatively with all Members of the Assembly towards these objectives. You are to take the business of the House seriously. You are to be prepared

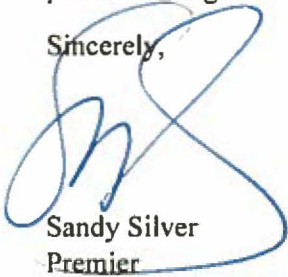
to answer questions and to explain decisions in a manner that is responsive to the principle of Ministerial accountability.

You, along with other members of Cabinet, are keepers of the public trust charged with working in the public interest. This responsibility carries with it the expectation that you will meet the highest standards of ethical behavior, consistently demonstrating personal and professional integrity in your actions to serve Yukon.

You are to respect the letter and spirit of the *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, including the Code of Ethics for Cabinet Ministers, the Executive Council Code of Conduct and the Ministerial Gift Policy. If questions arise about how your personal interests may affect or appear to affect your public responsibilities, you are to seek guidance from the Yukon Conflict of Interest Commission at the earliest opportunity and abide by the advice given.

I appreciate your commitment in taking on your new Ministerial responsibilities. I expect you to carry them out diligently, with careful deliberation and a strong sense of purpose. I look forward to working with you to make positive change for Yukon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Sandy Silver', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'. The signature is stylized and loops around the text.

Sandy Silver  
Premier