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John Streicker  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources  
Minister of the Public Service Commission  
Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation  
Minister Responsible for the Yukon Energy Corporation  
Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate

Dear Minister Streicker,

As we enter our second mandate, we are building on a solid foundation to move the Yukon forward, working with the people of the territory to make their lives better.

As a government, we have a responsibility to provide strong, stable leadership as we continue to respond to the challenges posed by COVID-19. We have led the nation with our response and will continue to support families, individuals and businesses as we emerge from the pandemic. This past year has been incredibly challenging for the public service, and they have helped us deliver unprecedented outcomes that have kept Yukoners safe.

Maintaining strong working relationships with Yukon First Nations for the benefit of all Yukoners is a hallmark of our government. In keeping with our commitment to reconciliation and honoring the spirit and intent of the Final and Self-Government Agreements, we are fully committed to working with First Nation governments to create a brighter future for the territory. We will continue our government's work to fulfill the commitments to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and to implement *Changing the Story to Upholding Dignity and Justice: Yukon's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-spirit+ People Strategy*.

As a government, we will refine our approach to engaging with the Government of Canada. This will allow us to have consistent, coordinated messaging to maximize outcomes and deliver on our commitments.

During our previous mandate, two foundational strategies were developed that will guide the mandate of this government: *Our Clean Future* and *Putting People First*. These are the anchors of our government and will provide the basis for the direction of our decisions.

*Our Clean Future* is the Yukon's blueprint to address the climate crisis while building a resilient and sustainable future for our territory. Our government will lead by example as we implement this territory wide strategy together with our partners. We will reduce greenhouses gas emissions and

our dependence on fossil fuels, while protecting the Yukon's environment and fostering the green economy. Addressing the climate crisis requires a culture shift – both for Yukon society and within the Yukon Government. Decisions and actions flowing from *Our Clean Future* must be taken with urgency, to reflect the current climate emergency.

*Putting People First* is more than a title of the report on transforming the Yukon's healthcare system. It is a guiding principle as we overhaul policies, through a people-centered approach. Yukoners deserve a healthcare system that provides wraparound supports at all ages, for all needs, and this is what we will continue to work towards.

As you know, our Liberal government has entered into a Confidence and Supply Agreement. This agreement enables us to provide Yukoners with a strong, stable government working in their best interest.

You are expected to conduct meaningful consultation as defined in the agreement, and achieve the commitments we have made to Yukoners. This consultation and information sharing is to be coordinated through the Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat.

As Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources you are to:

- Have a leadership role in ensuring that the commitments under *Our Clean Future* are realized including:
  - Developing and introducing a *Clean Energy Act* that will legislate the Yukon's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target at 45 percent lower by 2030 when compared to 2010. This will be led by the Department of Energy Mines and Resources with support from the Department of Environment.
  - Establishing carbon intensity targets for mines and large industrial plants.
  - Expanding the range of professional development offerings to enable more Yukoners to participate in the green economy.
  - Identifying regulatory and program improvements that could support the growth of Yukon's biomass energy industry including the use of waste products.
- Begin work to consolidate elements of the Climate Change Secretariat with the Energy Solutions Centre within the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources with a goal of aligning climate change solutions and initiatives.
- Working with Yukon First Nations governments, industry and stakeholders, develop successor resource legislation with a goal of modernizing Yukon's mineral resource sector. This will be led by the Department of Energy Mines and Resources with support from the Department of Justice.
- Consider the recommendations from the Mineral Development Strategy to determine endorsement and implementation beginning with those that focus on successor legislation.
- Create a Mineral Exploration Fund to support junior mining companies operating in the Yukon. This will be led by the Department of Economic Development with support from the Department of Energy Mines and Resources.

- Work with partners to refine internal processes to ensure participation in the assessment and regulatory regime is effectively managed. This will be led by the Executive Council Office with support from the Department of Energy Mines and Resources and the Department of Environment.
- Work with the Yukon Water Board to ensure there is strong communication between itself and Energy Mines and Resources as the two key regulators, and work to reduce redundancy and duplication in the process while also respecting each other's jurisdictions. This will be led by the Department of Energy Mines and Resources with support from the Executive Council Office.
- Complete the Dawson Land Use Plan and advance the planning process for other regions to ensure proactive engagement. This will be led by the Department of Energy Mines and Resources in close collaboration with the Departments of Environment and the Executive Council Office.
- Work with local stakeholders to plan the creation of recreational infrastructure such as trails for both motorized and non-motorized vehicles. This will be led by the Department of Energy Mines and Resources with support from the departments of Tourism and Culture and Environment.
- Increase housing stock across the territory, develop new land parcels and lots, and enable innovative approaches to address the acute need for increased housing options in the territory. This will be led by the Yukon Housing Corporation with support from the departments of Community Services and Energy, Mines and Resources. This includes:
  - Releasing the 5<sup>th</sup> and Rogers land parcel to the private sector for future housing development.
  - Supporting the establishment of community land trusts in the Yukon.

As the Minister responsible for agriculture, you are to work to increase the Yukon's ability to be more self-sufficient in food production and be an important step towards decreasing our transportation-related GHG emissions. You will:

- Continue to implement Cultivating our Future: 2020 Yukon Agriculture Policy.
- Support increased production of high quality, local ingredients and the significant increase in demand for Yukon meat products.
- Maximize local food purchases through government procurement, by establishing an internal task team to consider this challenge. This will be led by the Department of Energy Mines and Resources with support from the Department of Highways and Public Works.

As the Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation, you are charged with advancing the implementation of the 10-year renewable electricity plan, as well as continuing investments in new legacy renewable projects with First Nation and community partners. This includes prioritizing the implementation of the Atlin hydropower project.

As the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission, you are to work towards achieving a representative public service that meets the challenges of the modern workplace through:

- Implementing Breaking Trail Together, our representative public service plan.
- Implementing the People Plan, which guides how we design and operate workplaces across the Yukon government. This includes creating an in-depth operational plan to assist implementation.
- Incorporating a climate change lens into the decision-making process for major Government of Yukon policies, programs and projects. This will be led by the Executive Council Office with support from the Department of Finance and the Public Service Commission.
- Negotiating collective agreements with the Yukon Teachers' Association and the Yukon Employees' Union.
- Evaluating Yukon's COVID-19 pandemic response, once the state of emergency has been lifted. This will be led by the Executive Council Office with support from the Department of Finance and the Public Service Commission.
- Implementing Gender Inclusive Diversity Analysis (GIDA) on key initiatives across government by providing training, research support and analysis. The Women and Gender Equity Directorate will lead this file with support from the Executive Council Office and the Public Service Commission.
- Continuing to modernize the Yukon's digital infrastructure and human resources policies to allow greater mobility for Yukoners in both the public and private sector, to work from all communities in the Yukon. This will be led by the Department of Highways and Public Works with support from the Public Service Commission.

As Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate, you are to build on progress in increasing services to the Yukon's Francophone community by:

- Opening a bilingual health centre to improve care for the Yukon's francophone population. This will be led by the Department of Health and Social Services with support from the French Language Services Directorate.
- Developing a new strategic framework to guide investments in services for the community in the coming years (2022-2025).

You have a responsibility as a Minister to work with your colleagues to be open, transparent and accountable in making decisions. While each of you have individual departmental priorities, decisions must be made that prioritize the collective benefit for Yukoners. In your work as a member of Cabinet, you have a responsibility for ensuring decisions are made in the best interest of all Yukoners. In making these decisions, care should be put into targeting spending to the highest priorities while ensuring value for taxpayers' dollars.

Fulfilling your duties requires you to have an effective and respectful working relationship with your Deputy Ministers and departments, recognizing the important role of the public service in informing effective decisions.

These letters lay out a vision for our new mandate. In order to achieve these goals, you are expected to monitor implementation through reporting and tracking.

As a Minister, you are expected to empower collaboration across government departments, supporting working together towards a common goal of improving Yukoners' lives. Our commitment to good governance also requires positive, productive working relationships with other governments, communities, stakeholders and citizens.

You are to work in a spirit of cooperation with all MLAs, upholding your responsibility to be accountable to the Legislative Assembly. This includes understanding that all MLAs have good ideas that deserve true consideration.

I expect you to consistently meet your public responsibilities with personal and professional integrity. You are to respect the letter and spirit of the conflict of interest rules for Ministers and to actively seek, and abide by, guidance from the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

I appreciate your taking on new Ministerial responsibilities and committing to the hard work ahead with a strong sense of purpose and a deep commitment to improving the lives of Yukoners. I look forward to our work together to serve the people of the Yukon each and every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SS' with a large loop at the top and a flourish at the bottom.

Sandy Silver  
Premier