

Declaration
WORKING TOGETHER

We, the representatives of governments of the Yukon, hereby affirm our commitment to work together in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We remain committed to a constructive relationship that contributes to and promotes good governance for all Yukoners.

In particular, we commit to the following.

1. Participate in up to four meetings of the Yukon Forum per year as agreed to and schedule the dates of the meetings in advance, unless otherwise agreed.
2. Conduct the meetings in order to facilitate frank discussions, debate issues and learn about the positions and interests of others and have substantive outcomes. We recognize that these discussions may be contentious at times, but they will be respectful.
3. Treat the discussions that take place at the Yukon Forum and related working groups as confidential unless otherwise agreed.
4. Ensure the Yukon Forum is solutions-focused at a political level and does not limit the options available in any negotiation process.
5. By the next Yukon Forum, create a joint five-year action plan that identifies common priorities and ensures a clear plan for implementation options that are collaborative and transparent. The plan may be refined or updated as needed.
6. Provide directions to officials to carry out specific duties and activities as agreed.

Signed at Whitehorse, Yukon
January 13, 2017


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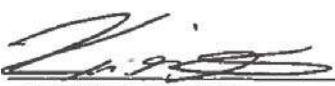


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Yukon Forum – List of Joint Priority Items
Appendix to *Working Together – Declaration*
May 26th, 2017

Principles

1. Effective Bilateral and Trilateral collaborative relationships and processes
2. Reconciliation through the Final and Self-Government Agreements
3. Strong, healthy communities
4. Closing socio-economic gaps

1. Fiscal Relations

1. Trilateral fiscal matters
2. Infrastructure funding including housing
3. Chapter 23 and Resource Revenue Sharing Agreements

2. Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement – “Made in Yukon”

1. Develop and formalize effective bilateral and trilateral intergovernmental relationships and joint processes to allow for strategic, effective engagement for example develop consultative processes and effective opportunities/processes/committees to build relationships and discuss joint priorities related to:
 - a. Health and Social Services
 - b. Education
 - c. Justice
 - d. Heritage
2. Develop joint Yukon strategies on major tri-lateral initiatives through ministerial meetings, consultations and events

3. Land Claim / Self-Government Implementation

1. Chapter 22: (Representative Public Service Plan, Procurement, Yukon Asset Construction Agreements (YACA), and the Chapter 22 Review)
2. Implement the Mining Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
3. *Yukon Environmental Socio-Economic Assessment Act* Reset MOU
4. Ensure Government of Yukon budgets consider Yukon First Nation priorities
5. The Government of Yukon to consider developing an Implementation Directive/Policy that ensures a one-government approach to new policies/initiatives that considers links and implications to the agreements
6. Chapter 11: Land Use Planning – (for example Peel Watershed Court Case outcome)

4. Legislative Agenda

1. Ensure the Government of Yukon’s legislative agenda considers Yukon First Nation priorities including those that may arise out of this priority list.
2. Discuss review of existing legislation and policies with respect to Final and Self-Government and processes on a go forward basis.

Yukon Forum Action Plan

This Action Plan is the result of the collaborative work being done at the Yukon Forum and direction from Yukon First Nation and Government of Yukon leaders as committed to in the *Working Together* Declaration.

The goal of the Yukon Forum is to foster reconciliation, develop strong government-to-government relations and collaborate on priorities shared by the Government of Yukon and Yukon First Nations.

This document lays out the next steps that will be undertaken by a number of joint working groups under the following priority areas: Fiscal Relations, Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement Implementation and Bi-lateral/Tri-lateral Processes for Engagement.

Intergovernmental collaboration on this scale has not been done before. Establishing effective processes takes time, careful consideration and flexibility in order to be successful.

The joint priorities identified by our governments address long standing and complex issues. In many cases we are not starting from scratch – past reviews have been completed and existing processes are in place. Many of these priorities also require engagement and participation from the Government of Canada.

As stated in the *Working Together* Declaration, our governments are committed to working together in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

This updated Action Plan recognizes the work we've accomplished to date and outlines the next steps to advance our shared priorities.

Fiscal Relations

Joint Priority	Actions
1. Resource Revenue	<p>Self-Governing Yukon First Nations and Government of Yukon continue to meet to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resource revenue sharing agreement; and • Potential changes to Yukon’s resource royalty regime.
2. Infrastructure and Housing Funding	<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Self-Governing Yukon First Nations and Government Yukon continue to work bilaterally toward determining community infrastructure priorities and funding arrangements.</p> <hr/> <p>Housing</p> <p>Self-governing Yukon First Nations and Government of Yukon to establish a suitable funding mechanism with Canada that provides sustainable, sufficient and consistent funding in support of meeting their current and future housing needs. This funding mechanism must address both ‘catch up’ and ‘keep up’ elements.</p>
3. Trilateral Fiscal Matters	<p>Self-Governing Yukon First Nations and Government of Yukon continue to work together and with Canada towards addressing fiscal matters which affect bilateral and trilateral fiscal relations.</p> <p>Bilaterally, the Government of Yukon and Self-governing First Nations have identified the scope of interests for discussion, and have prioritized agreements on Carbon Rebate Sharing and renewing Personal Income Tax Sharing Agreements.</p> <p>The parties continue exploratory discussions on the other fiscal matters.</p>

Land Claims & Self-Government Agreement Implementation

Joint Priority	Actions
1. Chapter 22: Economic Development	<p>Determine existing opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake inventory and analysis of programs addressing Representative Public Service Plan, Yukon Asset Construction Agreements (YACA), Chapter 22 Review and develop detailed work plans with next steps. • Determine procurement improvements. • Provide updates on existing programs, a discussion of the adequacy of the program and clear timelines for completion of deliberations.
2. Mining Memorandum of Understanding	<p>Implement the Mining MOU work plan.</p> <p>Review MMOU process and workplan to identify current year priorities.</p> <p>Receive and seek approval to implement recommendations coming from the Main Table.</p>
3. YESAA Reset Memorandum of Understanding and Oversight Group	<p>Follow the process outlined in the final YESAA Reset MOU.</p> <p>Establish priorities and work plan for YESAA Oversight Group.</p> <p>Principals endorsement of priorities and work plan.</p> <p>Update FNs on Oversight Group progress, and solicit feedback on YESAA Forum proposal.</p>
4. Government of Yukon Budgeting in Consideration of Yukon First Nation Priorities	<p>Discuss Government of Yukon and Yukon First Nation budget priorities, cycles and timing.</p> <p>Determine timing, process and venue for Yukon First Nation's to articulate their budget priorities.</p>

Joint Priority	Actions
5. Collaboration Approach	<p>Joint Senior Executive Committee</p> <p>Continue to support the Joint Senior Executive Committee toward streamlining shared priorities and processes, reducing silos and resolving common issues.</p> <hr/> <p>Directive/Policy</p> <p>Finalize discussion on the possibility of Yukon government developing an internal directive/policy on implementation of the Final and Self-Government Agreements and recommend a path forward.</p>
6. Chapter 11: Land Use Planning	<p>Implement strategic recommendations to achieve four priority objectives approved by the Yukon Forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set commissions up for success 2. Support for multiple planning process 3. Legislative review 4. Implementation funding review
7. Fish and Wildlife	<p>The working group has identified the following priority items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Trapline compensation B. Trappers/ harvest support program C. Ethics of fish and wildlife harvesting D. Harvest allocations E. Increased terms for Yukon residence requirements for hunting licences F. Budget and planning consultation for fish and wildlife surveys G. Land leases for illegal occupation and mining activities H. Invasive species I. Limitations on exercise of final agreement rights J. Assess success of Chapter 16 instruments

Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement

Joint Priority	Actions
<p>1. Health & Social Services</p> <p>Through continued partnerships, we will work collectively to improve outcomes for children, youth and families. As a key area of focus, we will continue to work together on strategic initiatives that will reduce the number of Indigenous children in care.</p> <p>We will continue to advance specific projects related to the joint initiatives through bi-lateral engagement efforts.</p>	<p>Broader Health and Social Services Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through ongoing collaboration between YG and the CYFN Health and Social Development Commission, continue to discuss items of mutual interest and advance our mutual goals while identifying opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.
	<p>Child Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work collaboratively at the trilateral table (CYFN, YFNs, YG and GoC) to determine priorities for increased prevention and enhancement initiatives with a focus on the wellbeing of Yukon First Nation children and families. • Continue to work together bilaterally to develop MOAs that guide the delivery of family and children services in their communities. • Continue to explore options and potential models for redesigning the service model for group homes in Yukon. • Continue work to develop a foster care strategy.
	<p>Mental Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively to develop and implement culturally appropriate mental wellness programs, and provide training and facilitate the drafting of community wellness plans.
	<p>Social Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YG to engage with First Nations partners to develop culturally appropriate programming for the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter. • YG to continue to work in partnership with Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and community partners to implement the Safe at Home Plan. • YG to engage YFNs in the development and implementation of social assistance policies.
	<p>Co-governance Delivery Models for Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work together to explore shared delivery of services models and actively explore additional opportunities for collaboration.

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<p>2. Education</p> <p>Develop and formalize a joint bi-lateral process to allow for strategic, effective engagement on education related matters.</p>	<p>Through initiatives such as the establishment of the Chiefs' Committee on Education, the revisions to the mandate of the FNEC, the ongoing negotiation and implementation of Education Agreements with YFN governments, the agreement to establish an ADM, YFN Initiatives position at the Department of Education, and the devolution of control over the YNLC to CYFN, the parties have re-established their relationships and plans for joint priorities for education.</p>
<p>3. Justice</p> <p>Develop and formalize a joint bi-lateral process to allow for strategic, effective engagement on justice* related matters.</p> <p>*excludes Administration of Justice Agreement discussions</p>	<p>Community Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with identified FN and the Government of Canada to support the development of Community Safety Plans within the Public Safety Canada framework. • Continue work with individual communities on information sharing agreements to provide Safer Communities and Neighbourhood (SCAN) coverage within First Nation lands. <hr/> <p>Restorative Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support existing First Nations justice workers who use Restorative Justice practices. • Continue to participate in the Federal/Provincial/Territorial/First Nations restorative justice research project. <hr/> <p>Corrections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work through the Implementation Working Group (Loukidelis Report on WCC) to implement the recommendations. • Current focus on the breakdown of recommendations related to First Nations, Mental Health and Separate Confinement conditions.
<p>4. Heritage</p> <p>Develop and formalize a joint bi-lateral process to allow for strategic, effective engagement on heritage matters.</p>	<p>1. Determine existing opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake inventory and analysis of existing joint opportunities to discuss heritage matters (including dedicated resources). • Determine what is working, what is not working.

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	<p data-bbox="728 235 1064 261">2. Determine path forward:</p> <ul data-bbox="774 289 2448 391" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="774 289 2448 354">• Create new formalized relationships and/or determine best ways of enhancing existing relationships (including TORs, membership & reporting structure). <li data-bbox="774 363 1193 391">• Determine required resources. <hr/> <p data-bbox="728 451 1126 477">3. Develop implementation plan:</p> <ul data-bbox="774 505 1628 607" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="774 505 1628 532">• Determine joint heritage priorities and process/timeline for review. <li data-bbox="774 542 1257 570">• Define initiatives linked to priorities. <li data-bbox="774 579 1158 607">• Create detailed work plans. <hr/> <p data-bbox="728 667 1104 693">4. Develop evaluation process:</p> <ul data-bbox="774 721 1749 786" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="774 721 1749 748">• Determine evidence based benchmarks for success and evaluation process. <li data-bbox="774 758 1247 786">• Establish communication strategy.
<p data-bbox="139 847 505 873">5. Engagement Approach</p> <p data-bbox="139 906 701 1045">Develop a strategic approach to Government of Yukon's various engagements with Yukon First Nations to improve coordination and enhance meaningful engagement.</p>	<p data-bbox="728 847 2510 912">Continue discussion regarding Yukon government's engagement approach and explore ways to coordinate planning on engagements and review timelines, e.g., a plan/schedule of Yukon government initiatives to share with Yukon First Nations.</p>
<p data-bbox="139 1107 352 1133">6. Yukon Voice</p> <p data-bbox="139 1182 682 1321">Develop and formalize a Government of Yukon/Yukon First Nation strategic process to bring a joint voice to Canada on tri-lateral initiatives.</p>	<p data-bbox="728 1107 2179 1133">Finalize proposed guiding principles to inform joint messaging and approach for working with Canada, where possible.</p> <p data-bbox="728 1182 1817 1208">Continue to utilize Yukon Days as a strategic opportunity to bring a joint voice to Canada.</p>