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Yukon Forum Newsletter

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- Yukon's Premier, Cabinet members, Council of Yukon First Nations' Grand Chief and Yukon First Nations Leaders met for the first Yukon Forum of 2020 at the Kwanlin Dün First Nation Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House in Whitehorse.
- Key topics discussed included:
 - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
 - Yukon Forum Check-In

Progress from the Yukon Forum Working Groups

*These are updates from Yukon Forum Working Groups and may not have been discussed at the February 20, 2020 Yukon Forum.

Fiscal Relations

Trilateral Fiscal Matters

- Personal Income Tax Room Sharing Agreements have been renewed between the 11 Yukon First Nations with Final and Self-Government Agreements and the Government of Yukon.

Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement Implementation

Mining Memorandum of Understanding

- The Mining Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement between the Government of Yukon and Self-Governing Yukon First Nations to collaborate on improvements to the management of Yukon's mineral resources and develop tangible improvements to Yukon's mineral regime.
- The Mineral Development Strategy stems from the Mining MOU. An engagement process began in January 2020 which will continue until May 2020, including engagement with Yukon First Nations and community meetings. Input gathered from this engagement will be presented in a What We Heard document on the Yukon Mineral Development Strategy [website](#) and will be used in drafting the MDS.



Previous Yukon Forum

- December 13, 2019 in Whitehorse
- Key topics discussed:
 - Education
 - Traditional Knowledge
 - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
 - Yukon Days

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- The Government of Yukon and Yukon First Nations with Final and Self-Government Agreements have approved one of four recommendations from the Mining MOU table to require notification of Class 1 mineral exploration activities across Yukon as of April 1, 2020.
- The Government of Yukon issued an Order in Council (OIC) on February 6, 2020 withdrawing certain Category B Settlement Land (specified within the various Schedules within the OIC) from mineral staking. This order provides greater protection to heritage and environmental resources on the land and supports traditional and cultural use of the land by First Nations. This is the second of four recommendations presented by the Mining MOU table.

YESAA Reset Memorandum of Understanding and Oversight Group

- The draft report from the YESAA Forum in November 2019 is being reviewed by the Oversight Group and planning for the next YESAA Forum is underway for spring 2020.

Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement

Health and Social Services

- The Trilateral Table on the well-being of Yukon First Nations children and families is working with Yukon First Nations to determine how best to flow the enhanced prevention funding from 2019/20. Going forward the Government of Canada will flow the prevention funding directly to Yukon First Nations rather than through Government of Yukon.
- Bill C-92, *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families* came into effect January 2020. Yukon First Nations, the Government of Yukon and Indigenous Services Canada are working together to implement the federal act.

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