

PART THREE
DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES

Yukon Legislative Assembly

The Yukon Legislative Assembly is the parliament of the Yukon, consisting of Members who are elected by the people of the Yukon. Through them Yukon people make territorial laws and provide money needed by the Government of the Yukon for the present and future good of the people of the Territory.

Elections Office

To manage and conduct elections of members of the Legislative Assembly and school-governing groups.

Office of the Ombudsman

To enhance public confidence and promote fairness and integrity in public administration of Yukon.

Executive Council Office

To conclude outstanding settlement agreements and ensure effective implementation of the agreements.

To build strong government-to-government relationships between the Yukon and First Nation governments and to foster effective relations with the governments of Canada, the provinces, the northern territories, the state of Alaska and other jurisdictions.

To complete the transfer of federal responsibilities to the Yukon Government in conjunction with other departments.

To negotiate and complete Development Assessment Process (DAP) legislation and implementation planning and to facilitate an objective, timely, efficient assessment process for proposed developments in the Yukon.

To facilitate the Cabinet decision-making process by providing advice, analysis, and other services to Cabinet and its committees and by coordinating policy development work and other projects of an interdepartmental nature.

To ensure effective communications and consultation with the public on government programs, policies and activities.

To coordinate the development and implementation of French language programs and provide advice, translation and interpretation services to departments.

To coordinate corporate management issues by managing internal review bodies, including Deputy Ministers' Review Committee and its subcommittees; by coordinating corporate work on government priorities, strategies, organization and renewal; and by providing corporate programs.

To foster the maintenance, revitalization, growth and protection of Yukon aboriginal languages; to enable Yukon aboriginal communities to assume increased ownership of their aboriginal language responsibilities; and to assist Yukon aboriginal communities to meet their language needs.

To provide audit services to government and to advise on management improvement and program effectiveness.

To develop and provide timely and relevant statistical information to support government decision-making.

Community and Transportation Services

To promote local government, to provide support to municipalities, to provide municipal services and facilities in unincorporated communities and to participate in the efficient implementation of land claim settlements.

To plan, develop, maintain and regulate safe and efficient transportation systems and services for the Yukon.

To provide property assessment, and general property taxation services.

To plan, develop and dispose of public lands and to manage land use activity.

To support the development of sport and community recreation throughout the Yukon.

To provide, operate and maintain community radio/television transmitters and the multi-departmental mobile radio system; and to participate in related policy developments.

To promote the improvement and cost-effectiveness of infrastructure through undertaking applied research into northern infrastructure development.

To support, administer and enforce building, electrical and mechanical safety standards, emergency preparedness and fire protection programs for the public safety of all Yukon people.

To promote and undertake environmentally sound and cost effective activities and programs.

To participate in government diversification, investment and trade initiatives relating to departmental mandate.

Economic Development

To contribute to the creation of a strong, prosperous and diversified Yukon economy by:

- working with First Nation governments, the Federal Government and Yukon people to support and encourage the management and development of Yukon's resources consistent with environmental and social values;
- working with First Nation governments, communities and business to increase their capacity to benefit from economic development opportunities;
- encouraging the exports of goods and services;
- supporting the development of established and emerging industries;
- promoting beneficial investment in the Yukon's economy; and
- supporting research and providing a base of information on resource management and business development for responsible economic decision-making.

Education

To ensure effective learning opportunities are available for all Yukon people so they may achieve their personal potential. This is to be achieved through planning, developing, implementing and evaluating:

- elementary and secondary education for all school age children;
- Native Language Education Programs and the training of aboriginal languages teachers;
- French language programs;
- adult training, education and labour force development programs; and
- library, archival and access to information services.

Finance

To ensure that the financial resources of the Government of the Yukon are managed in a manner that meets the priorities of the Government and complies with the statutes.

Government Services

To provide procurement and management services, in partnership with departments and agencies, that support and enhance the delivery of government programs.

Health and Social Services

Health and Social Services is committed to working with the community to ensure quality health and social services for Yukoners. This will be achieved by helping individuals acquire the skills to live responsible, healthy and independent lives; and by providing a range of accessible, sustainable services that assist individuals, families and communities to reach their full potential.

Justice

The Yukon Department of Justice operates to:

- enhance public confidence in, and respect for the law and society;
- promote equity; and
- ensure that the administration of Justice operates for the benefit of all persons in the Yukon.

Public Service Commission

To enable our clients to achieve their objectives by promoting integrated human resource management services within policy frameworks.

To plan and implement Representative Public Service provisions of Yukon First Nation Land Claim Agreements.

Renewable Resources

To ensure that the renewable resources and the environment of the Yukon are managed and used in accordance with government policy by:

- maintaining and enhancing the quality of Yukon's environment for present and future generations through ecosystem-based management, conservation of resources and protection and maintenance of biodiversity;
- developing and implementing a protected areas strategy, and implementing the principles of the Yukon Conservation Strategy;
- ensuring that Yukon people have the opportunity to be involved in the development and review of departmental programs, policies, legislation and regulations through open and effective communication and processes;
- managing renewable resources in a manner that promotes integration with other sectors such as economic development, so that optimum benefits can be derived for all Yukon people;
- participating in national and international measures designed to enhance environmental quality and encourage sustainable use of renewable resources;
- integrating, implementing and managing additional authorities and responsibilities in areas of renewable resources and environmental management as they are devolved from the Federal Government, that are consistent with the Government of Yukon's policy and constitutional objectives; and
- undertaking resource management activities that meet the Government of Yukon obligations and respect the rights of aboriginal people and relationships established through land claim and self-government agreements.

Tourism

In partnership with the private sector, interest groups, First Nation governments, and other government departments:

- to stimulate and sustain economic growth and employment opportunities for the benefit of Yukon people through the development and growth of the tourism sector in the Yukon by participating in government diversification, investment, trade and export strategies;
- to stimulate and sustain economic growth and maximize socio-cultural benefits for Yukon residents and visitors through the preservation, development and interpretation of the Yukon's historic resources; and
- to stimulate and sustain economic growth and maximize socio-cultural benefits for Yukon artists, residents and visitors through the development and growth of visual, literary and performing arts and cultural industries in the Yukon.

Women's Directorate

To support the Yukon Government's commitment to the economic, legal and social equality of women.

Yukon Development Corporation

Yukon Development Corporation shall, in undertaking new initiatives, restrict itself to energy-related activities designed to promote the economic development of the Yukon, and in particular designed to:

- assure a continuing and adequate supply of energy in the Yukon consistent with sustainable development;
- alleviate the effects of any energy shortage that may occur in the Yukon; and
- promote the establishment, development and operation within the Yukon of industries or undertakings that are, by their nature, energy-dependent through the provision of cost-effective energy or energy-related infrastructure.

To manage existing strategic investments in sustainable development in the Yukon.

To own the shares of the Yukon Energy Corporation.

Yukon Housing Corporation

To achieve its mission, the Corporation will:

- facilitate community development to enable communities to address their housing needs;
- play a lead role in dispensing information and transferring technology to the Yukon housing industry;
- respond to the limitations of the housing marketplace with direct programming. This programming will include: provision of affordable, suitable and adequate accommodation to Yukon households in need; assistance to Yukon residents to construct, purchase or repair their homes; and, provision of adequate and suitable accommodation to Yukon Government employees living in rural communities, and administration of the Employee Housing Buyback Program;
- stimulate and encourage the marketplace to fulfill long-term housing needs; and
- stimulate and encourage the housing sector to participate in trade and export opportunities which further strengthen Yukon's economy.

Yukon Liquor Corporation

To provide for and regulate the purchase, importation, distribution and retail sale of alcoholic beverages in the Yukon by:

- operating warehouses and retail stores in a manner that provides a level of service to the public and licensees that meets their needs while ensuring that optimal revenue is transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund;
- inspecting licensees' premises to ensure compliance with the *Liquor Act*; and
- providing and regulating the issuance, cancellation and suspension of liquor licences.

To encourage social responsibility in the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Yukon.

To provide for the return and, where possible, recycling of beverage containers.

To provide the services of Territorial Agent in rural communities where a liquor store is located.