

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.

To provide administrative support for electoral district boundaries commissions.

Office of the Ombudsman

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

Executive Council Office

To conclude, as the Government's top priority, outstanding land claims and self-government agreements with Yukon First Nations.

To ensure effective implementation of land claim agreements in areas of Yukon responsibility.

To build strong "government-to-government" relationships between the Yukon and Yukon First Nation governments.

To foster effective relations with the governments of Canada, the provinces and territories, and with other circumpolar jurisdictions such as the State of Alaska.

To advance the constitutional status of the Yukon through legislative amendments and transfer of provincial-type programs from Canada to the Yukon.

To negotiate, pursuant to land claims agreements, implementation of the Yukon's portion of the Development Assessment Process.

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

To ensure effective communications with the Yukon public.

To coordinate corporate management issues, strategies and priority setting through provision of corporate programs.

To foster the maintenance, revitalization and protection of Yukon aboriginal languages and support Yukon aboriginal communities in their related activities.

To work with program departments to review and redesign programs to improve performance and accountability.

To provide management audit services to government.

To provide statistical information to government to support its decision-making capacity.

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 Yukon people and communities through sport, recreation and active living.

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

To develop transportation, Connect Yukon, telecommunication and community infrastructure to improve the quality of life for all Yukoners.

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 work with Yukon people, communities, business, First Nations and other governments to create jobs, new opportunities and a strong, stable Yukon economy by:

- supporting and encouraging the responsible development of the Yukon's mineral, forestry and energy resources;
- managing and developing the Yukon's oil and gas resources consistent with social and environmental values;
- promoting the Alaska Highway Pipeline project to support increased economic activity and infrastructure for oil and gas development;
- encouraging the growth of new and established businesses and industries; and
- facilitating the development of infrastructure and an investment climate that supports sustainable economic activity for the betterment of Yukon people.

Education

To ensure effective lifelong 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 and protection of privacy (ATIPP) 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 government agencies, the business community and the public, 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, active, 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 an open and accessible system of justice that provides fair and equal services to all Yukon citizens;
- ensure that the administration of justice operates for the benefit of all persons in the Yukon;
- work toward an effective and responsive correctional system to manage offenders in ways that promote rehabilitation and ensure public safety;
- ensure the Government of the Yukon receives high quality legal advice and services;
- promote effective policing, crime prevention and community justice initiatives in our communities;
- encourage responsible commercial activity and protect consumer interests; and
- encourage respect for individual, collective and human rights.

Public Service Commission

To have valued partnerships and to provide human resource expertise leading to organizational excellence.

To provide corporate leadership in human resource management services for the Government of the Yukon.

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 the Yukon's environment for present and future generations through ecosystem-based management, conservation of resources and protection and maintenance of biodiversity;
- implementing the Yukon Protected Areas Strategy, and 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 Government of Canada, that are consistent with the Government of the Yukon's policy and constitutional objectives; and
- undertaking resource management activities that meet the Government of the Yukon's 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, municipal governments, 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; and
- to stimulate and sustain economic growth and maximize socio-cultural benefits for Yukon residents and visitors through the preservation, development, interpretation, and growth of the Yukon's historic resources and of visual, literary and performing arts and cultural industries in the Yukon.

Women's Directorate

To support the Government of the Yukon'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 Yukon Housing 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 Government of the Yukon employees living in rural communities, and administration of the Employee Housing Buyback Program;
- stimulate and encourage the marketplace to fulfil long-term housing needs; and
- stimulate and encourage the housing sector to participate in community and industry 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:

- undertaking a comprehensive review of the *Liquor Act* and Regulations;
- 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 Yukon 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.