

New minerals legislation

Vision for new minerals legislation



A conveyor is seen at the Eagle Gold mine.

New minerals legislation seeks to do many things. Over the course of the last year and half, the government-to-government steering committee has begun to set out a long-term vision for a new regime.

New legislation will provide a framework for mineral prospecting, exploration, development, production, reclamation and closure, while recognizing key differences between the quartz and placer sectors. New legislation should improve the management of the Yukon's mineral resources in a way that respects Indigenous rights, strengthens the Yukon's economy, supports a competitive and responsible mining industry, protects the environment, allows for the integration of other land uses and values, and supports the modern-day needs of Yukoners.

Below we detail draft principles that are intended to support this future vision.

New legislation seeks to:

- Respect Aboriginal and treaty rights and to promote reconciliation
- Create conditions for a mining industry that is viable, competitive, and responsible.
- Realize economic benefits for both present and future generations
- Contribute to individual and social well-being and healthy communities
- Ensure environmental protection and ecosystem health
- Set out how industry is responsible and liable for its activities and impacts
- Ensure collaboration with and involvement of Indigenous governments
- Regulate mineral development in a manner that is efficient, effective and transparent

