



Office of the Minister
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February 27, 2026

Dear Premier:

Thank you for the opportunity to report back on how my departments will advance our new government's mandate.

Our mandate prioritizes reliable and affordable energy, improved access to frontline and primary health care, putting students at the centre of our education system, increasing housing availability and affordability, strengthening public safety, and enabling private-sector-led economic growth. Responsibility for my departments will require decisions that balance our inherited financial pressures with our commitment to provide strong public services to Yukoners. It will require joint action with other departments to advance their priorities. Working in partnership with Yukon First Nations, municipalities and other partners will also be central to achieving my mandate and delivering on our collective promise to Yukoners.

To balance this work, I will take a principled approach to decision-making and priority setting that considers:

- protecting frontline services that help Yukoners and keep our communities safe and healthy;
- respect for taxpayers and making sure there is value for money in government spending;
- partnership, collaboration, and respect; and
- responsible, disciplined decision-making that achieves continuous improvement for Yukoners.

These principles will ensure that fiscal responsibility is paired with a clear commitment to supporting the long-term wellbeing of Yukoners.

As the Minister of Community Services, I have directed my department to prioritize:

- encouraging stability, investment and rental housing supply;
- developing coordinated land development strategies for rural Yukon and Whitehorse;
- modernizing the National Building Code Adoption process
- creating a Community Infrastructure Development Plan;
- modernizing emergency preparedness, response and disaster recovery;
- enabling health professionals to work to the full extent of their profession; and
- updating the Community Recreation Assistance Grant to support unincorporated communities.

As the Minister responsible for the Yukon Lottery Commission, I have directed my department to prioritize:

- exploring combining lottery and gaming operations.

Together, these priorities will help to advance our government's overarching mandate to increase the affordability and availability of housing and land, create the conditions for the private sector to lead economic growth, keep communities safe, and improve access to health care services.

I look forward to working collaboratively with my Cabinet colleagues to reduce red tape, remove unnecessary regulations, and to break down organizational silos through the Department of Economic Development's Red Tape Reduction Framework.

By working together, we can ensure our resources and taxpayer dollars are going where they are needed most: to support Yukoners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Bellmore".

Hon. Cory Bellmore

Minister of Community Services

Mandate Implementation Plan

Department: Department of Community Services

Approved by: Minister Cory Bellmore

Date: February 27, 2026

Overview

- The Department of Community Services is committed to advancing the government's mandate by increasing the affordability and availability of housing and land, creating the conditions for the private sector to lead economic growth, keeping communities safe, and improving access to health care services.

Top priorities

- **Encourage stability, investment and rental housing supply:** the department will create the conditions for a healthy rental market that protects the interests of landlords and tenants while enhancing access to affordable housing across the housing continuum. This will involve eliminating rent caps by bringing forward changes to the regulation and proposing targeted amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act that encourage investment and supply.
- **Develop coordinated land development strategies for rural Yukon and Whitehorse:** the department will develop comprehensive land development strategies in partnership to guide the sector. These strategies will provide a comprehensive list of innovative improvements to diversity and improve land development in the Yukon and include private sector opportunities.
- **Modernize the National Building Code Adoption process:** the department will work to shorten building timelines and make more homes available to Yukoners by reviewing the adoption process. To advance this work, the department will establish an Industry Advisory Group with the territorial construction industry and work with the City of Whitehorse to improve permitting timelines and work together with industry stakeholders.
- **Create a Community Infrastructure Development Plan:** the department will develop a plan to guide infrastructure investment in partnership by aligning service levels and asset data with community needs. The plan will integrate essential services such as energy, water, waste, sport, recreation and emergency preparedness, into a coordinated approach to community infrastructure planning that maximises federal funding opportunities.
- **Modernize emergency preparedness, response and disaster recovery:** the department will modernize its approach to policy, preparedness, response and recovery to align with the evolving impacts of disasters on the territory. This will involve strengthening Community Hazard Planning tools and plans, finalizing community wildfire protection

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plans, updating Wildland Fire Management's partnerships to support career pathways and business opportunities for Yukon First Nations, exploring ways to renew the Fire Marshals Office, support the advancement of presumptive cancer coverage for wildland firefighters, and exploring the development of a Disaster Recovery Program to post-disaster financial assistance to Yukoners is clear and recoverable from the federal government.

- **Enable health professionals to work to the full extent of their profession:** the department will help reduce the number of Yukoners without access to primary health care by removing barriers and red tape for licensing health care professionals to the full scope of their practice, while ensuring that public safety is upheld. This work will also involve exploring pathways for international and US licensing.
- **Update the Community Recreation Assistance Grant to support unincorporated communities:** the department will enhance the grant and keep it indexed to inflation to support jobs and healthy lifestyles in rural Yukon.

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Department: Yukon Lotteries Commission

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Overview

- The Yukon Lottery Commission is committed to advancing the government's mandate by reducing red tape and promoting efficiencies in public facing services.

Top priorities

- **Explore combining lottery and gaming operations:** the Commission will work with the Department of Community Services to explore the possibility of aligning lottery and gaming functions under a single agency. These two separate functions are naturally aligned, and the centralization of these services would improve services to the public, increase efficiency and reduce red tape.