



Office of the Minister
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Currie Dixon
Premier
Government of Yukon

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 Energy, Mines and Resources, I have directed my department to prioritize:

- developing a Winter Reliable Energy Plan;
- focussing on energy affordability;
- modernizing minerals legislation and advancing regulatory improvements;
- improving access to land for Yukoners, housing and development; and
- increasing access to timber and forest resources.

As the Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation, I have directed the Corporation to prioritize:

- ensuring reliable power through dependable generation; and
- advancing the Yukon-B.C. Grid Connect.

Together, these priorities will help to advance our government's overarching mandate to ensure reliable and affordable power, protect the integrity of our electricity grid, keep communities safe, increase the availability of housing and land, and create the conditions for the private sector to lead economic growth, including through the modernization of minerals legislation and through regulatory improvements.

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 yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Laking". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "L".

Ted Laking
Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources
Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation
Minister responsible for the Yukon Energy Corporation

Mandate Implementation Plan

Department: Department of Energy, Mines and Resources

Approved by: Minister Ted Laking

Date: February 27, 2026

Overview

- The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is committed to advancing the government's mandate, including the modernization of minerals legislation and regulatory improvements, improving land availability, ensuring reliable and affordable energy, and creating the conditions for the private sector to lead economic growth.

Top priorities

- **Develop a Winter Reliability Energy Plan:** the department will work with partners to enhance the strength, reliability and resilient of the territory's electricity system to ensure reliable power for Yukoners. This work will include actions for electricity supply, grid infrastructure, demand management, demand reduction, grid resilience, public safety and policy improvements.
- **Focus on energy affordability:** the department will promote energy affordability by coordinating with partners, including the Yukon Energy Corporation, Yukon Development Corporation and the Government of Canada to reduce the impact on rate payers from the 2025-2027 General Rate Application.
- **Modernize minerals legislation and advance regulatory improvements:** the department will modernize Yukon's mining laws through policy and regulatory updates in response to the Eagle Gold failure and subsequent Independent Review Board recommendations, and through continued work with First Nations and industry on successor minerals legislation. Short-term actions will be advanced to improve regulatory oversight, compliance and to enhance enforcement. The department will also work to provide certainty to partners by addressing the mining permit backlog, streamlining processes and developing service standards that balance consultation obligations and the industry's need for increased regulatory certainty. The department will also continue to work in partnership with Yukon First Nations on land use planning.
- **Improve access to land for Yukoners, housing and development:** the department will work in partnership with the Department of Community Services, Yukon Housing Corporation and partners to identify and release lots for development and new land opportunities for housing development. This work will improve access to residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, and agricultural lots to Yukoners while enabling faster land sales and reforming the land lottery so the Yukon can build more houses.

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- **Increasing access to timber and forest resources:** the department will work in partnership to develop timber harvest plans across the Yukon to ensure Yukoners and local timber harvesters have access to timber and forest resources, including land for wood storage and processing. This work will create the conditions for the forest sector to stabilize and grow over time.

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Overview

- The Yukon Development Corporation is committed to advancing the government's mandate to ensure the territory has adequate, reliable and affordable energy for today, and in the future.

Top priorities

- **Ensure reliable power through dependable generation:** the Corporation will work with the Yukon government to support the Yukon Energy Corporation to deliver their 2025-2030 plan for a Reliable and Robust Grid. This involves the development of new thermal generation and upgrading existing infrastructure, such as the Wareham Spillway and Mayo Generating Station.
- **Advance the Yukon-B.C. Grid Connect:** the Corporation will work with the Yukon government to advance this project of national interest in partnership with Yukon First Nations and the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to strengthen the integrity of the electricity grid over the long-term. This project will enable power imports during shortages and exports during surplus periods, ensuring reliable, affordable power for Yukoners and British Columbians.