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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.

Therefore, as the Minister of Justice, I have directed my department to prioritize:

- support for lawful Yukon firearm owners;
- advocating for tougher bail conditions for violent and repeat offenders;
- examining treatment options for sentenced offenders;
- exploring legislation that improves public and community safety; and
- targeting policing resources to where they are needed most.

As the Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate, I have directed the following priorities:

- coordinating men and boys programming that promote mental wellbeing, healthy masculinity and respectful relationships;
- developing a public health informed Gender-Based Violence Prevention Framework; and
- advancing the implementation of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People Strategy.

As the Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate, I have directed the following priorities:

- embedding French language needs into the government's emergency preparedness and response;
- recruiting and supporting bilingual health care professionals;
- increasing access to bilingual services for victims of crime; and
- closing gaps in French-language labour market services.

As the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board, I have asked the Board to prioritize:

- expanding the cancer presumption to include wildland forest firefighters; and
- engaging affected unions to review cancer lists and applicability parameters.

Together, these principles and priorities will help advance responsible governance and our overarching mandate supported by a strong, professional public services that is focused on Yukoners and their communities. Specifically, my department priorities will restore public safety and community wellbeing, keep communities safe and improve timely access to frontline health care services for Yukoners.

I look forward to working collaboratively with my Cabinet colleagues to reduce red tape, remove unnecessary regulations, and to break down organizational silos. By working together, we can ensure our resources and taxpayer dollars are going where they are needed most: to support Yukoners.

Sincerely yours,



Laura Lang
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate
Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate
Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board

Mandate Implementation Plan

Department: Department of Justice

Approved by: Minister Laura Lang

Date: February 27, 2026

Overview

- The following mandate implementation plan outlines how the Department of Justice will advance the new government's mandate in the coming years.
- The Department of Justice will lead initiatives related to its operational areas and provide support to the rest of government in its corporate role as the government's law firm and in drafting legislation to support corporate priorities.

Top priorities

- **Support lawful Yukon firearm owners:** the department will develop a full suite of options for consideration of legislative and non-legislative options to support lawful Yukon firearm owners. This includes the development of legislation to establish a new Chief Firearms Officer position in Fall 2026.
- **Advocate for tougher bail conditions for violent and repeat offenders:** the department will explore options to keep violent and repeat offenders off the street. This includes working with Canada to advance federal bail and sentencing reforms, working with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and RCMP to strengthen supervision and enforcement of bail conditions, and additional options as identified.
- **Examine treatment options for sentenced offenders:** the department will examine programs and work underway in other jurisdictions to determine whether additional models could be pursued here in the Yukon.
- **Explore legislation to improve public safety:** the department will explore a legislative framework that would set standards for policing, public safety models, training and oversight of policing. The department is also considering the development of a Trespass Act and working to introduce territorial civil legislation to address the non-consensual disclosure of intimate images.
- **Target policing resources where they are needed most:** the department will work with the RCMP to ensure they have adequate resources that are prioritized for preventing and addressing increased criminal activity and organized crime. This will be considered yearly as part of the Yukon government's budget planning process.

Mandate Implementation Plan

Department: Women and Gender Equity Directorate

Approved by: Minister Laura Lang

Date: February 27, 2026

Overview

- The Directorate and the Minister responsible takes their responsibilities for women, men and the 2SLGBTQIS+ community seriously
- The following mandate implementation plan outlines how the Women and Gender Equity Directorate will advance the new government's mandate in the coming years.

Top priorities

- **Coordinate men and boys programming:** the directorate will coordinate departments and partners to align programming that promotes mental wellbeing, healthy masculinity, and respectful relationships with a focus on prevention and early intervention.
- **Develop a public health-informed Gender-Based Violence Prevention Framework:** the directorate will develop a framework to guide prevention efforts, investments and coordination across departments and sectors, with a focus on violence affecting women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people.
- **Advance the implementation of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People Strategy:** the directorate will work with Yukon First Nations governments and Indigenous organizations to advance implementation of the MMIWG2S+ Implementation Plan, including a strengthened governance structure.

Mandate Implementation Plan

Department: French Language Services Directorate

Approved by: Minister Laura Lang

Date: February 27, 2026

Overview

- The following mandate implementation plan outlines how the French Language Services Directorate will advance the new government's mandate in the coming years.
- The work of the Directorate is largely directed through its strategic framework, shaped by the Canada-Yukon Agreement on minority-language services and by insights gathered through public engagement.
- The priorities of the 2025-28 Strategic framework for French-language services are:
 - enhancing Yukoners' access to bilingual services;
 - promoting services availability;
 - embedding bilingual capacity across government; and
 - supporting a thriving Francophone community.

Top priorities

- **Embed French language needs into the government's emergency preparedness and response:** the directorate will work with the Department of Community Services to ensure that emergency planning, communications, and response are available in both English and French.
- **Recruit and support bilingual health care professionals:** the directorate will work with the Department of Health and Social Services to strengthen the bilingual workforce capacity to support a more responsive, efficient and equitable health care system, primarily through a targeted bilingual recruitment strategy.
- **Increase access to bilingual services for victims of crime:** the directorate will work with the Department of Justice in providing victims of crime with timely, continuous access to a wide range of bilingual services.
- **Close gaps in French-language labour market services:** the directorate will work with the Department of Economic Development, the Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie and well-established partnership with Canadian Heritage to highlight the Yukon's need and help close gaps in French-language labour market services. This initiative will complement and build on the Yukon Nominee Program.

Mandate Implementation Plan

Department: Workers' Safety and Compensation Board

Approved by: Minister Laura Lang

Date: February 27, 2026

Overview

- The Government of Yukon has committed to expanding the cancer presumption to include wildland forest firefighters and to engage affected unions, including the Whitehorse Firefighters Association, on the list of cancers and parameters of coverage.
- The Workers' Safety and Compensation Board will support implementation of this government commitment.

Top priorities

- **Expand the cancer presumption to include wildland forest firefighters:** the WSCB will work with the government to amend the *Workers' Safety and Compensation Act* to have the cancer presumption that is applicable to firefighters include wildland forest firefighters. It is anticipated that amendments could be tabled in fall 2026 or spring 2027 following engagement and drafting.
- **Engage affected unions to review cancer lists and applicability parameters:** the WSCB will engage affected unions, including the Whitehorse Firefighters Association, to review the listed cancers and applicability parameters of the presumption. WSCB recommends this work begin after the cancer presumption is updated to include wildland forest firefighters.