

The Yukon's firearms advocate

Frequently asked questions

Q. How does the firearms advocate compare to the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO)?

The table highlights the key differences between the Yukon's firearms advocate from the Yukon's new Chief Firearms Officer (CFO).

Firearms Advocate	Chief Firearms Officer (CFO)
• Territorial position appointed by the Minister of Justice. • Funded by the territorial government. • Support and advocate on behalf of lawful Yukon firearm owners. • Support firearms education, training and safety initiatives. • Advise the Minister of Justice on firearms issues. • Communicate with the public on firearms to hear Yukoners' perspectives.	• Federal position required by law in all Canadian jurisdictions and appointed by the federal Minister of Public Safety. • Funded by the federal government. • Responsible for administering the federal <i>Firearms Act</i> and overseeing firearms licensing, eligibility and safety in their jurisdictions. • Authorized to issue and revoke licences, authorize transportation and carrying of restricted or prohibited firearms, and approve shooting ranges.



Q. When will an advocate be appointed and how long would they serve for?

Once the Yukon Firearms Act receives assent, the firearms advocate can be appointed by the Minister of Justice. It will be up to the Minister to decide when someone is appointed to the role. The firearms advocate may be appointed for a term up to two years and may be reappointed.

Q. Who does the firearms advocate report to?

The firearms advocate provides advice to the Minister of Justice and provides an annual report to the Minister of Justice on their activities and finances.

Q. How will the firearms advocate report on their work?

The Yukon Firearms Act includes provisions to support transparency and oversight.

Section 8 of the Act sets out annual reporting requirements, including specific reporting on the advocate's activities and financial statements. Reports will be publicly available as they will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Section 9 provides for oversight of matters of conflict of interest using the conflict of interest framework from the Cabinet and Caucus Employees Act.

Q. How does the firearms advocate help Yukon firearm owners concerned about the federal Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program and the federal firearms prohibition?

The firearms advocate is envisioned as being on the ground and in communication with gun owners and other impacted groups, and will be empowered by the Yukon Firearms Act to advocate on their behalf.

Based on this work, it is anticipated that the advocate will use what they learn from engagement and from research to advise the Minister of Justice on firearms matters to support evidence-based firearms policy.

