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Yukon Forum Newsletter

May 30th 2019 Yukon Forum

- Yukon's Premier, Cabinet members, Council of Yukon First Nation's Grand Chief and Yukon First Nations Chiefs met for the second Yukon Forum of 2019 at the Recreation Hall in Carmacks.
- Key topics discussed included:
 - Climate Change
 - Carbon Price Rebate
 - Wildland Fire Management
 - Education
 - Heritage Memorandum of Understanding
 - Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
 - Comprehensive Review of Health & Social Services Programs
 - Successor Resource Legislation



Previous Yukon Forum

- February 14, 2019 in Whitehorse
- [Key topics discussed](#)
 - creating an Arctic & Northern Policy Framework
 - strategic approaches to trilateral relations with Canada
 - economic development opportunities
 - progress on the Mining Memorandum of

Progress from the Yukon Forum Working Groups

Fiscal Relations

Infrastructure and Housing Funding

- Continued to work jointly and trilaterally with Canada to establish a process to flow housing funding directly to Yukon First Nations and support solutions to address significant housing needs.

Trilateral Fiscal Matters

- The Government of Yukon Carbon Price Rebate legislation was passed in April 2019 in the spring legislative session.
- The Yukon government and Yukon First Nations have agreed to move forward on negotiation of agreements on Carbon Rebate Sharing and renewing Personal Income Tax Sharing Agreements.

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Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement Implementation

Economic Development – Chapter 22

- The collaborative process on development of the First Nations procurement policy is underway. A working group of Yukon First Nations and Government of Yukon representatives has been formed and is meeting monthly.

YESAA Reset Memorandum of Understanding

- Canada, Council of Yukon First Nation and Government of Yukon have endorsed the priorities and work plan for the YESAA Oversight Group.

Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement

Heritage

- The Heritage Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Collaboration in Heritage Management has been completed and signed at the May 30, 2019 Yukon Forum in Carmacks.
- Discussions continue on the establishment of a formal Heritage Working Group.

Health and Social Services

- The Terms of Reference for the Trilateral Table focusing on Indigenous child welfare and wellbeing was signed in February 2019.
- Funding for culturally appropriate mental wellness initiatives has been allotted via the First Nations Partners Committee on Mental Wellness. Applicants have been advised of the funding for on the land healing initiatives for this year.

Education

- The position of Assistant Deputy Minister of Yukon First Nation Initiatives has been filled and the successful candidate is starting in June 2019.

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