



AN AGREEMENT

made the first day of March, two thousand and twenty-two

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF YUKON

and the

ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES (the 'Parties')

WHEREAS THE PARTIES:

RECOGNIZE the importance of a strong working relationship between the Government of Yukon and the Association of Yukon Communities;

RECOGNIZE municipal governments as a responsible and accountable order of government as set out in the *Municipal Act*, R.S.Y. 2002, c. -154;

ACKNOWLEDGE a mutual concern with the well-being of Yukon's economy, society and environment and with ensuring vibrant, healthy communities for Yukoners;

ACKNOWLEDGE the vital role that local government plays in the social and economic development of the communities that it serves;

RECOGNIZE that effective cooperation between the Government of Yukon and the Association of Yukon Communities enhances certainty and predictability of governmental performance and is essential to identifying growth opportunities and to outline priority tasks to achieve economic and social development goals;

RECOGNIZE that public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses from the parties.

THEREFORE commit through this and subsequent agreements to continue a cooperative working relationship in order to generate new opportunities for growth and development in Yukon based on combined future directions.

PRINCIPLES:

This partnership agreement builds on the strong relationship between the Government of Yukon and the Association of Yukon Communities (the Parties) and formalizes both Parties' support for continued fairness, cooperation, collaboration, openness and good faith.

This partnership agreement is reflective of the Parties' shared desire for continued cooperation between the Government of Yukon and the Association of Yukon Communities.

It is understood that this agreement does not create any legally binding obligations on either of the Parties.

The Parties recognize each other's strengths and capabilities and commit to cooperate in the spirit of partnership in the harmonization of legislation, regulations, policies and programs.

This partnership agreement intends to promote engagement and cooperation between the Parties, to foster timely and meaningful consultation on matters of mutual concern to the benefit of citizens of Yukon, and to identify areas where there can be enhanced cooperation and collaboration while respecting jurisdictions.

In the spirit of fairness, openness and good faith, any proposed significant change in legislation, regulations, standards, policies or programs will be preceded by appropriate consultation among the affected parties.

PARTNERSHIP LEADS:

The leads from each party with respect to administering this partnership agreement are:

- Director of Community Affairs Branch (Government of Yukon) as the designate of the Minister of Community Services;
- Executive Director (Association of Yukon Communities) as the designate of the President of the Association of Yukon Communities.

The Parties commit to meeting quarterly, and additionally as required, and to share information and agree upon the action to be taken by the Parties.

INFORMATION SHARING:

The Parties will cooperate in the development and distribution of information required for the effective discharge of this agreement while respecting the confidentiality and autonomy of the Parties.

The Parties agree to draft terms of reference for each joint initiative undertaken in the spirit of this agreement.

TERM OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

This Partnership Agreement shall be in effect from its date of signature for a period of three (3) years and may be reviewed and amended by the agreement of both parties.

COMMITMENT:

IN WITNESS OF AN AGREEMENT to adhere to the terms established in this Partnership Agreement, the parties have executed this Partnership Agreement at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory this first day of March, 2022.

SIGNED on behalf of the GOVERNMENT OF YUKON by:

MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SIGNED on behalf of the ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES by:

PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF YUKON COMMUNITIES