Seasonal Time Change Survey

We invite Yukoners to share your thoughts on how Yukon should observe time. Other jurisdictions in Pacific North America are anticipated to move to a permanent, single year-round time, and Yukon must determine its path forward on the issue.

Yukon currently observes Pacific Standard Time (UTC-8) from November to March, and Pacific Daylight Saving Time (UTC-7) from March to November.

We have chosen to align with the Pacific Time Zone since 1973, and have observed the seasonal switch to Daylight Saving Time since 1980. Under this current system, our solar noon (the point in the day where the sun is highest) while on winter time (Pacific Standard Time) takes place closer to 1 p.m. During the summer (Pacific Daylight Saving Time) our solar noon happens closer to 2 p.m.

There are many factors and relationships for government to consider as we come to a decision on the future of seasonal time change. This survey aims to gather information from Yukoners on this issue. It will be used, alongside other sources of information regarding the health, social, environmental and economic effects of how we calculate time, to help determine the best course of action for Yukon.

***Q1. Are you completing this survey on behalf of yourself, a business, a non-profit organization, or another interested party?**

- Myself
- A business
- A non-profit organization

***Q2. Are you a Yukon resident?**

- Yes
- No

***Q2. Is the business or non-profit organization you represent based in Yukon?**

- Yes
- No

***Q3. Do you support Yukon eliminating the twice-annual seasonal time change and adopting a single, year-round time?**

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Don't know / no preference

Q4. Which option do you prefer?

Option A: Yukon stays on year-round Pacific Daylight Saving Time (UTC-7).

- Winter: Sunrises and sunsets will occur one hour later in the winter than we are used to, so there will be more daylight into the afternoon and evening.
- Summer: Time in the summer will be the same as it has been for many years.
- During the summer, Yukon would be one hour ahead of Alaska, and one hour behind Alberta and NWT.
- During the winter, Yukon would be two hours ahead of Alaska, and equivalent to Alberta and NWT.
- This is the option BC is pursuing. If BC implements its current proposal, under this option Yukon and BC would follow the same time.

Option B: Yukon stays on year-round Pacific Standard Time (UTC-8).

- Winter: Time in the winter will be the same as it has been for many years.
- Summer: Sunrises and sunsets will occur one hour earlier in the summer than we are used to, so we will have more sunlight into late morning and midday.
- During the summer, Yukon would be an additional hour away from the rest of Canada when they are on Daylight Saving Time. Yukon would be on the same time as Alaska, and two hours behind Alberta and NWT.
- During the winter, Yukon would be one hour ahead of Alaska, and one hour behind Alberta and NWT.
- If BC implements its current proposal, under this option Yukon would be permanently one hour behind BC.
- Currently, no other jurisdiction plans to observe this time zone year-round.

***Select your preferred option:**

- ○ Option A: Yukon stays on year-round Pacific Daylight Saving Time (UTC-7).
- ○ Option B: Yukon stays on year-round Pacific Standard Time (UTC-8).
- ○ Don't know / no preference

Q5. Which of the following reasons influence your opinion on seasonal time changes? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Availability of sunlight in the time of day it’s needed
- ☐ Impacts to me professionally or economically
- ☐ Safety reasons
- ☐ Health and/or wellness reasons
- ☐ Environmental protection reasons
- ☐ Family commitments and schedules
- ☐ Other:

***Q6. How important is it that Yukon maintain similar time relationships with other jurisdictions as we have now (e.g. being on the same time as BC, within one hour of Alberta and NWT, within three hours of Ontario.)**

- ○ Not at all important
- ○ Not very important
- ○ Neutral
- ○ Somewhat important
- ○ Very important
- ○ Don't know

***Q7. Where do you live?**

- Whitehorse area
- Beaver Creek
- Burwash Landing
- Carcross
- Carmacks
- Dawson City
- Destruction Bay
- Faro
- Haines Junction
- Ibex Valley
- Marsh Lake
- Mayo
- Mount Lorne
- Old Crow
- Pelly Crossing
- Ross River
- Tagish
- Teslin
- Watson Lake
- Other:

***Q8. What is your gender?**

- Male
- Female
- Gender diverse
- Prefer not to say

***Q9. How old are you?**

- Under 18 years old
- 18-29 years old
- 30-39 years old
- 40-49 years old
- 50-59 years old
- 60 -64 years old
- 65 years old or older
- Prefer not to say