

Declaration
WORKING TOGETHER

We, the representatives of governments of the Yukon, hereby affirm our commitment to work together in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We remain committed to a constructive relationship that contributes to and promotes good governance for all Yukoners.

In particular, we commit to the following.

1. Participate in up to four meetings of the Yukon Forum per year as agreed to and schedule the dates of the meetings in advance, unless otherwise agreed.
2. Conduct the meetings in order to facilitate frank discussions, debate issues and learn about the positions and interests of others and have substantive outcomes. We recognize that these discussions may be contentious at times, but they will be respectful.
3. Treat the discussions that take place at the Yukon Forum and related working groups as confidential unless otherwise agreed.
4. Ensure the Yukon Forum is solutions-focused at a political level and does not limit the options available in any negotiation process.
5. By the next Yukon Forum, create a joint five-year action plan that identifies common priorities and ensures a clear plan for implementation options that are collaborative and transparent. The plan may be refined or updated as needed.
6. Provide directions to officials to carry out specific duties and activities as agreed.

Signed at Whitehorse, Yukon
January 13, 2017


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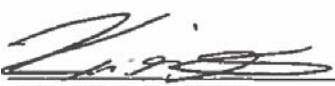


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Yukon Forum – List of Joint Priority Items
Appendix to *Working Together – Declaration*
May 26th, 2017

Principles

1. Effective Bilateral and Trilateral collaborative relationships and processes
2. Reconciliation through the Final and Self-Government Agreements
3. Strong, healthy communities
4. Closing socio-economic gaps

1. Fiscal Relations

1. Trilateral fiscal matters
2. Infrastructure funding including housing
3. Chapter 23 and Resource Revenue Sharing Agreements

2. Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement – “Made in Yukon”

1. Develop and formalize effective bilateral and trilateral intergovernmental relationships and joint processes to allow for strategic, effective engagement for example develop consultative processes and effective opportunities/processes/committees to build relationships and discuss joint priorities related to:
 - a. Health and Social Services
 - b. Education
 - c. Justice
 - d. Heritage
2. Develop joint Yukon strategies on major tri-lateral initiatives through ministerial meetings, consultations and events

3. Land Claim / Self-Government Implementation

1. Chapter 22: (Representative Public Service Plan, Procurement, Yukon Asset Construction Agreements (YACA), and the Chapter 22 Review)
2. Implement the Mining Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
3. *Yukon Environmental Socio-Economic Assessment Act* Reset MOU
4. Ensure Government of Yukon budgets consider Yukon First Nation priorities
5. The Government of Yukon to consider developing an Implementation Directive/Policy that ensures a one-government approach to new policies/initiatives that considers links and implications to the agreements
6. Chapter 11: Land Use Planning – (for example Peel Watershed Court Case outcome)

4. Legislative Agenda

1. Ensure the Government of Yukon’s legislative agenda considers Yukon First Nation priorities including those that may arise out of this priority list.
2. Discuss review of existing legislation and policies with respect to Final and Self-Government and processes on a go forward basis.

Yukon Forum Joint Priority Action Plan

The Yukon Forum Joint Priority Action Plan is the result of the collaborative work being done at the Yukon Forum and direction from Yukon First Nation and Government of Yukon leaders as committed to in the *Working Together* Declaration.

The goal of the Yukon Forum is to foster reconciliation, develop strong government-to-government relations and collaborate on priorities shared by the Government of Yukon and Yukon First Nations.

This Action Plan lays out the next steps that will be undertaken by our joint working groups on a number of topics that are deeply important to Yukoners – fiscal relations, Land Claims and Self-Government implementation and bi-lateral/tri-lateral processes for engagement.

Intergovernmental collaboration on this scale has not been done before. Establishing effective processes for intergovernmental collaboration takes time, careful consideration and flexibility in order to be successful.

The joint priorities identified by our governments address long standing and complex issues. In many cases we are not starting from scratch - past reviews have been completed and existing processes are in place. This Action Plan outlines the high level next steps to undertake an inventory and analysis of existing processes. Many of these priority areas will also require engagement and participation from the Government of Canada.

It is expected that more detailed work plans will be developed and will capture the specific details, processes, timelines and budgetary needs for each priority identified through the Yukon Forum Joint Priority Action Plan.

As stated in the *Working Together* Declaration, our governments are committed to working together in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration and with this Action Plan we have laid out the next steps for our shared work on these priorities.

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Fiscal Relations

	Actions	Timeline
1. Resource Revenue	<p>Resume discussions between Self-Governing Yukon First Nations and Government of Yukon toward settlement of a Chapter 23 implementation agreement and report progress to December Yukon Forum.</p> <p>Initiate a discussion between Self-Governing Yukon First Nations and Government of Yukon to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resource revenue sharing agreement; and • Review and potential changes to Yukon’s resource royalty regime 	<p>On or before October 31 2017</p> <p>December 2017</p> <p>On or before October 31 2017</p>
2. Infrastructure funding (including housing)	<p>Initiate discussions between Self-Governing Yukon First Nations and Government of Yukon by way of an Infrastructure Working Group to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess Federal commitments to fund Infrastructure (including housing) in the Yukon; and • identify options for flowing infrastructure funding to Self-Governing Yukon First Nations. <p>Ensure coordination with existing and ongoing processes/initiatives.</p>	<p>On or before October 31, 2017</p>
3. Trilateral Fiscal Matters	<p>Building on discussions to date, including the June 2017 trilateral meeting, the Self-Governing Yukon First Nations and Government of Yukon will work together and with Canada towards addressing fiscal matters which affect bilateral and trilateral fiscal relations.</p>	<p>On or before October 31, 2017</p>

Land Claims & Self- Government Agreement Implementation

	Actions	Timeline
1. Chapter 22	Determine existing opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake inventory and analysis of programs addressing Representative Public Service Plan, Yukon Asset Construction Agreements (YACA), Chapter 22 Review and develop detailed work plans with next steps. - Determine procurement improvements. - Provide updates on existing programs, a discussion of the adequacy of the program and clear timelines for completion of deliberations. 	October 2017
2. Implement the Mining Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Adopt the Mining MOU work plan.	As per Mining MOU work plan
3. Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Act Reset (YESAA Re-set MOU)	Follow the process outlined in the final YESAA Re-set MOU.	As per YESAA Re-set MOU process.
4. Ensure Government of Yukon budgets consider Yukon First Nation priorities	Discuss Government of Yukon and Yukon First Nation budget priorities, cycles, and timing. Determine timing, process and venue for Yukon First Nation's to articulate their budget priorities.	December 2017 May/June 2018
5. Directive/Policy that ensures a one-government approach to new policies/initiatives that considers links and implications to the agreements.	Government of Yukon to review Canada's Cabinet Directive on the Federal Approach to Modern Treaty Implementation and initiate discussions with Yukon First Nations on the possibility of developing a similar document for use in Yukon.	Prior to December Forum

<p>6. Chapter 11: Land Use Planning</p>	<p>Convene a workshop to carry out a review of land use planning generally in Yukon and Chapter 11 of the Final Agreements in particular.</p> <p>Generate a report with recommendations to provide to the Parties.</p> <p>Report and recommendations to be provided to Parties.</p>	<p>Prior to summer 2018.</p> <p>Before the Fall 2018 Forum</p> <p>At or before Fall 2018 Yukon Forum.</p>
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Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement

Priority- Health & Social Services	Actions	Timeline
1. Develop and formalize a joint bi-lateral process to allow for strategic, effective engagement on health and social services related matters	1.Determine existing opportunities: - Undertake Inventory and analysis of existing joint opportunities to discuss health and social services related matters (including dedicated resources). - Determine what is working, what is not working	November 2017
	2.Determine path forward: - Create new formalized relationships and/or determine best ways of enhancing existing relationships (including TORs, membership & reporting structure) - Determine joint health and social services related priorities and process/timeline for review - Determine required resources	February 2018
	3.Develop implementation plan: - Define initiatives linked to priorities - Create detailed work plans	April 2018
	4.Develop evaluation process: - Determine evidence based benchmarks for success and evaluation process - Establish communication strategy	April 2018

Priority- Education	Actions	Timeline
2. Develop and formalize a joint bi-lateral process to allow for strategic, effective engagement on education related matters	1.Determine existing opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake inventory and analysis of existing joint opportunities to discuss education related matters (including dedicated resources). - Determine what is working, what is not working 	Fall 2017
	2.Determine path forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create new formalized relationships and/or determine best ways of enhancing existing relationships (including TORs, membership & reporting structure) - Determine joint education related priorities and process/timeline for review - Determine required resources 	Winter 2018
	3.Develop implementation plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Define initiatives linked to priorities - Develop timeline (manageable targets ensuring success) - Create a detailed work plan that encompasses all education priorities 	Spring 2018

Priority- Justice	Actions	Timeline
3. Develop and formalize a joint bi-lateral process to allow for strategic, effective engagement on justice* related matters *excludes AJA discussions	1.Determine existing opportunities: - Undertake inventory and analysis of existing joint opportunities to discuss justice related matters (including dedicated resources). - Determine what is working, what is not working and where the needs exist	November 2017
	2.Determine path forward: - Create formalized relationships (including TORs, membership & reporting structure) - Determine joint justice related priorities and process/timeline for review - Determine required resources/representation	February 2018
	3.Develop implementation plan: - Define initiatives linked to priorities - Create detailed work plans	April 2018
	4.Develop evaluation process: - Determine evidence based benchmarks for success and evaluation process - Establish communication strategy	April 2018

Priority- Heritage	Actions	Timeline
4. Develop and formalize a joint bi-lateral process to allow for strategic, effective engagement on heritage matters	1.Determine existing opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake inventory and analysis of existing joint opportunities to discuss heritage matters (including dedicated resources). - Determine what is working, what is not working 	November 17, 2017
	2.Determine path forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create new formalized relationships and/or determine best ways of enhancing existing relationships (including TORs, membership & reporting structure) - Determine required resources 	December 15, 2017
	3.Develop implementation plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine joint heritage priorities and process/timeline for review - Define initiatives linked to priorities - Create detailed work plans 	April 28, 2018
	4.Develop evaluation process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine evidence based benchmarks for success and evaluation process - Establish communication strategy 	April 28, 2018

Priority- Engagement Protocol	Actions	Timeline
5. Develop and formalize a Government of Yukon/Yukon First Nation pilot protocol tool to guide how Yukon First Nations would like to be engaged by Government of Yukon on “Pan Yukon” initiatives.	1. Determine existing opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake inventory and analysis of existing joint opportunities that exist around engagement. - Determine what is working, what is not working - Determine needs of each government 	February 2018
	2. Determine path forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create formalized relationships (including TORs, membership & reporting structure) 	Spring 2018
	3. Develop template to be piloted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine interested Yukon First Nations - Develop joint communication/implementation plan including timelines 	Summer 2018
	4. Develop evaluation process to determine successes and areas for improvement	Fall 2018

Priority- Yukon Voice	Actions	Timeline
<p>6. Develop and formalize a Government of Yukon/Yukon First Nation strategic process to bring a joint voice to Canada on tri-lateral initiatives.</p>	<p>1. Determine existing opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake inventory and analysis of existing joint opportunities and examples that exist. - Determine what is working, what is not working - Determine needs of each government 	<p>Summer 2018</p>
	<p>2.Determine path forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create formalized relationships - Determine interested Yukon First Nations 	<p>Fall 2018</p>
	<p>3.Develop process to be piloted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop joint communication/implementation plan including timelines 	<p>Winter 2018</p>
	<p>4.Develop evaluation process to determine what worked what didn't</p>	<p>Winter 2018</p>

Glossary:

TKC – Ta’an Kwäch’än Council

CTFN- Carcross/Tagish First Nation

TTC - Teslin Tlingit Council

CAFN- Champagne and Aishihik First Nation

KFN- Kluane First Nation

LSCFN- Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation

TH- Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in

NND- First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun

VGFN- Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation

SFN- Selkirk First Nation

KDFN- Kwanlin Dün First Nation

CYFN- Council of Yukon First Nations

ADM- Assistant Deputy Minister

TOR- Terms of Reference