
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

- Bilateral Accords between Yukon-N.W.T, Alaska-Yukon and B.C.-Yukon have been prepared.
- \$1.1M a year for the next two fiscal years for the Aboriginal Language Services Agreement.
- Formalizing government to government relationships with First Nations and making them full partners in the economy.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Enhancement of CDF and FireSmart Programs.
- \$225K for new fire truck for Beaver Creek.
- \$1.2M for Carcross sewage disposal.
- \$500K for Vuntut Gwitchin First nation's riverbank stabilization project in Old Crow.
- Implementation of E-Government initiatives.
- \$400K for Host Society for 2007 Canada Winter Games.
- \$1M Capital Contribution to City of Whitehorse for Phase II of Whitehorse Multiplex.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Creation of stand-alone Department of Economic Development to be established in consultation with stakeholders, First Nation governments and government employees.

EDUCATION

- \$1.5M provided to reinstate Community Training Fund.
- New mathematics program to improve student achievement in grades 4, 5 and 6.
- Extension of First Nation Elders Project to include five schools.

- \$2.9M for completion of addition of Eliza VanBibber School in Pelly Crossing.
- \$605K for school information technology, distance education and video conferencing.

ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

- Department will be responsible for managing Yukon's land based natural resources effective April 1, 2003.
- Continuation of Yukon Mineral Exploration Tax Credit and Yukon Mining Incentive Program.
- Development of a Forestry Policy Framework.
- Implementation of a five year agricultural policy.
- Development of regulatory process for pipelines.

ENVIRONMENT

- Responsible for water management post devolution.
- Commitment to ensure safe drinking water.
- Pilot project to collect waste oil in five communities.

FINANCE

- Exemption from road tax on fuel consumed in sawmill and golf course operations.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Negotiation of a fund to help cover increasing annual health care costs.
- \$4.5M three year Primary Health Care Transition Fund.
- 25% increase in Pioneer Utility Grant indexed against inflation.
- \$685.5K three year Quit Smoking Campaign.
- Commitment to deal with FASD.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC WORKS

- \$20M for Shakwak Project.
- \$2M for Alaska Highway Construction between Mendenhall and Haines Junction.
- \$2.2M rehabilitation work for Teslin Bridge.
- \$1M for Dawson City Airside Improvement Projects.
- \$350K for Whitehorse Trolley.

JUSTICE

- Collaboration with First Nations on Yukon's corrections system including replacement of Whitehorse Correctional Centre.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- Initiatives to employ disabled in government.
- Review of Workplace Harassment Program.
- Ensure smooth transition of federal and territorial employees involved in devolution.
- Joint training program with Public Service Alliance of Canada.

TOURISM AND CULTURE

- Reinstatement of stand-alone department.
- Implementation of three year Market and Product Development Strategies.
- Support for Yukon Convention Bureau to market Yukon as year round convention destination.
- Promotion of affordable and accessible international and domestic air access to the Yukon.
- \$250K for Dawson City Art Society.

WOMEN'S DIRECTORATE

- Reinstated to its former status.