

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

ECONOMY

- 2014-2015 Capital Budget of \$293.410 million is the largest Capital Budget in Yukon's history while maintaining a healthy surplus of \$72.207 million.
- New Building Canada Fund is providing Yukon with \$257 million and a further estimated \$163 million is coming from the Gas Tax Fund for a total of approximately \$420 million in dedicated federal funding over the next ten years.
- Lobbying efforts have been made to re-instate U.S. federal funding for the 1977 Shakwak Agreement in order to improve the North Alaska Highway and the Haines Road at an estimated cost ranging from \$237 million to \$340 million.
- Major investments in buildings, transportation, telecommunication and energy infrastructure in 2014-2015 to support the growth of a sustainable private sector.
- \$3.435 million is being provided to continue the Interim Electrical Rebate.
- Tendering some major capital projects in the fall in order to give contractors certainty about upcoming work, as well as ensuring government gets the best available pricing.
- Small business tax rate is being reduced from four percent to three percent.
- Engaging chambers of commerce to undertake a red tape review of the regulatory burden facing Yukon businesses and to provide a report on measures to reduce this burden.
- Review of the Business Incentive Program that provides rebates for contractors who hire local labour and use local products to ensure the program continues to be effective.
- \$630,000 increase in 2014-2015 Yukon Mineral Exploration Program to a total of \$1.4 million.
- Establishment of a Mining Investment Promotion Team (MIPT).

- \$700,000 for an Investment Attraction Strategy to encourage investment in the Yukon resource sector.
- \$600,000 for functional planning for the Klondike Highway, Freegold Road and Nahanni Range Road.
- \$976,000 capital and an additional \$1.2 million in 2014-2015 for the Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining.
- \$1.088 million for the Yukon Research Centre.
- Allocating an additional \$590,000 to the overseas tourism marketing budget.
- \$50,000 for a Multicultural Event Fund.
- \$200,000 for the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre for exhibit design and planning about Yukon's Ice Age past.
- Preparation of a regional economic development plan for the Tr'ondek Hwëchin as part of Chapter 22 of their Final Agreement.
- MOU with the Carcross/Tagish First Nation to promote the development of a major tourism lodge project at Millhaven Bay near Carcross, as well as remote access cottage property on First Nation and public lands.
- Lottery by August 2014 for remote access cottage lots.
- Partnership with Liard First Nation Development Corporation on development of forest industry in southeast Yukon.
- \$600,000 plus \$150,000 from three First nation development corporations to prepare a business case for building a second fibre-optic data cable connection to the south to increase availability of data services to Yukon.
- MOU with State of Alaska on "A Yukon to Southeast Alaska Economic Corridor Development Project for Electrical Generation, Transmission and Telecommunication."

- \$380,000 in 2014-2015 and a further \$380,000 in 2015-2016 to provide 4G mobile service to all seventeen Yukon communities.
- Cell tower to be constructed at Grizzly Valley.
- \$85.264 million for the largest transportation budget ever:
 - \$48.170 million for highway work;
 - \$14.230 million for bridges;
 - \$16.316 million for airports;
 - \$3.330 million for other roads such as the Silver Trail and turning lanes at Couch Road entrances.
- \$8.2 million under Shakwak Agreement for North Alaska Highway.
- \$7.8 million for pavement overlay of Haines Road.
- \$8.77 million for reconstruction of Robert Campbell Highway km 97 to km 107.
- \$1.4 million for Atlin road reconstruction project.
- \$500,000 each for Rural Road Upgrade Program and Resource Access Road Program.
- \$7 million in 2014-2015 and a further \$7 million in 2015-2016 for upgrading Nisutlin Bay Bridge.
- \$5.5 million for construction of new single span Tatchun Creek Bridge.
- \$8.1 million for Whitehorse airport panel replacement project and completion of \$3 million runway resurfacing this summer.
- \$1.7 million to extend current water and sewer system at the Whitehorse airport and \$550,000 for ten more lease lots.

ENVIRONMENT

- With approval of the Peel Plan, Yukon now has the highest percentage of protected land in Canada, increasing its percentage from 12.68% to 16.9%.

- Peel Watershed Plan has many unique features;
 - Restricted Use Wilderness Areas (RUWA) represents 29,702 sq. km or 44% of region and allows no more than 0.2% access and activities at any one time meaning 99.8% of area is left undisturbed;
 - Permanently Protected Areas (PA) account for 19,800 sq. km or 29% of region;
 - When RUWA's and PA's are combined 72.8% of Peel Watershed is protected;
 - Integrated Management Areas (IMA) amount to 17,928 sq. km or 27% of region;
 - Wild River Park, a new type of park, is being created to protect the Wind, Bonnet Plume, Snake, Hart and Peel Rivers.
 - While about 70% of region is open to exploration and commercial opportunities the actual surface disturbance is minimal.

- Protection of Porcupine Caribou Herd (PCH) and Forty-Mile Caribou Herd high on government's agenda with MLA for Vuntut Gwitchin recently travelling to Washington, D.C. to convey message about protecting the PCH.

- Proposed wildlife regulation amendments addressing Dempster Highway hunting are being reviewed by Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board and a draft Forty-Mile Caribou Harvest Management Strategy is also under review.

- Yukon Water Strategy, designed to ensure Yukoners have access to safe drinking water is awaiting Cabinet approval.

- \$1 million for a new wastewater system for Ross River is being designed in 2014-2015 with plans for operation in 2016.

- \$3.41 million is being allocated for solid waste management.

- \$1.113 million in 2014-2015 for clean-up of the historical gas well B-62.

A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

- \$27.7 million in 2014-2015 for the replacement of the F.H. Collins Secondary School.
- \$150,000 for F.H. Collins furniture and equipment.
- \$750,000 to replace F.H. Collins six lane track and regulation size soccer field.
- \$1.4 million over two years for playground equipment upgrades for school yards across the territory.
- Implementation of a Rural Equity Action Plan to help rural students stay in school and achieve better results.
- Implementation of landmark education agreement with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation in keeping with section 17.7 of their Self-Government Agreements.
- \$2.176 million provided to Yukon Research Centre for operations in last two fiscal years and has extended funding one year pending an evaluation report for future funding.
- Implementation of Labour Market Framework over ten years to ensure employers have workforce they need to keep economy strong.
- \$1.25 million in 2014-2015 for Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities.
- \$367,000 in 2014-2015 for a FASD Prevalence Study.
- \$318,000 in 2014-2015 for planning and design of a replacement for Faro RCMP detachment.
- \$500,000 per year for three years for Victims Fund Agreement with Canada extended to 2016.
- \$75,000 over three years starting in 2013 to protect Yukoners from Cyber Crime and internet predators.

- Women's Directorate has contributed to a joint federal-provincial-territorial publication, "Measuring Violence Against Women" that includes a Territorial Fact Sheet highlighting unique dimensions of violence in northern Canada.
- Development of a Domestic and Sexualized Assault Framework to be shared with other two territories.
- \$13.5 million Northern Housing Trust funds have been leveraged to \$27 million investment in affordable rental housing.
- \$4.718 million in 2014-2015 to complete a 34-unit Whitehorse seniors' building, replacing #207 Alexander Street in late summer.
- \$12 million for a new 48-unit seniors' building in Whitehorse.
- \$2.941 million for design of a new energy-efficient 6-unit Mayo seniors' housing complex to be completed in late summer 2015.
- \$140,000 annually for three years to the Heart of Riverdale youth centre.
- \$1.675 million for upgrade of a number of social housing properties in 2014-2015 as follows:
 - \$250,000 for sprinkler system for 36-unit Greenwood seniors' building;
 - \$250,000 for air ventilation system for 32-unit Closeleigh Manor senior's building;
 - \$250,000 for accessibility improvements in a number of seniors' building in support of tenants who want to remain in their homes;
 - \$225,000 to revitalize five previously decommissioned social housing units in Ross River;
 - \$450,000 for reconfiguration of existing social housing units in rural Yukon; and
 - \$250,000 to upgrade 6-plex in downtown Whitehorse as a result of relocation of tenants to new Options for Independence building.
- Implementation of Housing Action Plan with work in 2014-2015 focusing on Housing Accommodations with Additional Services, Rental Housing and Home Ownership.

- \$1 million in 2014-2015 available for the Down Payment Assistance Program (DPAP) that has provided over \$350,000 in loans resulting in new homes for twenty-five families.
- Launch this fall of the Home Ownership Preparedness and Education (HOPE) program designed to assist first-time home buyers.
- \$2.8 million to wrap up phases one and two of Whistle Bend subdivision and a further \$2 million for phases three to seven.
- \$6.9 million in 2014-2015 for phase one of a new 300 bed continuing care facility which will include an initial 150 beds with the capacity to expand by an additional 150 beds as required in the future.
- \$1.418 million as part of a three year agreement including an escalator amount, for the Watson Lake and Whitehorse Hospitals and new base funding for chemotherapy drugs.
- \$405,000 one-time funding for blood products and other provisional costs.
- \$1.235 million in 2014-2015 for planning and design of St. Elias Group Home.
- \$3.475 million in 2014-2015 for a new Salvation Army facility that will include additional shelter beds and new transitional housing.
- \$10.421 million to build a new McDonald Lodge in Dawson City including an enclosed walkway to the Dawson City Hospital.
- \$1.284 million for the schematic design of the Sarah Steele Replacement project to be tendered in 2015 and construction completed in summer 2016.
- \$764,000 in 2014-2015 for a nurse practitioner to be incorporated in the continued operation of the Referred Care Clinic.
- \$750,000 provided in 2013-2014 for Food Bank Society to purchase the AFY building and continued support for negotiations toward a final sale in 2014-2015.

- \$2.775 million additional funding to Yukon Hospital Corporation in 2014-2015 to build a temporary home for WGH's new MRI scanner.
- Changes to the Child Care Subsidy Program and Direct Operating Grant to increase child care assistance for all income groups but especially low income families.
- \$300,000 to be provided annually for four years by the Public Health Agency of Canada to support healthy living program and priorities in Yukon Active Living Strategy and Wellness Plan.
- \$610,000 for two new fire trucks to be deployed in Ibex Valley and Tagish with the replaced vehicles going to Burwash Landing and Mendenhall.
- \$3.368 million to begin construction of a new fire hall in Beaver Creek.
- \$588,000 over two years beginning in 2014-2015 to provide enhanced storage space for five community Search & Rescue Teams.
- \$300,000 from AAND's Climate Change Adaptation fund for EMO's "Yukon Flood Risk Mapping Project."
- \$2.7 million contribution for partnership with Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and potentially Canada to build a community centre in Old Crow.
- \$180,000 for Team Yukon travelling to 2014 Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, Alaska and the North American Indigenous Games in Regina, Saskatchewan.
- \$50,000 in 2013-2014 and a further \$100,000 in 2014-2015 for Softball Yukon to host its 3rd World Championship in July.
- \$150,000 for Team Yukon to attend Canada Winter Games in February 2015 in Prince George and a further \$100,000 over next two fiscal years to attend Western Canada Summer Games in August 2015 in Fort McMurray.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Working with Canada, the Council of Yukon First Nations, and First Nation governments to improve the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* (YESAA) as well as with the Water Board to improve the water licensing process.
- Renewal of Intergovernmental Accords with Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation and Kluane First Nation.
- Bilateral discussions are underway to renew Intergovernmental Accords with the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and the Nacho Nyäk Dun as well as establish new accords with other Yukon First Nations who are interested.
- Yukon, Canada and CYFN reached a ten-year agreement on the Umbrella Final Agreement Implementation Plan (UFA-IP) providing secure funding for UFA boards and committees.
- \$734,000 in 2014-2015 to develop a new campground near the historic Conrad townsite on Tagish Lake's Windy Arm
- New resource royalty sharing agreement has been reached with eight of the Self-Governing First Nations which allows them to share up to an additional \$4.7 million.
- Working with First Nations and Canada to address options for registering First Nation land under the *Land Titles Act*.
- \$289,000 was invested in 2013-2014 to enhance French language services with the Yukon government, allowing the launch of French language services at three pilot sites: the Home Care program; the Specialists Clinic at WGH, and Insured Health Services.
- Worked with French community to develop a strategic plan to guide government's efforts over the next four years including expanding pilot projects to other service points in Whitehorse as well as Dawson City.
- Conducting a phased review of the *Municipal Act* in consideration of the findings of the "Our Towns, Our Future" report.

- Amendment of the *Fatal Accidents Act* to allow Yukoners the right to seek bereavement damages when a close family member is killed and another person is at fault.
- Amendments of the *Condominium Act*.
- \$1.845 million in 2014-2015 for planning design and construction of a new Watson Lake District Office for the Department of Environment.
- \$879,000 for an Archive Vault expansion.
- Development of Yukon's own electronic health system that will also increase Yukon's local IT industry and capacity.
- Expansion of e-Services to include angling licenses, camping permits, search for companies and other legal entities including document filing and a new multi-jurisdictional personal property registry.
- Inclusion of a Multi-Year Capital Plan allowing private sector contractors to plan ahead.
- \$2 million provided to Yukon Development Corporation to develop a plan for one or more hydroelectric projects that will meet Yukon's expected long-term demand for clean, affordable power.