



November 10, 2026

The Honourable Currie Dixon

Premier-designate, Yukon

Leader, Yukon Party

Dear Premier-designate Dixon,

On behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 500 member businesses and approximately 4,500 employees across the territory, I extend our sincere congratulations to you and the Yukon Party on your election victory and the opportunity to form Yukon's next territorial government.

The Chamber looks forward to working collaboratively with your government to advance policies that strengthen Yukon's business climate, workforce, and long-term economic resilience.

In advance of the election, the Chamber shared its **Business Priorities for Yukon's Next Government**, developed through extensive member engagement, surveys, and consultation. As you prepare to establish your government's agenda, we respectfully highlight the following four priorities that reflect the top concerns of Yukon's business community:

1. Workforce Development & Labour Shortages

Yukon faces one of the tightest labour markets in Canada, limiting the ability of businesses to sustain operations and grow. We encourage strategies that build local talent, attract skilled workers nationally, and leverage emerging regionally tailored immigration and labour-mobility opportunities that address the unique needs of rural and remote communities. Ensuring these pathways remain responsive under evolving federal frameworks will be critical to Yukon's continued growth and competitiveness.

2. Reducing Business Costs & Red Tape

Yukon's competitiveness continues to be challenged by increasing freight, energy, and regulatory costs. The Chamber hears ongoing concerns about the economic and administrative impacts of implementing Extended Producer Responsibility. We encourage your government to take action to simplify regulatory processes, such as by developing and enacting a Red Tape Reduction Strategy that reviews existing regulations, removes unnecessary barriers to business, and ensures new policies do not create excessive administrative burden, while taking Yukon's unique regulatory environment into account.

3. Safety & Community Well-Being

Theft, property damage, and repeat offences remain pressing concerns for businesses. Addressing these issues requires coordinated, practical approaches among governments, justice partners, First Nations, and community organizations to improve safety and community well-being.

4. Fair Procurement & Local Competitiveness

Current procurement practices often disadvantage Yukon businesses. We encourage policies that



prioritize local capacity where it exists, ensure transparency in contract awards, and give fair weight to value over lowest cost, helping to keep economic benefits within the territory.

In addition to these priorities, the Chamber emphasizes the importance of housing, infrastructure, and economic diversification as essential foundations for long-term business resilience.

We look forward to engaging with you and your team to advance these shared priorities in support of a strong and inclusive Yukon economy. Congratulations once again on your election, and please extend our best wishes to your caucus as you prepare to assume office.

Sincerely,

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