

# **REVIEW OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2002 - 2010 AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2011 - 2012**

## **HOW OUR INVESTMENT DECISIONS HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE**

- Transformed Yukon's economy of 2002 from being one of the weakest to being the strongest economy in Canada with a Gross Domestic Product of 3.9% in 2009.
- Increased Yukon's population by approximately 4,500 people since 2002.
- Turned Yukon's double digit unemployment rate in 2002 to 4.4% in December 2010, the lowest rate in Canada
- Increased mining exploration and development in 2002 from less than \$10 million to \$410 million in 2010
- In 2002, Yukon ranked 35th out of 45 jurisdictions in the world as a good place to invest, whereas today Yukon ranked 4th out of 51 jurisdictions on the globe as a good place to do business in.
- Used our nine successive budgets since 2002 to revitalize Yukon's private sector economy.
- Focused efforts on economic diversification by promoting national resource development, tourism, trade, arts and culture, film and sound, research and development, information technology, agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, trapping and outfitting and small business.
- Yukon's private sector is fast approaching parity with government in contributing to the growth of the Yukon economy.
- Only two jurisdictions in Canada, Yukon and Alberta, have no net debt.

- All governments in Canada are committed to returning to surplus budgets as soon as possible; Yukon will be the first government in Canada to meet that commitment.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2002-2010

- Completed the Education Reform Project in 2008 and developed a new vision for education in Yukon, entitled “New Horizons: Honouring Our Commitment to the Future”.
- Built the new Tantalus School in Carmacks.
- Concluded the Corrections Consultation in 2006 that led to the adoption of a new philosophy of corrections that emphasizes the protection of the public, holds offenders accountable and provides appropriate opportunities for rehabilitation and is reflected in the new *Corrections Act* and all of our new facilities such as the new Whitehorse Correctional Centre.
- Developed Victims of Crime Strategy and the *Victims of Crime Act*.
- Implemented the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan outlined in our 2006 Election Platform that included numerous action items and programs relating Harm Reduction, Prevention and Education, Treatment and Enforcement.
- Yukon’s Five-Step FASD Action Plan, the Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Office (SCAN) and the RCMP Street Crime Reduction Team which has now been incorporated and augmented in the overall policing agreement all emanated from the Substance Abuse Action Plan.
- Developed the Government of Yukon Climate Change Strategy in 2006 that led to the creation of the Climate Change Action Plan in 2009.
- Established the Yukon Climate Change Research Centre of Excellence at Yukon College in October 2009.

- Developed the Energy Strategy for Yukon in concert with the Climate Change Action Plan in 2009 that led to the \$160 million project connecting the Whitehorse-Aishihik-Faro (WAF) grid to the Mayo-Dawson grid through the Carmacks to Stewart Crossing transmission line and upgrading the Mayo Dam, known as Mayo B.
- Developed the Yukon Solid Waste Action Plan in 2009.
- Conducted a major review, the Yukon Health Care Review, in 2008 that examined the sustainability of Yukon's health care system over the next decade.
- Developed the Wellness Strategy focusing on children and youth, healthy aging and social inclusion.
- Currently developing the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Strategy based upon nine years of promoting over 100 initiatives improving the wellbeing of Yukoners, such as:
  - Increased social assistance rates by more than 25% in 2008;
  - Doubled and indexed the Yukon Seniors Income Supplement;
  - Increased and indexed the Pioneer Utility Grant;
  - Increased Child Care Subsidies;
  - Increased the Yukon Child Benefit;
  - Increased and indexed rates paid to foster parents;
  - Constructed a 32-unit \$8 million Single Parent Family Complex in Riverdale;
  - Built a new Habitat for Humanity triplex on the site of the infamous 810 Wheeler in downtown Whitehorse;
  - Doubled the Prevention of Violence Against Aboriginal Women Fund from \$100,000 to \$200,000; and
  - Building the \$12 million new seniors' complex on the Whitehorse Waterfront replacing the Alexander Street seniors' apartments.
- Concluded three more land claims agreements – the Kluane First Nation, the Kwanlin Dun First Nation and the Carcross/Tagish First Nation – since 2002.
- Promoted Yukon First Nations as full partners in the development of Yukon's economy and established government-to-government cooperative relationships with First Nations that lead to:
  - the re-establishment of the Intergovernmental Forum involving Canada, Yukon and all 14 Yukon First Nations;

- the creation of the Yukon Forum involving Yukon and all 14 First Nations to discuss matters of mutual interest and common good;
  - the allocation of various federal funding programs such as the \$50 million Northern Housing Trust, the \$40 million Northern Strategy Fund and the \$27 million Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development (SINED);
  - Yukon government support for new self-government Financial Transfer Agreements with Canada that resulted in a \$10 million increase; and
  - the showcasing of Yukon First Nations culture at both the 2007 Canada Winter Games and the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.
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- Created a pan-northern approach with the Northwest Territories and Nunavut in dealing with the provincial and federal governments that resulted in significant benefits for all three territories, namely:
    - the establishment of the five-year Territorial Health Access Fund (THAF) and its two-year extension, the Territorial Health System Sustainability Initiative (THSSI);
    - the re-instatement of the all-important Territorial Funding Formula agreement;
    - the very successful marketing of the North in the 2007 Canada Winter Games hosted by Yukon; and
    - the establishment of the Northern House at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.
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- Fulfilled 2006 Election Platform commitment to make the Yukon Legislative Assembly work better by:
    - Passing more unanimous motions on matters of importance to Yukoners by working in collaboration with the Official Opposition and Third Party than any previous government in the history of the Yukon Legislative Assembly; and
    - Establishing more all-party committees of the legislature to conduct public consultation on matters of importance to Yukoners such as Anti-Smoking legislation, Human Rights, Whistleblower Protection, the *Landlord and Tenant Act*, the Safe Operations and Use of Off-Road Vehicles and Bill #108 the *Legislative Renewal Act*.
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- Since assuming the control and management of Yukon land and resources under the Devolution Transfer Agreement in 2003, our government has done more to protect and preserve Yukon's environment and wildlife than any previous Yukon government, recognizing our obligations to the environment while still creating a positive investment climate.
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- Currently, Yukon has 12.68% of its land protected, second only to British Columbia, and our government has identified the following:

## (1) Six Territorial Parks

- Ni'iinlii'Njik (Fishing Branch) Wilderness Reserve established in 2003;
- Ni'iinlii'Njik (Fishing Branch) Ecological Reserve established in 2003;
- Asi Keyi Natural Environment Park identified in 2003;
- Kusawa Natural Environment Park identified in 2005;
- Tombstone Natural Environment Park established in 2004; and
- Agay Mene Natural Environment Park identified in 2005.

## (2) Seven Habitat Protection Areas

- Nordenskiold Wetlands established in 2010;
  - Ni'iinlii'Njik (Fishing Branch) established in 2003;
  - Lewes Marsh identified in 2005;
  - Lhutsaw Wetlands established in 2007;
  - Pickhandle Lake identified in 2003;
  - Tagish River identified in 2005; and
  - Old Crow Flats (East and West) established in 2009.
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- Succeeded in saving the Chisana Caribou Herd from further decline through the three-year Chisana Caribou Recovery Project commencing in 2003. Our intervention and ongoing efforts are targeted to affect the ongoing viability of this unique herd.
  - Reached a historic agreement in April 2010 on the Porcupine Caribou Harvest Management Plan involving the Vuntut Gwitchin, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the nacho Nyak Dun, Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Inuvialuit Game Council, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada.
  - Saved the Yukon Wildlife Preserve in 2003 for future generations and invested almost \$3 million to build a research and rehabilitation centre and other infrastructure improvements around the property. In addition, the organization responsible for the operations of the Preserve is provided \$600,000 annually to support their work.
  - Took over the management responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Faro Mine complex in early March of 2009 after reaching a consensus with Canada and affected First Nations on a preferred closure option that is estimated to cost \$30 million per year for the next 15-year construction phase and another \$10 million per year for the 15-year period of adjustment for a total estimated investment of \$600 million.

- \$100 million has been invested in affordable housing for seniors, families and Yukoners in need since 2002, increasing the Yukon Housing portfolio by 40%.
- New seniors' residences have been constructed at Yukon College as well as in Haines Junction, Watson Lake, Teslin and Faro.
  
- Implemented the most comprehensive review of Social Assistance since the inception of the program by increasing rates, providing an incentive to encourage recipients to enter the workforce and by providing enhanced services for persons with severe disabilities.
  
- Major focus on FASD 5-Step Action Plan, the Community Wellness Court and Land-Based Treatment and increased financial support for FASSY.
  
- Doubled the annual funding from \$110,000 to \$220,000 allocated to each of three youth organizations: Bringing Youth Towards Equality, Youth of Today Society and the Boys and Girls Club of Whitehorse, and confirmed a three year agreement (2010-2013).
  
- Commencing in 2007, \$5 million has been available for child care over five years.
  
- Conducted the territorial-wide "Our Town, Our Future" review addressing the concerns of Yukon municipalities regarding funding levels, infrastructure deficits, and recruitment and retention of qualified staff.
  
- Canada and Yukon on June 29, 2010 reached an agreement to fund the remediation of the largest hydro-carbon contaminated site in Yukon, the Marwell Tar Pit in Whitehorse. The agreement by Canada to share in the obligation for clean-up was a significant milestone.
  
- Signed a Labour Market Development Agreement with Canada on July 8, 2009 replacing the old agreement signed in 1998, giving Yukon an expanded role in the design and delivery of labour market development programs and services in Yukon.
  
- Training Yukoners for Yukon opportunities through dramatically increasing the number of registered apprentices, and by providing programs such as: Skills Canada-Yukon; Women in Trades and Technology; Targeted Initiatives for Older Workers; the Licensed Practical Nurse Program as well as promoting Yukon as a destination of choice under the Yukon Nominee Program.
  
- Youth Rebate under Business Incentive program extended indefinitely.

# HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2011-12

## GOOD GOVERNMENT

- \$1 billion and \$89 million budget; a balanced budget, the third budget exceeding the \$1 billion threshold, and our 9th budget since 2002 which was only \$550 million.
- Replenishment of Yukon's "savings account" with a \$38.456 million surplus and net financial position of \$43.137 million.
- Developed a Five-Year Capital Plan comprised of the following expenditures by category for 2011-2012:
  - \$37.451 million for building assets (both new and maintenance of existing buildings);
  - \$46.6 million Transportation Infrastructure;
  - \$10.873 million for IT Assets, inclusive of school-based IT requirements;
  - \$66.99 million for Municipal Infrastructure, supported by Build Canada funds;
  - \$27.349 million Other Projects and Programming; and
  - \$41.921 million Land Development.

## ECONOMY

- \$750,000 in 2011–2012 for "Destination Yukon" that builds upon the tourism marketing momentum generated by the "2007 Look Up North" marketing campaign and the 2010 "Pan-North Marketing Consortium Olympic Marketing Initiative".
- \$700,000 in 2011–2012 for the Tourism Cooperative Marketing Fund.
- \$350,000 for the Scenic Drives Initiative.
- \$125,000 for Tourism and Culture's Interactive Website.

- \$4.827 million in 2011–2012 for Whitehorse Waterfront Projects.
- \$1.037 million for the Carcross Waterfront Project.
- \$1.5 million in 2011-2012 for the \$22.4 million Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre and Whitehorse Public Library on the Whitehorse Waterfront.
- \$4.523 million in 2011-2012 for the \$12 million Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Cultural Centre in Haines Junction.
- \$916,000 contribution in 2011-2012 for the Kluane First Nation Cultural Centre.
- \$100,000 for a Special Projects Coordinator for projects such as the Champagne and Aishihik Cultural Centre and the SS Tutshi Memorial in Carcross.
- \$141,000 Northern Strategy Heritage and Cultural Capacity Development Initiative that is a joint project involving the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, Yukon College and Tourism and Culture.
- \$200,000 for the “Decade of Sport and Culture”.
- \$150,000 for the Arts community in the Old Firehall.
- \$33,000 increase in funding for the Yukon Arts Centre.
- \$75,000 to test the pilot ‘Measuring Rural Growth’ template in 3 diverse Yukon communities which will help communities measure potential for future economic growth.
- \$300,000 for Youth employment/career counseling program as part of a series of Labour Market Development initiatives.
- \$335,000 Targeted Investment Program – Western Canada Music Awards.
- \$131,000 Northern Strategy funding for enhancing the participation of First Nations governments in the Adaptive Management Frameworks for Yukon Placer Mining.



- \$189,000 Northern Strategy funding for On the Job Resource Management Training for Yukon First Nation candidates.
- \$32,000 Community Development Trust Funding for First Nations Training Corps.
- \$100,000 for resource planning in the Ross River traditional area.
- \$250,000 over two years from Northern Strategy funding for the Yukon Mine Training Association.
- \$592,000 from Canada and \$395,000 from Yukon for the Agricultural Funding Agreement that expires March 31, 2013.
- \$100,000 for agricultural land development.
- \$75,000 for implementing the North Yukon Regional Plan.
- \$400,000 for Forestry Mainline Road in South West Yukon .
- \$17.3 million for Shakwak pavement construction, permafrost remediation and culvert repairs.
- \$2.42 million for Alaska Highway rehabilitation and intersection improvements.
- \$7.313 million for work on Campbell Highway.
- \$4.24 million for work on Atlin Road.
- \$900,000 for work on the Dempster Highway.
- \$485,000 for Silver Trail Aggregate Production.
- \$700,000 for Right of Way Vegetation and Remediation Control (HERC).

- \$300,000 for the Resource Access Roads Program.
- \$200,000 for Rural Roads Upgrading Program.
- \$926,000 for Teslin Roads upgrades.
- \$2.025 million on Klondike Highway.
- \$2.4 million pavement rehabilitation at various locations around territory.
- \$1.95 million for Old Crow Road Upgrade Project.
- \$1 million for Ross River Community Road Upgrades.
- \$2.3 million Deck Replacement for Morley River Bridge.
- \$1.7 million for Flat Creek Bridge rehabilitation on Klondike Highway.
- \$407,000 for operational costs of Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport expansion as well as \$395,000 for an increase in the number of security guards for the Airport.
- \$500,000 for Secondary Jetway at Whitehorse Airport.
- \$400,000 for the Faro Airport Terminal Building replacement.
- \$500,000 for rebuilding Runway 24 End and replace lights for the Mayo Airport.
- \$200,000 to expand apron and apply dust suppressant at Burwash Landing Airport.
- \$450,000 for the Mobile Radio System.
- \$412,080 for Community Cell Phone Service (MoCs).
- \$31.598 million for Whistle Bend residential land development in Porter Creek.

- \$5.25 million for land development in Grizzly Valley.
- \$688,000 for country residential land development at Willow Acres and \$408,000 for urban residential land development in Haines Junction.
- \$1.427 million for Dawson City industrial land development and \$250,000 for country residential land development on the Dome Road.
- \$1.1 million for Mayo Urban and Country Residential land development.
- \$300,000 for joint First Nation – Yukon Government land management program.
- \$700,000 for Pelly Crossing Staff Housing Construction
- \$575,000 for development and maintenance at historic sites
- \$1.05 for the Business Incentive Program.
- \$9.209 million in capital maintenance for existing government facilities and schools.
- \$933,000 CanNor funding for geoscience research in Yukon (total \$3.5 million over next 4 years).

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- In 2011-2012, Yukon will be receiving a total of \$25.217 million to remediate Type II Mine Sites that remain the responsibility of Canada:
  - \$20.507 million for the Faro Mine;
  - \$3.899 million for the Mt. Nansen mine;
  - \$771,000 for the Clinton Creek Mine; and
  - \$40,000 for the United Keno Hill Mine.

- \$275,000 Northern Strategy Project – Northern Climate Exchange Community Adaptation Project.
- \$70,000 for Whitehorse and Southern Lakes Forest Resource Management Plan.
- \$63,000 for Old Crow Community Forest Planning.
- \$56,000 two-year CanNor Project Placer Mining and Fish Habitat Enhancement in Liard and Mayo.
- \$1 million for FireSmart Program.
- \$50,000 to develop a strategy around future Alternative Energy uses.
- \$60,000 for school-based Environmental Stewardship program.
- \$75,000 for School Waste Diversion program.
- \$390,000 for increased mine inspection and engineering personnel to help ensure regulatory and environmental compliance.
- \$402,000 for Grader Station Environmental upgrades at Swift River and Carcross.
- \$209,000 for upgrading underground fuel tanks at Mayo facilities.
- \$252,000 for establishing a Conservation Office in Carmacks to address capacity issues and to increase enforcement.
- \$233,000 in 2011-2012 for Swan Haven Erosion Mitigation.
- \$101,000 for Special Construction and Demolition of Hazardous Waste and Asbestos Remediation.
- \$21.768 million for Dawson City Wastewater Treatment and District Heating.

- \$3.761 million for further Wastewater Treatment in Carmacks, Teslin and Carcross.
  
- \$6.847 million for water and sewer pipe replacement, water system upgrades, water treatment, reservoirs, well head protection and other water-related infrastructure improvements in communities such as Faro, Haines Junction, Mayo, Watson Lake, Burwash, Carcross, Old Crow, Mendenhall, Marwell, Whistle Bend, Rock Creek, Deep Creek and territory-wide in keeping with our 2006 Election Platform commitment to provide clean drinking water.
  
- Arsenic is of particular concern in Yukon drinking water due to regulatory standards changes and in 2011-2012, funding is being provided for arsenic treatment in the following communities:
  - \$1.013 million for systems upgrade and Arsenic Treatment in Ross River;
  - \$2.907 million for Arsenic Treatment Upgrades to meet 2011 Regulatory Requirements in Teslin, Haines Junction and Carcross; and
  - \$100,000 for Teslin Phase II Arsenic Treatment.
  
- \$150,000 for Solid Waste Strategy Implementation
  
- \$900,000 for Transfer Stations, Recycle Depots and Compost and Chipping Equipment.
  
- \$425,000 for Materials Recycling and Sorting Facility.
  
- \$200,000 for Solid Waste Site Closures and Remediation.
  
- \$163,000 Northern Strategy for mitigating the impacts of the spruce bark beetle outbreak in the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations area.

## **BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE**

- Continuing to implement the new Education Strategy, “New Horizons: Honouring Our Commitment to the Future”, focusing on improved literacy and numeracy, preservation of culture and increased educational achievements for all Yukon students.

- \$2.7 million for 2011-12 towards building a new secondary school in Whitehorse replacing F.H. Collins.
- Yukon College is completing the construction of new facilities at its Pelly Crossing Community Campus and the Dawson City Community Campus.
- Almost \$1.5 million additional funding to extend education and learning assistant resource levels through to June 2012.
- \$3.58 million for a new Secure Assessment Centre as a recommendation from two reports; the “Sharing Common Ground: Report on the Review of Yukon’s Police Force” and the report of the Task Force on Acutely Intoxicated Persons at Risk.
- \$7.414 million to complete the construction of the new Whitehorse Correctional Centre.
- Almost \$11 million provided annually to support activities of non-government organizations such as Kaushee’s Place in Whitehorse and Help and Hope in Watson Lake.
- \$486,000 for implementation of Victims of Crime Strategy.
- \$382,000 from the Community Development Trust Fund for the Northern Institute of Social Justice.
- \$2.62 million in 2011-12 towards a new Abbeyfield seniors’ complex being planned for Whitehorse and a new social housing complex is being built in Dawson City replacing the Korbo apartments.
- An additional \$2.8 million is being provided for Social Assistance in 2011-2012.
- Since 2002, Health and Social Services expenditures have increased from \$143 million to \$262.6 million in 2011-2012. The increase of almost 14% in 2011-12 will address key areas of health and social service cost pressures identified in the Health Review which have been funded through supplementary budgets in previous years, such as social assistance and hospital and physician claims.
- \$3.258 million made available to open 19 continuing care beds in the Thomson Centre.

- \$70 million is being invested by the Yukon Hospital Corporation for three major projects: the Residence for Visiting Health Care Professionals and Staff Office Complex on Hospital Road and the construction of two new Regional Hospitals in Dawson City and Watson Lake.
- Negotiated a two-year extension of the \$60 million, five-year Territorial Health Access Fund (THAF), now entitled The Territorial Health System Sustainability Initiative (THSSI) that totals \$6.965 million in 2011-2012, including \$1 million for Medical Travel.
- \$3.2 million for the Whitehorse Ambulance Dispatch Station.
- \$103,000 for Community Nursing Health Centre renovations in Old Crow and \$143,000 for Community Nursing Health Centre renovations in Haines Junction.
- \$601,000 additional funding to health and social service-related non-government organizations.
- \$1.171 million for Dawson City recreation infrastructure improvements.
- Almost \$5 million for Whitehorse Waterfront improvements in addition to \$1.5 million towards construction of the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre and the new Whitehorse Public Library.
- \$808,000 increase in the comprehensive municipal operating grants and \$121,000 for unincorporated communities.
- \$500,000 for Mt. Lorne Fire Hall addition.
- Building upon the successful hosting of the 2007 Canada Winter Games by continuing to support Yukon participation in the 2011 North American Indigenous Games, the 2011 Canada Winter Games being held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games (\$150,000) and helping the City of Whitehorse host the Arctic Winter Games in 2012 (\$177,000 for Mount Sima upgrades in 2011-12) as well as providing a \$130,000 contribution this fiscal year and next to Softball Yukon hosting the Women's Fast Pitch World Championships in 2012-2013.
- \$3 million to extend the Energy Rebate for 2011-12.