

**YUKON - NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ACCORD**

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF YUKON
AS REPRESENTED BY THE PREMIER**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
AS REPRESENTED BY THE PREMIER**

WHEREAS the citizens of Yukon and the Northwest Territories share many ties including an extensive common border and aboriginal kinship ties; and

WHEREAS Yukon and the Northwest Territories have a history of cooperation in a range of services, including transportation, tourism and other areas of human and economic development; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Yukon and the Northwest Territories have mutual concerns and interests around the environment, economic development, human development and constitutional/political development; and

WHEREAS there are opportunities to be explored to enhance the relationship between the two governments, to resolve issues and to develop opportunities for the region;

THEREFORE the Governments of Yukon and the Northwest Territories have agreed to the Yukon - Northwest Territories Intergovernmental Relations Accord as outlined below.

INTENT

The intent of this Accord is to promote cooperation leading to concrete benefits for citizens of both territories on matters of joint concern and mutual interest, to share information and promote understanding, to enhance the relationship between the two territories and to identify areas where there can be enhanced formal and informal cooperation.

Without unnecessarily limiting the areas of cooperation, the governments intend to cooperate in areas such as:

- health care
- regional economic development
- climate change
- tourism
- infrastructure
- training, education and youth development
- trade and commerce
- resource management and environmental issues
- northern sovereignty issues
- aboriginal languages
- resource development for northern curricula

This Accord is not a legally binding agreement, but it is only a definite expression and record of the purpose and intention of the Parties, to which each honourably pledge themselves.

COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

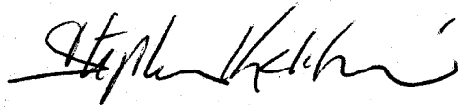
The Premiers will continue to appoint officials to serve as principal contacts for the expeditious sharing of information about mutual interests and will encourage their respective governments to work together on matters of joint concern, including through working groups designed to address specific issues.

This Accord shall be in effect from its date of signature for a period of three (3) years and may be reviewed and amended by the consent of both governments.

This Accord is signed on this 14th day of March, 2003.



The Honourable Dennis Fentie
Premier
Government of Yukon



The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi
Premier
Government of the Northwest Territories