















BRITISH COLUMBIA – YUKON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ACCORD

BETWEEN:

THE GOVERNMENT OF YUKON AS REPRESENTED BY THE PREMIER

AND:

THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AS REPRESENTED BY THE PREMIER

WHEREAS the Government of Yukon and the Government of British Columbia have a history of cooperation in a range of services, including health, education, transportation, tourism and other areas of social and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the citizens of Yukon and of British Columbia have mutual concerns and interests in relation to the environment and economic and social development;

AND WHEREAS Yukon and British Columbia share an extensive common border;

AND WHEREAS there are opportunities to be explored to enhance the relationship between the Government of Yukon and the Government of British Columbia and to resolve issues and to develop opportunities for the region;

NOW THEREFORE the Government of Yukon and the Government of British Columbia (the "Two Governments") hereby agree to this British Columbia – Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord ("this Accord") as set out below.

INTENT

The intent of this Accord is to promote cooperation between the Two Governments on matters of joint concern and mutual interest to the benefit of citizens of both Yukon and British Columbia and to promote sharing of information between the Two Governments so as to enhance their relationship and to identify areas where there can be enhanced formal and informal cooperation between them.

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AREAS OF JOINT CONCERN AND MUTUAL INTEREST

Without limiting the areas of joint concern and mutual interest, the Two Governments intend to promote cooperation and information sharing in areas such as:

- health care;
- regional economic development;
- tourism;
- transportation;
- trade and commerce;
- resource management and environmental issues; and
- resource development.

NO LEGAL OR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS CREATED

This Accord is not intended by the Two Governments to create any legal or contractual rights or obligations and is not to be construed as imposing any financial obligations on either of the Two Governments but rather is intended as an expression and record of the purpose and intention of the Two Governments with respect to intergovernmental relations between them.

COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Premiers of the Two Governments may 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Accord shall take effect upon signature by the Two Governments and, if signed on different dates, on the later of those dates.

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This Accord shall be in effect for a period of three (3) years from its Effective Date.

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AMENDMENT

This Accord may be amended with the written consent of the Two Governments.

COUNTERPARTS

This Accord may be signed in counterparts.

This Accord is signed by the Two Governments by their duly authorized signatories on the dates noted below.

For Government of Yukon:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PREMIER DENNIS FENTIE

The Honourable Dennis Fentie
Premier of Yukon

Date:____July 9, 2004_____

For Government of British Columbia:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PREMIER GORDON CAMPBELL

The Honourable Gordon Campbell Premier of British Columbia

Date:_____July 9, 2004_____

















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