

Climate Change in Yukon:

Response

The Government of Yukon is strongly committed to reducing local emissions of greenhouse gases, examining the impacts of climate change on northerners, and preparing for the changes to come.

Government of Yukon Initiatives

The Government of Yukon Climate Change Strategy

outlines how the government will build on existing programs, activities and experience to respond to the impacts of climate change.

A Climate Change Action Plan, to be released in late 2008 is the next step. It will outline the specific actions and initiatives Government of Yukon will undertake to implement the strategy.



Northern Climate Exchange

is a partnership among the Government of Canada, Yukon College and Government of Yukon, and was established to share information and promote understanding of the challenges and issues around climate change.



Energy Solutions Center

is a service and program delivery agency for federal and Yukon government programs relating to energy efficiency and renewable energy.



Yukon Housing

is Government of Yukon's leader in providing information on healthy, energy efficient designs and products for houses.



Initiatives of other Yukon organizations

Yukon Conservation Society: The umbrella environmental organization of Yukon, this NGO has been involved in many climate change related projects, including spearheading the successful www.climatechangenorth.ca educational website.

Council of Yukon First Nations: The Circumpolar Relations Unit of the Council of Yukon First Nations began work in the area of climate change in 2000. Specific work includes climate change impacts and adaptations projects related to community health, human-environments and ecosystems, and the promotion of energy efficient technologies and the reduction green house gas emissions.

City of Whitehorse: The Environment Department and the Planning Departments are actively engaged in various projects aimed at decreasing greenhouse gases, as well as achieving other environmental goals. The Urban Transportation Showcase project, funded by Transport Canada, was a multi-departmental effort to redesign Whitehorse's downtown streets to decrease Greenhouse Gases emissions through the transportation sector.

Raven Recycling: Recycling reduces greenhouse gases. Raven Recycling also plays an important role in public education around the issue of climate change and its connection to our consumption, waste, and lifestyle patterns, encouraging Yukoners to recycle.

Yukon College: Yukon Collage provides science, social science research and monitoring through their Northern Research Institute programs.