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CONSULTATIONS TO BEGIN ON NEW CORRECTIONS ACT

WHITEHORSE – Justice Minister Marian C. Horne is committing \$115,000, subject to legislative approval, towards rewriting the *Yukon Corrections Act*.

The money will be used for consultations with stakeholders that are required to ensure the outdated act is modernized to reflect current priorities for Yukon and is more in line with territorial and provincial corrections legislation across Canada.

“The Corrections Action Plan contains a recommendation that the act be replaced and is included in the department's Correctional Redevelopment Strategic Plan,” Horne said. “The act will also reflect the principles of the Corrections Action Plan, which was completed in 2006, and will enable the government to manage and deliver programs and services based on those principles.”

The act will be modernized to reflect the important role that First Nations will have in steering corrections now and in the future, the impact of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as well as developments in the field of corrections.

Changes must be made to support a client-focused correctional system that aims to promote healing, accountability and offenders taking responsibility.

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