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**CONSULTATION TO BEGIN ON PROPOSED MCINTYRE CREEK LAND USE**

WHITEHORSE – Community Services Minister Glenn Hart has announced the start of a public consultation today to consider the proposed land uses for the McIntyre Creek area of Whitehorse. The consultation is designed to hear all perspectives on the proposed land uses in the area.

“We want to hear the public’s views on how best to use this land,” Hart said. “There has been an interest in protecting this land while developing some of it, as well as a desire for creating endowment lands for Yukon College. These proposals were never acted upon by previous governments and its now time to move this issue forward. We are consulting, in accordance with our commitment in the legislature, with Porter Creek residents, the City of Whitehorse, the Kwanlin Dün and Ta’an Kwach’an First Nation governments, Yukon College, and other stakeholders to provide a resolution to these outstanding issues.”

There have been conflicting views on how the land should be used dating back to the 90s when a park was first suggested for the McIntyre Creek area. Subsequently there have been discussions for some of the land to be used as endowment lands for Yukon College, and there is the urgent need to have more residential lots made available so that Whitehorse may continue to grow and develop.

A map of the McIntyre Creek area and surrounding land has been created so that residents can see the various interests represented by the college, the Kwanlin Dün and Ta’an Kwach’an First Nations and the City of Whitehorse.

The public will have opportunities to provide their views via the government website, e-mail, letter correspondence or at community open houses to be held during the consultation which is scheduled to conclude March 15.

Public meetings will be held:

Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Yukon College, room C1511;

Thursday, March 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Takhini Elementary School; and

Saturday, March 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Porter Creek Secondary School Cafeteria.

To view the proposed land use map and provide your comments, visit the Yukon government website at [www.gov.yk.ca](http://www.gov.yk.ca).

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