YUKON

A NORTHERN APPROACH TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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YUKON’S GEOGRAPHY

- Location
- Geographical area of 482,443 km$^2$
- Five per cent of Canada’s geography
- 14 communities with a total population of roughly 39,000
YUKON’S ECONOMY - GDP

- Significant economic growth in recent years
- From 2007 to 2016 Yukon’s GDP increased by $636.7 million, or 36.7%
- Between 2007 and 2016, GDP by industry has increased every year with the exceptions of 2014 and 2015

Source: Department of Finance; Statistics Canada
YUKON’S – WE KNOW RURAL

- Area larger than California
- 14 Communities
- > 2,000 kilometers of road linking our communities
- Of the 13 rural communities only 2 have populations > 1000
YUKON FIRST NATIONS

- 11 of 14 Yukon First Nations have Final and Self-government Agreements
- First Nations have resource ownership on settlement lands
- Many examples of cooperation and financial participation in mining, tourism and other business-related projects
COMMUNITY BASED RURAL PROJECTS:

• Carcross Commons
• North Yukon REDI
• Teslin Biomass Project
• UNESCO World Heritage Site
• Van Tat Gwich’in Navigation Systems
DIVERSIFICATION & INNOVATION

- Cold Climate Innovation Centre
- Yukonstruct
- (co)Space
- Yukon Business Development Program
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship “Hub”
- Improved fibre line infrastructure
YUKON MINING INVESTMENT

- A number of the top gold producing companies have recently invested in Yukon projects.
  - Goldcorp - $520 million
  - Barrick Gold - $126 million
  - Agnico Eagle - $14 million
  - Newmont Mining - $39.5 million