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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

In early April, our government released Budget 2022 addressing our territory's top priorities. I am pleased to highlight some of these critical investments in the pages to follow, including the Atlin Hydro Expansion project; funding to address the opioid crisis; investment & programs dedicated to housing initiatives; the co-development of an Indigenous Climate Leadership Agenda and the introduction of a Critical Minerals Strategy. This national budget truly delivers for our territory and will have direct benefit on Yukoners.

As we approach the end of this busy parliamentary session, I look forward to connecting with Yukoners all around the territory. At this time I am planning visits around the Yukon for the spring and summer, including Faro's Crane & Sheep Festival, Old Crow, Dawson, and many other events and destinations.

- Brendan Hanley, Yukon

FROM MD TO MP:

TRANSITION TO MP & VISION FOR THE YUKON

Having spent the last 25 years calling the Yukon home, I recognize that our territory has a remarkable history and an even greater future ahead. We have the opportunity to progress further in innovative climate change mitigation strategies; indigenous reconciliation; sustainable resource development; mental health; affordable housing strategies; and exemplary First Nations' business and economic leadership. It has been my commitment to bring the Yukon's voice to the federal table and advocate for these priorities. I am encouraged by the progress that's already been made in my first 8 months as MP.

As some Yukoners may know, before becoming MP, I served as Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health for more than 13 years, including 17 months during the COVID-19 pandemic. In recognizing the challenges facing our territory and the rest of our country, I was inspired to run out of a desire to serve Yukoners and advance their interests and concerns at the federal level. It's been an incredible experience so far, having entered this role at a critical time in Canada's history. I have found surprising similarities in my experience in public health and politics. They address many of the same issues in a slightly different way, whether it's physical/mental, economic, or environmental wellbeing. By listening to my constituents and understanding what makes things the way they are, I continue to address important policies, influence change and strive to make the Yukon an even better place to live.

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MP Hanley in the House of Commons

DELIVERING FOR THE YUKON



MP Hanley at the Atlin Hydro Expansion Project announcement on April 11, 2022, joined by Peter Kirby, President & CEO of Tlingit Homeland Energy LP, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson, Premier Sandy Silver & Yukon's Minister of Energy, Mines & Resources, John Streicker.

YUKON'S CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

The future is unquestionably green. Since January 2022, our federal government has invested \$1.5 million dollars in the Yukon to build more than 200 new zero emission vehicle chargers.

To ensure the territory has enough power to support its green transition, Budget 2022 commits \$32.2 million to the Atlin Hydro Expansion project. This project is led by Indigenous proponents and Yukon Energy, and once completed, will add 8 megawatts of dependable electricity capacity to the Yukon's grid. This is roughly the equivalent of the electricity used by 2,500 Yukon homes annually and will replace 4 diesel generators the territory currently relies on.

HEALTH CARE & OPIOID CRISIS

I am currently working with my colleagues across the aisle to support the passage of Bill C-216, to address the Opioid Crisis which I have repeatedly raised in the House since taking office. As a member of the Health Committee, I am also engaged in a study on the health care workforce crisis to recommend solutions for health care worker burnout. I was pleased to see some critical investments in health care in Budget 2022 including:

- Providing \$100 million over three years for the Substance Use and Addictions Program to support harm reduction, treatment, and prevention at the community level
- \$2.2 million for the Yukon to help alleviate surgery backlogs
- A 4.8% increase in the Canada Health Transfer for 2022-23 and ongoing conversations between the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, on creating better health outcomes for Canadians including mental health outcomes and implementing a national dental care plan



MP Hanley speaking with faculty from the University of Ottawa's School of Nursing on March 25, 2022, during the \$2 billion Health Care Funding Transfer announcement, allowing provinces and territories to address surgery, medical procedure & diagnostic backlogs from the pandemic.

HOUSING

Canadians from coast to coast to coast are struggling to afford a safe and secure place to call home. Our government is committed to addressing this crisis and is working to expand our housing stock and make housing more affordable and energy efficient. Budget 2022 proposes more than \$10 billion dollars in investments in housing including:

- \$30 million invested directly in the Yukon to increase the number of housing units, make housing more affordable, and renovate and retrofit existing housing stock
- \$4 billion for the CMHC to launch the new Housing Accelerator Fund, \$2.9 billion to the National Housing Co-Investment Fund and \$1.5 billion to expand the Rapid Housing Initiative
- We are doubling the First Time Home Buyers Tax Credit and making it more flexible, reviewing the role of corporate players in the housing market & banning foreign investment



MP Hanley meeting with Gary Gazankas, Chief Project Officer at NVD, at Normandy Manor in Whitehorse in April 2022. Having received National Housing Co-Investment funding in 2020, this 84-unit senior's living facility is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION



Meeting with the Grand Chief Peter Johnston (not pictured) & Yukon First Nations Chiefs and Council at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, during Canada's Emergency Preparedness Minister Bill Blair's visit to the Yukon in April 2022.

Reconciliation is a critical journey that must be walked together and is a pillar of my vision for the Yukon. Budget 2022 committed more than \$10 billion dollars to support this journey, including:

- \$65.8 million to accelerate work to develop an action plan, with Indigenous Peoples, to implement United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- \$150 million over five years to advance shovel-ready projects to advance economic opportunities in indigenous communities
- \$300 million to co-develop and launch an Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy

Given the depth of First Nation knowledge and their connection with the land, as well as the disproportionate impact that climate change has on indigenous peoples, it is important that the journey to reconciliation also include climate justice:

- Our 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan includes \$29.6 million to support the co-development of an Indigenous Climate Leadership Agenda to help address indigenous peoples' climate priorities.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

I was pleased to see Canada commit to introduce a Critical Mineral Strategy in Budget 2022. These minerals are key components for many of the clean energy technologies we need to reduce the Yukon's emissions, from wind turbines to electric vehicles. Through responsible natural resource management, under this strategy, the Yukon can grow its economy and help the world combat climate change. The strategy announced in Budget 2022 includes:

- Intending to make significant investments that would focus on priority critical mineral deposits, while working closely with affected Indigenous groups and through established regulatory processes
- Introducing a new 30 per cent Critical Mineral Exploration Tax Credit for specified mineral exploration expenses incurred in Canada and renounced to flow-through share investors

TOURISM & ECONOMIC RECOVERY

While the past two years have been incredibly difficult for all Canadians, one of the hardest hit sectors in the Yukon has been tourism. Although COVID-19 is still here, thanks to widespread vaccinations and responsible actions taken by Yukoners, our territory has the tools to safely reopen for tourism. Our government has been there to support tourism operators and small business. Budget 2022 confirms that we will continue to be there by:

- Cutting taxes for Canada's growing small businesses, through phasing out access to the small business tax rate more gradually; with access phased out at \$50 million in taxable capital instead of \$15 million
- Providing \$4.8 million over two years to the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada to support its operations, which continue to help the Indigenous tourism industry rebuild and recover from the pandemic
- Extending temporary support through EI for seasonal workers until October 2023 and ensuring that the timing of COVID-19 benefits do not affect future EI eligibility under the rules of the program



A visit to MacBride Museum in Whitehorse speaking with their Executive Director, Patricia Cuning in February 2022.

ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY



Canadian Arctic
Photo by Charlotte Rentmeister

With over 40% of Canada's landmass considered Arctic, I place a high priority on maintaining the Yukon and Canada's voice in the Arctic's future. Recognition and revitalization of the Arctic's role in North American defence is one essential component of Arctic sovereignty. To that end, our government committed an additional \$8 billion dollars to Defence in Budget 2022, to modernize NORAD, make critical investments in procurement, and support our operations as a NATO member.

That being said, Arctic Sovereignty is much more than defence. It begins with supporting communities through providing critical infrastructure like adequate housing and access to healthcare. Sustainable resource and economic development, in partnership with Yukon First Nations, is critical to building strong and sustainable communities and is an essential component as we continue to pursue the path to reconciliation. As the Arctic is also ground zero for climate change, which effects our entire world, we must work co-operatively with international partners, using the best science and applying traditional indigenous knowledge, to accelerate our efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change and protect our wildlife and natural environments, as we work to respond to this crisis.

UKRAINE:

IMMIGRATION AND HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Canada is working closely with its allies to respond to the unprovoked and illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine and continues to condemn the horrific war crimes being perpetrated by the Putin regime. In addition to the military aid we have devoted to Ukraine and the sanctions Canada has placed on Russia, we are stepping up with increased immigration pathways. Canada is also providing logistics and aid to address the humanitarian crisis caused by the conflict.

We have deployed 100 members of the Canadian Armed Forces to centres in Poland and have provided more than \$180 million dollars in humanitarian and developmental assistance, including \$30 million to match donations made by individual Canadians. This aid must continue and I will continue to push for more humanitarian support domestically and greater engagement through international forums to resolve the humanitarian crisis. Budget 2022 has committed more than \$1.2 billion in direct contributions to support Ukraine and \$1.6 billion in loan support for the Ukrainian government.

As one of the largest diaspora of Ukrainian origin in the world, Canada will be welcoming an unlimited number of Ukrainians. We have developed two new immigration streams, and additional settlement supports, to help facilitate the arrival of Ukrainians and ensure they have the tools they need to find a home, work, and go to school. Our government has committed new funding of \$111 million over the next five years to support these immigration measures from coast to coast. Canada has a rich history of helping those in need and we will continue to do so as our country welcomes Ukrainians fleeing the war.



Kokum or "granny scarves" made & distributed by indigenous community in Canada, in support of Ukrainians during this time of war

SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

My team and I are proud to serve the constituents of the Yukon and help with questions about federal services and policies. If you need help with federal government issues, department, programs, or agencies or have a question about federal programs, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office, we will be happy to try to assist you!

Some of the programs the office can help you with are:

- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (permanent resident, citizenship and other applications)
- Passport Canada
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- Old Age Security (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Canada Student Loans
- Finding Federal Funding for Programs
- Acquiring Canadian Flags and Pins and Congratulatory Greetings for milestone birthdays and anniversaries