



BRENDAN HANLEY

Yukon

Dear Yukoners,

I stand proudly for Canada, democracy, and the rule of law.

It is certain that the times ahead are not going to be easy. I am confident, however, that our community will come together and weather this storm as one. We Canadians must continue to stand firm, taking the necessary actions to protect our economy while we continue to pursue diplomatic solutions. As your Member of Parliament, I will continue to defend our workers, national interests, and sovereignty. Canada will not be bullied.

Canada's internal trade is an important piece in all of this, with over **\$530 billion** in goods and services moving across provincial and territorial borders annually, making up nearly 20% of our GDP.

The Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) is an intergovernmental trade agreement signed by Canadian ministers representing the federal government and **all 13 provinces and territories**. We are driving progress on internal trade by working to eliminate barriers to the movement of goods, services, and investments across Canada.

- Recently, Minister Anita Anand announced the removal and narrowing of **federal exceptions** from the CFTA, reducing the total from 39 to 19. This opens new opportunities for Canadian businesses, particularly in government procurement.

As Canada faces external trade challenges, it is crucial for all levels of government to work together to reduce barriers, support businesses, and boost our economy. We continue to encourage provinces and territories to follow suit and reduce their exceptions. Together, we will strengthen Canada's economic future.



Last month, I was thrilled to witness the excitement surrounding the **Yukon Quest**, with the race starting in **Teslin** for the first time! The energy was contagious as fans and mushers came together, kicking off the event on beautiful Teslin Lake.

We also celebrated a special milestone—the **60th anniversary of the Canadian flag**. Canadian pride was on full display, and it was a momentous occasion as Yukoners came together. Be sure to check out the video below to hear the message from the Premier, Mayor of Whitehorse, and myself.

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In addition to these celebrations, there were also **major announcements** for our communities, setting the stage for continued growth and progress.

Implementation of Historic Agreement Takes Another Step Forward with Agreement on Funding for Corrections Programs and Community Services Rooted in Teslin Tlingit Culture and Values



I was honoured to join Minister Anandasangaree, Premier Pillai, Deputy Premier McLean, and Naa Shaáde Háni Morris as we signed the Corrections and Community Services Amendment to the Teslin Tlingit Council Administration of Justice Agreement after many years of work.

With **\$5 million** this fiscal year and ongoing annual support, this initiative will focus on healing, wellness, and reconnection for Teslin Tlingit citizens, centred around a land-based healing camp. This is a significant step towards full self-governance in justice matters, bringing the community closer to their vision of justice, peace, and safety.

This agreement is monumental and will empower TTC to implement a restorative justice model grounded in their cultures, values, and way of life.

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This month, we had the honour of welcoming the Minister of Seniors, the **Honourable Joanne Thompson**, to the Yukon. It was a privilege to make an investment of **\$315,467** in 14 community-based projects in the Yukon through the **2023-24 cohort of the New Horizons for Seniors Program**.

More recently, I also announced an investment of up to **\$364,150** for up to 16 community-based projects in the Yukon through the **2024-25 cohort of the New Horizons for Seniors Program**.

These incredible projects are designed to help our seniors stay active, connected, and engaged. From music composition and French theatre workshops to intergenerational events and community gardens, these initiatives focus on creating inclusive spaces where everyone can thrive.

The goal is to support **healthy aging**, ensuring that our seniors can live with **dignity** and **choice**. Thank you to all of the organizations who make the projects possible. Together, we are working to build a more connected, vibrant community for all generations.

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Federal government invests in affordable housing across Yukon

I'm excited to announce an investment of over **\$9.7 million** in **11 affordable housing projects** across Yukon, which will help create and repair **166 much-needed units**. The need for more affordable housing in this country

is great, especially here in the Yukon. The 11 projects are supporting communities across the territory, from Burwash Landing, Haines Junction, Pelly Crossing, Mayo, Old Crow, Carmacks, Dawson City, and Whitehorse. I'm proud that our National Housing Strategy is helping to make this happen. The housing need in our communities is dire, and I am proud we're taking real steps toward ensuring that everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.



In partnership with the Governments of Canada and Yukon, the City of Whitehorse, and Da Daghay Development Corporation, we've secured the Yukon's largest federal investment in affordable housing with over **\$37 million** in funding to build **105 new affordable homes**. This is the largest affordable housing development in the Yukon's history. Winter Crossing will ensure more families in our community have access to safe and affordable housing. I'm excited to see the positive impact this will have on our community!

[Click here to see the video](#)

Family Preservation Wellness Centre Opens



CYFN's Family Preservation Wellness Centre's grand opening stands as a beacon of hope. This milestone reflects years of collaboration, providing a sanctuary for families to rebuild their futures in a safe, culturally grounded space. Made possible through the support of the federal government's **12 shelter** initiative, as well as funding from Indigenous Services Canada – we have invested **\$20.4M** into the well-being of Indigenous families.

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The governments of Canada and the Yukon sign an agreement to address unsheltered homelessness



I was proud to announce a crucial step in addressing homelessness here in the Yukon. In partnership with the Government of Yukon and Safe at Home, and with a **\$1 million** investment from the Government of Canada, we're opening a new **17-unit** supportive housing program and contributing to the **Downtown Whitehorse Safety Response Action Plan**. This investment is part of the federal government's Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative and will be an important step to keeping our community members safe.

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Ensuring long-term, predictable public transit funding for Whitehorse with over \$2.3 million through the Canada Public Transit Fund

I announced **\$2.3 million** to the City of Whitehorse, through the **Canada Public Transit Fund**. This predictable funding will upgrade and modernize the city's public transit infrastructure -- helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by making it easier to take public transit.

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Strengthening the climate resiliency of our infrastructure is more important now than ever. With an investment from CanNor of up to **\$62,500** for the Old Crow Co-op, this funding will help the building become more energy-efficient and accessible to the local community.

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New agreement enhances policing for Kluane First Nation through collaborative tripartite partnership



We marked an important milestone for the Kluane First Nation as the Government of Canada, the Yukon Government, and the Kluane First Nation came together to sign a historic tripartite agreement. This agreement will see two dedicated RCMP officers assigned to Kluane First Nation, ensuring community-focused, culturally responsive policing that directly meets the needs of the community. With 52% of the funding provided by the Government of Canada, this partnership strengthens our relationships and enhances community safety. It's a meaningful step forward for Kluane First Nation and a true testament to the power of collaboration.

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Government of Canada supports Yukon's Francophone community

I had the honour of announcing more than **\$150,000** in funding for the Société des immeubles franco-yukonnais, supporting the renovation of the Centre de la Francophonie in Whitehorse. This funding will help modernize and improve their gathering space, ensuring a welcoming, functional environment for the **over 3,500 people** who access their services each year. With upgrades like soundproofing, improved flooring, and a modernized reception area, this investment reflects our commitment to strengthening the cultural vitality of the franco-yukonnais community and supporting linguistic diversity.

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Ukraine Rally

Yukoners gathered to honour the incredible strength and resilience of the Ukrainian people on the third anniversary of Putin's illegal invasion. Over these past three years, Ukraine has shown us all what it means to fight for freedom, democracy, and the values we hold dear. I was grateful to stand with Yukoners, especially the Ukrainian Canadian Association of Yukon, whose unwavering commitment has made a real difference. Together, we stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes.



Celebrating International Women's Day

This Saturday, **March 8th**, we join people around the world to celebrate **International Women's Day** with the theme **Strength in Every Story**, emphasizing the importance of amplifying women's voices, especially those facing barriers.

Our government is taking concrete steps toward gender equality. With over half of Canada's provinces and territories offering **\$10-a-day child care**, more women are entering the workforce. We've also invested nearly **\$7 billion** into **the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy** which is helping women start up, scale up, and soar.

I am proud of the **Pharmacare Act**, providing **universal contraceptive coverage**, **Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people**.

This day allows us to recognize the achievements of women and girls across all sectors. Every woman's story reflects resilience, determination, and the power of opportunity. Let's celebrate the women and girls in our lives and share their stories.

While we've made progress, there's still much work to be done. We remain committed to breaking down barriers and building a more inclusive society for all.



Strengthening Official Language Education Across Canada

Canada is proud of its bilingual status and continues to support education in both official languages. Through collaboration with provinces and territories, the Government of Canada ensures that minority language communities can study, develop, and live in their chosen official language.

Last week, we announced the ratification of a new **Protocol for Minority-Language Education and Second-Language Instruction** (2024-2028). This agreement includes a **\$1.4 billion** investment to support minority-language education, teacher recruitment, and post-secondary education in the minority language. Canadian Heritage has begun negotiating bilateral agreements with provincial and territorial governments.

**Government of Canada funds new initiatives to prevent family and gender-based violence
Strengthening Official Language Education Across Canada**

OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Community organizations, universities, and non-profits can apply for funding for projects aimed at preventing and addressing child maltreatment.

Applications Close May 28, 2025

Honourable Ya'ara Saks, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health announced more than **\$17.5 million** over the next five years, for 13 projects that focus on family and gender-based violence prevention across Canada. We are also **launching a call for proposals** to support new projects aimed at preventing and addressing child maltreatment.

You can find the full News Release [here](#)

You can find more information on eligibility for this open call and how to apply, [here](#)

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