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The Honourable Richard Mostyn
Minister of Community Services
Government of Yukon
Main Administration Building
Whitehorse, Yukon

Sent via email to Richard.Mostyn@yukon.ca

Re: Government of Yukon *Better Buildings Program* Announcement

Dear Minister Mostyn,

The Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce was pleased with the recent announcement of a new Government of Yukon program, the *Better Buildings Program*, that aims to improve energy efficiency in the existing building stock to meet Government of Yukon climate-change mitigation targets, through the creation of a financing program for property owners and businesses.

The mandate of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce (WCC) is to *strengthen and improve trade and commerce and to contribute to the economic, civic and social well-being of Whitehorse*. Representing over five hundred business and organization members, the WCC sees value in the program goals, that include:

- Improving energy efficiency in building stock to contribute to the overall success of Yukon's *Our Clean Future* goals, including offsets to greenhouse gas emissions, support for Yukon's emissions targets, contributions to Yukon's green economy and, lowering the overall carbon footprint.
- Achieving 1,031 retrofits by 2030: installation of 764 residential and 34 commercial air source heat pumps; and 566 residential and 49 commercial thermal enclosure retrofits.
- Targeting 20%-30% energy-efficiency retrofits to existing residential and commercial buildings to help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 12 kilotonnes annually by 2030.



- Support for *energy assessment* and *building industry capacity* growth.

The *Better Buildings Program* framework provides allocations for Yukoners to improve their residential and commercial properties, with Bank of Canada interest rate repayment terms, has the potential to offer significant benefits to WCC members. As such, on behalf of the WCC Board of Directors, I am providing full support for this program and its goals and I look forward to seeing the positive outcomes from the program goals in the future.

Regards,

Lars Hartling
Chair, Board of Directors

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Susan Guatto, Executive Director

cc Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors