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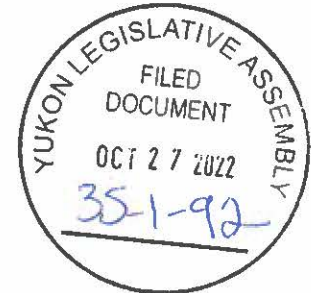
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Hon. Nils Clarke  
Minister of Environment  
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Dear Minister,

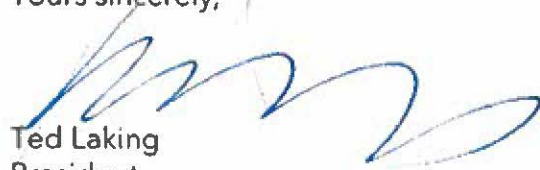
**RE: Bill #20, Animal Protection and Control Act**

Earlier this month the new *Animal Protection and Control Act* was tabled in the Legislative Assembly, and these proposed changes appear likely to have an impact on both our incorporated and unincorporated communities. I note that the Association of Yukon Communities was not notified prior to the tabling of this legislation. We recognize that communities were engaged in September 2018, with a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of engagement taking place in Spring/Summer of 2019; however, since that time there does not appear to have been any further consultation or meaningful outreach with regards to the substantive elements of the bill and whether they are still appropriate several years after the engagement took place.

There have been unprecedented events since engagement occurred in 2019, and we feel that it is pertinent to review and assess how what was heard then may impact things now. These changes may well have significant effect on the expectations and financial operations of municipal governments, occurring at a time where they are already struggling due to the pandemic and our most recent instances of flooding, wildfire, landslides, and inflation.

We kindly request that the Association of Yukon Communities be further consulted before implementing these legislative changes, so that our membership may have the opportunity to understand and provide input into the proposed changes, and to supply their valuable counsel toward the benefit of this legislation.

Yours sincerely, 1

  
Ted Laking  
President  
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