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Honorable Currie Dixon
Yukon Legislative Assembly
Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
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Mr. Dixon,

Thank you for your September 26, 2022, letter with respect to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts review of the Auditor General of Canada's report on housing. Recently the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) Board of Directors ratified our position on the housing and land crisis being faced by our territory and I am happy to share that with your committee.

Over the last decade the Yukon has not kept pace with residential and commercial development and growth. This consistent pressure on Yukon's housing and land supply has led to an unsustainable increase in housing costs and demand. This pressure has unfortunately resulted in municipalities running out of land and housing opportunities. To help address these issues AYC would like to see policies that increase the supply of land, and market and non-market housing in every Yukon municipality.

To briefly summarize key recommendations of AYC:

- The Government of Yukon should develop and share a rural land development strategy, emphasizing the need for an increased supply in market and non-market housing in communities outside of Whitehorse.
- The Government of Yukon should implement the Housing Action Plan, as expediently as possible, and meet the commitments of the strategy.
- The Association of Yukon Communities involvement with funding programs, such as through CMHC and FCM, in partnership with member communities (i.e. municipalities), should be increased to incorporate programming dollars in addressing these issues.

For the committee's reference I have included our policy document which was approved by our Board of Directors on December 3, 2022.

I hope this is helpful to the work of the Public Accounts Committee. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to have staff contact the Association of Yukon Communities.

Yours sincerely,

Ted Laking
President

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