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Stephen Mills, Chair  
Shāw Kwā'ą Board  
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Dear Mr. Mills,

This letter is in follow up to discussions at the Yukon Forum on February 6, 2026, and to formally communicate the Government of Yukon's intended course of action regarding Health Authority implementation.

The Government of Yukon's intended course is to pause implementation and consider repealing the *Health Authority Act* in Fall 2026.

To allow the Government of Yukon the space required to determine the best path forward, we are requesting the Shāw Kwā'ą interim board of directors pause its activities related to Health Authority implementation, including any contemplated expenditures.

Looking ahead, we intend to bring forward legislative amendments this spring to provide the necessary legal clarity for this transition. We intend to engage with Yukon First Nations on a government-to-government basis to consider a repeal of the *Health Authority* legislation in the fall, consistent with what we indicated at the Yukon Forum.

This approach is consistent with our commitment to Yukoners in the 2025 Election, and the statements both Premier Dixon and I made during debate on *Bill 38, Health Authority Act* before we voted against it in April 2024.

We appreciate the work you and the interim board members have carried out so far within your mandate, and we acknowledge the time you have put into your work since your appointment in late summer 2025. While we propose taking a different approach to advancing improvements to our health care system, we are appreciative of the efforts of everyone who has contributed to this

initiative, and we will be engaging on a government-to-government basis to discuss advancing shared priorities in health system improvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Cathers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Hon. Brad Cathers  
Minister of Health and Social Services