Yukon

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Mar 4: Yukon rolled out a number of new measures in response to U.S. tariffs, including ordering the Yukon Liquor Corporation to stop ordering U.S.-made alcohol and remove U.S.-made products from all stores, limiting U.S. business' access to government procurement and allocating \$1 million to develop an assistance program to complement federal support programs.

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Feb 27: Yukon announced that it's extending the Paid Sick Leave Rebate Program for another year, until March 31, 2026. The Program covers the cost of up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per 12-month period for eligible workers at no cost to their employer.

New Laws

Feb 20: The governments of Canada and Yukon, City of Whitehorse and Da Daghay Development Corporation (DDDC) announced that they're investing over \$37 million to support the construction of 105 new affordable homes in Whitehorse. There will be 7 buildings operated by DDDC, each of which will have accessible units and a mix of one and two bedroom units.

New Laws

Mar 13: The Governments of Canada and Yukon signed a new bilateral agreement under which the territory will receive more than \$8.5 million over 3 years to improve residents' access to selected new drugs for rare disease as well as existing drugs, early diagnosis, and screening. In phase one, the money will be used to provide access to Yescarta, a drug used to treat relapsed or refractory B-cell lymphomas, follicular lymphoma, large B-cell lymphoma (LBCL), diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), and high-grade B-cell lymphoma (HGBL).

Drugs & Alcohol

Mar 7: The new landmark \$32.5 billion tobacco litigation settlement with the tobacco companies earmarks approximately \$101 million for Yukon, with approximately \$24 million to be received in the 2025–26 fiscal year.

Action Point: Take 5 steps to <u>prevent workplace smoking</u> and vaping and avoid fines under smoke-free laws.

Environmental

Feb 20: Yukon reports that it's making "significant progress" in working with First Nations to co-develop new legislation to ensure environmentally responsible development and regulation of the Territory's crucial minerals industry. The government didn't specify any dates or timelines but promised to provide regular progress reports over the coming months.

