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Amendments to the ATIPP Act Tabled

WHITEHORSE – The scope of Yukon’s *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP) Act* is being expanded to include more institutions and Yukoners will be able to access their personal information more easily.

“When the amendments become law, people will be able to easily access information from institutions that are not currently covered by ATIPP,” Highways and Public Works Minister Archie Lang said upon tabling an *Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The amendments add new administrative powers for the records manager to deal more effectively and efficiently with requests for information. In addition, the amendments will clarify the powers of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and call for regular reviews of ATIPP.

“These amendments support the Yukon government’s commitment to being open and accountable,” Lang added. “They enhance our capacity to provide more effective services to Yukoners seeking information under ATIPP.”

ATIPP serves two primary purposes: to provide access to information held by public bodies; and to protect the personal privacy of individuals whose information is in the custody and/or control of public bodies.

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See backgrounder attached.

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**Corporations and Agencies Affected by an
Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act
and Companion Regulations**

With the amendments, the following bodies will be subject to ATIPP:

- Child and Youth Advocate, a designated agency under the *Adult Protection and Decision Making Act*;
- First Nation Service Authority designated under the *Child and Family Services Act*;
- Yukon College;
- Yukon Development Corporation;
- Yukon Energy Corporation;
- Yukon Hospital Corporation including any other facilities established or operated by the Yukon Hospital Corporation;
- Yukon Housing Corporation;
- Yukon Liquor Corporation;
- Yukon Lottery Commission; and
- Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board.