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Yukon Chamber of Commerce Comments on the Peel Watershed Appeal by the Yukon Government

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On December 30, 2014, the Government of Yukon announced it would appeal the Yukon Supreme Court's December 2 decision in the Peel Watershed land-use-planning court case.

The Yukon Chamber respects the court process and the right of all parties to continue to appeal the rulings until such time as all parties are satisfied or the appeal process has been exhausted. However our membership is worried that if courts are used too often to resolve these issues, outcomes will necessarily be too costly and take too long. We therefore hope the current appeal leads to certainty of process for future land-use-planning.

"The critical thing is that there be a return to the respectful dialogue and negotiation by all parties that leads to more efficient outcomes and a greater level of overall certainty within the business and investment communities" commented Yukon Chamber of Commerce Chair Rich Thompson.

"One possible positive outcome of the appeal will be to clarify the parameters and processes associated with land-use-planning in Yukon, which may over the long run result in shorter and more successful future planning efforts for other Yukon regions," added Peter Turner, President of the Yukon Chamber.

Incorporated in 1985, the Yukon Chamber of Commerce is the collective voice of Yukon's Business Community, working to create a climate conducive to a strong private-sector economy by providing leadership and representation on issues and projects affecting business. The Chamber represents the four Community Chambers of Dawson City, Silver Trail, Watson Lake and Whitehorse, as well as over 700 Yukon businesses, through either direct or Community Chamber membership.

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