

Land Planning	Is the development of a comprehensive land use plan that will facilitate land use for all industries a priority for your Party? Please outline how your Party plans to ensure a balance will be achieved between developing protected areas and developing economic growth Please identify your Party's position on the Peel Watershed Planning Commission's Final Recommended Plan		
	Yukon Liberals Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - implement the recommended plan for the Peel watershed - work to complete regional land use plans - work with TIA to develop a Commercial Wilderness Land Use Policy - reinstate the Yukon Council on the Economy and the Environment - review the Environment Act - work with EMR to formalize a risk based approach to inspection coverage - ensure Environment can fulfill its mandate and has the resources to participate in projects 	Yukon NDP Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make land use planning a government-wide priority - expedite the process at the municipal local and regional levels with full public involvement in decision-making - implement the planning provisions of First Nations land claims agreements - commit to a timetable for the completion of regional land-use plans identify approaches for land-use planning where land claims are not yet settled - commit to a timetable for the completion of Special Management Areas based on principles of co-management - provide additional resources for citizens, communities, First Nations and small business to participate in environmental assessment and land use planning processes, including YESAB and the Water Board - develop the legislation and regulations needed to restrict the growth of trail networks in sensitive areas close trails or overused areas, as necessary, and exclude off-road vehicles from specific types of lands or habitats - establish an immediate moratorium on mineral staking within municipal boundaries and other residential areas - develop a comprehensive water strategy for the Yukon - accept and act on the recommendations of the Final Report of the Peel Watershed Land Use Planning Commission 	Yukon Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Land Use Planning Process is a Treaty obligation arising out of Chapter 11 of the Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA) - the whole purpose of the land use planning process is to ensure that a proper balance is achieved between developing protected areas and developing economic growth. This proper balance has not been achieved in the Peel Watershed Planning Commission's Final Recommended Plan and the Yukon Party is the only political party in Yukon that will call upon all stakeholders to go back to the table and achieve common ground that enables the territory to have both pristine wilderness and a strong economy.
Marketing	Does your Party intend to make any changes to tourism marketing support including support for the Tourism Cooperative Marketing Fund Yukon Wild or the Yukon Convention Bureau? If yes please indicate particulars in proposed policy change and if the change will result in an investment increase status quo or reduction in support		
	Yukon Liberals Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - double current investments in tourism marketing with particular attention paid to cultural arts and sport tourism 	Yukon NDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no plans to make unilateral changes to tourism marketing support - would sit down with representatives of all sectors of the industry to get your take on current marketing support 	Yukon Party Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue to promote tourism as one of Yukon's two major economic mainstays

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work with TIA and industry members to determine spending priorities - develop joint marketing initiatives with our regional neighbours 	<p>programs and recommendations for change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if funds are available are prepared to provide budgetary increases where it makes sense to do so <p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support tourism through increased marketing programs aimed at diversifying the market and increasing the profile of the Yukon as a year-round destination - support marketing which targets high return markets while continuing to maintain existing markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2011-2012 Budget provides for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$750,000 for “Destination Yukon” - \$700,000 for TCMF - \$350,000 for the Scenic Drives Initiative - \$125,000 for Tourism’s Interactive Website - The Department of Tourism and Culture is currently investing \$8.9 million which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1.578M for Product Development and Research; - \$1.335M for Marketing Operations – Overseas; - \$3.845M for Marketing Operations – North America; - \$1.847M for Visitor Services - \$200,000 to the YCB - \$264,000 to the WTAY - \$144,000 to the TIA Yukon - funding support to other societies and associations
Human Resources	State how your Party plans to address the human resource challenges facing the tourism industry in Yukon.		
	<p>Yukon Liberals</p> <p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work with industry and the federal government to identify and remove barriers to recruitment - work with businesses to strengthen the Yukon Nominee Program - establish a “New Yukoner” advocate to assist newcomers - work to solve the housing crisis 	<p>Yukon NDP</p> <p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop more direct support services for small operators and work with them to address labour shortages - meet with industry and then the public service to get a thorough appreciation of the current and projected difficulties in attracting entry level seasonal and permanent workers - develop new flexible training programs targeting those already employed so they can upgrade their skills improve wages and be more productive - would assess the Yukon and regional labour markets - are prepared to look at the Yukon Nominee (YNP) or Temporary Foreign Workers programs - are prepared to look at enhancing the Yukon Tourism Training Fund (YTTF) - need to persuade young Yukoners that Tourism is a great career path consistent with the Yukon lifestyle 	<p>Yukon Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is addressing the human resources challenges facing the tourism industry in Yukon through a variety of initiatives including the Yukon Tourism Training Fund - the previous Yukon Party government signed a Labour Market Agreement and Labour Market Development Agreement - it developed a Labour Market Framework that will guide Yukon government activities over the next 10 years, it will provide a broad governmental perspective in the development of strategies with the intent of further developing Yukon’s labour force - the Yukon Nominee Program (YNP) offers three programs; the Skilled Worker Program, the Critical Impact Worker Program and the Business Program - There is the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers (TIO) and the Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) - the Government of Canada and the Yukon Party government signed an Agreement on Temporary Foreign Workers that gave Yukon a role in managing the program in the territory.

Access to Capital	State how your Party would address the issue of access to capital for small- and medium-size businesses.		
	Yukon Liberals Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work with financial institutions to make it easier for credit to be extended to businesses and workers - refresh legislation and policy for credit unions and cooperatives - will improve Yukon's relationship with the CTC - follow up with potential business interests looking to invest here 	Yukon NDP Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop a new "access Yukon" program to identify potential sources of venture capital for new business ventures, would sit down with each sector to determine their specific needs and review recent attempts to raise tourism capital dollars for Yukon product We have also heard from tourism operators that while they support such a program they don't want it used "to fund their competitors" We will be careful to ensure that the program is properly designed and has the support of the industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - explore options to increase Yukoners' ability to invest in the Yukon such as the Yukon Investment Tax Credit - negotiate enhanced banking services in rural communities 	Yukon Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The previous Yukon Party government re-established the Department of Economic Development ... has a number of funds and initiatives that address access to capital for small and medium sized businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yukon Venture Loan Guarantee Program - The Department also has a number of other funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Industries Development Fund - Enterprise Trade Fund - Yukon Small Business Investment Tax Credit
Transportation	Provide your Party's policy on transportation issues facing Yukon, including the need for highway infrastructure investment and long-term infrastructure support for our airports. Please outline how your Party intends to ensure our highways remain safe and maintained as the number of tourists, residents and industrial vehicles increase.		
	Yukon Liberals Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - do work during the summer months to enable our snowplowing equipment to be in service by Sept 1st - build a bypass road for Carmacks to accommodate mine traffic - improve the Silver Trail - maintain and support community airports - upgrade the Mayo airport to handle scheduled charter flights and facilitate increased mining in the area - petition federal government to mandate inter-airline baggage transfer for northern passengers transferring from northern airlines to connector cities 	Yukon NDP Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue to invest in transportation infrastructure to support existing and future economic activities and diversification initiatives and get our products to market - collaborate with all levels of government to establish public transportation infrastructure and business opportunities so that Yukoners can access job opportunities and so businesses both small and large can get their products to market - ensure the Alaska and Klondike highways are properly maintained for the rubber tire tourism market - immediately review proposed ore haul routes to ensure that alignment and surfacing can support both economic activities - work with private sector tourism transportation operators to see if we can support public transportation at least to and from the main Yukon tourism and 	Yukon Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The previous Yukon Party governments invested heavily in transportation, energy, communications and information technology, as well as in the Innovation and Knowledge sectors... will carry on emphasizing these priorities - In 2011-2012, \$299 million is being invested for more important improvements to Yukon's airports - The Yukon Party's multi-year capital plan for 2011-2012 includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$46.6 million for Transportation Infrastructure; - \$10.873 million for IT Assets - \$66.99 million for Municipal Infrastructure - \$37.51 million for Building Assets

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> business centres - the Whitehorse airport has been much improved; more needs to be done to improve baggage handling and make the terminal more user friendly for long haul international flights as well as those originating in other Canadian cities - invest in airport infrastructure; is excited about other opportunities being discussed about developing flights to Mayo and Watson Lake; 	
Telecommunications	Provide your Party's policy on telecommunication issues facing Yukon, particularly the availability of affordable high-speed Internet service and the upgrading of our cellular technologies to support all major international protocols.		
	Yukon Liberals	Yukon NDP	Yukon Party
	<p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establish a secondary data link with the south or to Alaska - work with the private sector to increase our internet bandwidth and security - continue to improve cell coverage throughout the territory - petition Canada to ensure that CRTC reverses its ruling on charging for bandwidth and that CRTC commits to a deregulated internet environment throughout Canada 	<p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invest in Internet and cell phone infrastructure in cooperation with private and public sector providers to eliminate service delivery and bandwidth problems - ensure there is affordable reliable and up-to-date technology for all communities - encourage the development of distance government services and education - examine ways to use the technology to improve services and lower costs - work with service providers and invest \$1.5 million to improve Internet connectivity - need to ensure the technologies support all major international protocols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The previous Yukon Party government partnered with Latitude Wireless to expand cell phone service to 23 areas in the territory ...will continue to endeavour to improve the Yukon's telecommunications with the private sector in relation to high-speed Internet service and the upgrading of cellular technologies - In 2011-2012 the Yukon government will be investing \$10.873 million in information technology across government for hardware network equipment and computer applications that support government programs and services as well as the vibrant IT sector through jobs and contracting opportunities
Other Tourism	Share any other pertinent policy direction of your Party as it relates to supporting the ongoing growth of the Yukon tourism industry.		
	Yukon Liberals	Yukon NDP	Yukon Party
	<p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aid our hunters and trappers by developing an innovative marketing plan to promote made-in-Yukon furs 	<p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - build business capacity and competitiveness - develop high-end attractions - develop more direct support services for small operators and work with them to address labour shortages - support tourism through increased marketing programs aimed at diversifying the market and increasing the profile of the Yukon as a year-round destination - support marketing which targets high return markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The full scope of the Yukon Party's commitments will be included in the Yukon Party's 2011 Election Platform "Moving Forward Together"

		<p>while continuing to maintain existing markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase and enhance destination attractions for meetings and conventions - utilize our sports infrastructure to attract tournaments and training camps - further develop attractions and events that benefit all Yukon communities - work with First Nations to increase their tourism initiatives and development - support increased training for all elements of the diverse tourism sector - ensure that operators have a strong voice and are well represented at land and environmental decision making forums - support government policy development that will provide increased land certainty for wilderness tourism operations 	
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Because we were not able to ask the Parties all of our questions, we have highlighted two additional issues, below, that we know are of interest to our membership. This information has not been provided to TIA Yukon by the Parties; it has been extracted from Party platforms documents and/or press releases.

	Yukon Liberals	Yukon NDP	Yukon Party on
Arts, Culture and Heritage	<p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - double the Yukon Touring Artist Fund to \$200,000 - provide 3-year core funding to arts organizations - ensure sufficient levels of funding for Yukon museums and cultural institutions - ensure the 2012 Winter Games receive sufficient financial resources and other support - declare 2013 the Year of the Yukon Tartan to educate, promote and showcase our tartan, diverse culture and heritage - market and promote the growth of First Nations tourism in a manner that maintains the cultural integrity of each Yukon First Nation 	<p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recognize arts and culture as a viable, vibrant and important part of Yukon society and economy - develop a Yukon-wide arts and culture strategy - partner in developing and presenting Yukon cultural industries ... stimulating growth and diversification of a recession-protected economy for Yukon communities - celebrate and promote Yukon arts crafts and cultural products - increase promotion of Yukon talent through new talent development and marketing strategies - increase efforts to link cultural activities and product - support the establishment of post-secondary arts crafts and cultural development programs offered by KIAC and Yukon College - recognize, promote and invest in the development of attractions associated with Yukon arts, crafts and culture and First Nations as drivers for sustainable cultural tourism 	<p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue to support existing funding programs such as the Arts Fund and Arts Operating Funding - make Culture Quest a permanent fund - work to develop a Public Art Policy that would result in dedicating a portion of a capital budget for new public buildings towards the purchase of Yukon art - work to further promote Yukon's artists and musicians including emerging artists by supporting creative and entertaining venues for the benefit of visitors and Yukoners alike, ex. to renew the 3-year lease agreement for the Old Fire Hall - maintain funding programs such the Touring Artist Program and the Advanced Artist Award

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop a ten year cultural initiative that fosters collaboration amongst music, theatre, dance, visual arts and other participants in Yukon’s cultural life to share regionally nationally and internationally - develop a new Heritage and History Strategy - support new initiatives for curatorial activities - ensure the preservation of the Yukon’s oral traditions by supporting initiatives of First Nation governments, Yukon Archives and others 	
Housing	<p>Yukon Liberals</p> <p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - assist home owners and prospective first time homebuyers by doubling the Yukon Home Owner’s Grant to \$900 per year (\$1000 for seniors) - ensure an adequate supply of residential lots is available to meet demand and sell new land at cost - make housing more affordable and accessible by making it a priority to work with all Yukoners to improve access to land and sufficiently funding Yukon Housing Corporation’s lending programs - assist tenants and prospective tenants by providing a maximum \$600 refundable tax credit per Yukon rental unit - seek to help those without an adequate home by building a homeless shelter in Whitehorse with resident support programs - work collaboratively with the Northern City Supportive Housing Coalition to build their Whitehorse housing complex 	<p>Yukon NDP</p> <p>Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - direct Yukon Housing (YHC) to enhance Home Ownership programs with low down payments and low interest loans particularly for Yukoners who can’t get bank financing - direct YHC to increase the size of its mortgage portfolio in order to increase the numbers of people who may be eligible for its programs - develop measures to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for both market rental and social housing; to include short-term incentives for developers to costs for a commitment to multi- units at below median rent - increase the supply of building lots by releasing more land for housing and encouraging the development of privately owned land and derelict lots - work with First Nations to develop options for housing on First Nations’ settlement lands - create and increase the number of emergency transitional, second stage and supported housing spaces for persons at risk including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - funding the operation of a permanent youth shelter - creating new emergency and second stage shelter spaces for women and families - funding a building in downtown Whitehorse area to provide homes for the hard to house - expanding supported housing to persons with mental illness and other vulnerable populations - re-establish the Yukon Housing Corporation (YHC) as a pro-active agency and direct the YHC to expand social housing to address the long waiting list of eligible 	<p>Yukon Party on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - would work with the private sector to ensure new rental accommodations are made available in Whitehorse... we’re going to raise title on pieces of Crown land and then we’re going to sell that land to private sector to create and manage rental units” - will make more housing options available for seniors persons with disabilities and people living on a low-income; committing to an initial investment of over \$20 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - working with The Salvation Army to significantly increase the capacity of their shelter ... could mean a new shelter at a new location or a significant renovation to the existing shelter” - youth shelter in Whitehorse; - the construction of a new seniors complex in Mayo; - the replacement of McDonald Lodge in Dawson City - \$45 million for second stage housing for Kaushee’s Place in Whitehorse; - \$2 million for Options for Independent Living to expand its current complex for adults with FASD from 6 units to 24 units; - \$257 million for a new seniors Abbeyfield complex in Whitehorse; - \$22 million for Takhini duplexes; - \$59 million for double wide trailer replacements; and - making land available to Yukon College to construct new student residences

		<p>tenants including seniors and single-parent families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop a more aggressive retrofitting program for YHC social housing holdings with annual and long term building construction and acquisition targets - increase the rent subsidy program to support clients in private-sector rental units - develop a system of licensing and accrediting home inspectors - develop a Homeowners Protection Act that will enable new home purchasers to address building deficiencies and have a home warranty program - enhance programs for retrofitting older homes in the Yukon - enact a new Residential Tenancy Act - ensure more education to help tenants understand their rights and responsibilities - institute a dispute resolution process which is accessible and avoids the use of courts to resolve conflicts - direct Yukon Housing to meet with First Nations and communities unions and managers to develop a strategic plan to address the short supply and/or poor quality of staff housing for government service providers in Yukon communities 	
Party Platform	http://www.ylp.ca/election2011/platform/index	http://www.yukonndp.ca/issues	At the time of circulation this platform has not yet been released