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### **Overview:**

The Yukon Government signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Ross River Dena Council on March 18, 2010 for joint partnership in providing dog control in Ross River. Focal to the MOA is the Yukon Government's covenant to attend the Ross River community to provide services under the *Dog Act*.

There is a lack of successful dog control programs in all Yukon First Nations and a general lack of Yukon territorial infrastructure upon which to build these dog control programs. This lack of territorial infrastructure precludes many non-Aboriginal Yukon communities from developing functioning dog control programs. It also prevents the Yukon Government from enforcing dog-related territorial legislation. In light of the ubiquitous need to develop infrastructure services for dog control programs in the Yukon, the Ross River dog control program is being developed as a pilot program for the Yukon.

The research and preparation for the *Ross River Dena Council – Yukon Government Dog Management Pilot Program* focussed on creating a program development process in which both parties would be well versed in Kaska Dena culture, Yukon territorial infrastructure needs, and modern dog-related infrastructure.

The research and preparation phase was successful. A consultative process was agreed upon that defines First Nation dog control program infrastructure needs and harmonizes them with those of non-Aboriginal communities. Once acquired, harmonized infrastructure requirements will be used to define Yukon infrastructure services that empower First Nation and non-Aboriginal communities to abide by local by-laws, the *Dog Act*, and other dog-related Yukon legislation.

The Ross River Dena Council and Kaska Tribal Council have been engaged with a consultative process for the *Ross River Dena Council – Yukon Government Dog Management Pilot Program*.

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