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Overview:

Regardless of self-government and land claim agreements, municipal incorporation, location, or population density, every citizen and community in the Yukon needs access to a common infrastructure to care for and control dogs. Anything less than reasonable ubiquitous access leaves citizens and property at risk.

The Yukon has legislation to control dogs and protect both citizens and dogs, but the infrastructure to support that legislation remains underdeveloped and inaccessible to most regions of the Yukon.

In response to out of control dog problems in Ross River, the Government of Yukon signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ross River Dena Council in March 2010 for joint partnership in providing dog control in Ross River. From this agreement, the Ross River Dena Council – Yukon Government Dog Management Pilot Program was initiated.

An initial report on Research and Preparation was submitted in August 2010. The report outlined a culturally respectful, consultative process with the Ross River Dena Council for the Government of Yukon to use Ross River in the pilot development of missing Yukon dog infrastructure services and programs. The Ross River Dena Council adopted the consultative process by resolution.

The Ross River Dena Council has been waiting to move forward on the Memorandum of Agreement with the consultative process since September 2010. The Government of Yukon requested additional information on the pilot project over concerns the Consultative Process:

1. Lacked detail;
2. Had unclear goals; and,
3. Had an unclear role in meeting Community Services' goal for a safe community with functioning dog programs.

This second report, a report on Expansion of Research and Preparation, addresses concerns raised in response to the first report.

The overall goal of the Ross River Dena Council – Yukon Government Dog Management Pilot Program is to define and pilot Yukon infrastructure services that will be used as underlay for community and territorial dog management/control programs.

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