

Land Titles Modernization Project Charter

Project Description

This project will review and analyze the present state of land titles systems – legislation, supporting computer platform, business processes, governance model and financial/fee structure – in Yukon and other Canadian jurisdictions, identify options for modernization of the Yukon's land titles system and develop the approved options in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Vision

The Yukon Land Titles Office provides the quickest, most accurate and most customer oriented service in Canada.

Mandate

The Departments of Justice will work with the public, stakeholders and other government departments to modernize the land titles system in Yukon

Oversight

This project will be overseen by a Government Land Titles Modernization Project Steering Committee comprised of:

- the A/Assistant Deputy Minister of Court and Regulatory Services
- the Registrar of Land Titles
- the Director of Policy,
- assigned Policy Analyst
- representative of Information, Communication and Technology Branch
- legislative Drafter

and will be supplemented by other legal, policy and technical advisers from time to time.

The Steering Committee will be assisted by a Stakeholder Advisory Committee comprised of representatives of the following organizations/communities

- Council of Yukon First Nations
- Law Society of Yukon
- Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce
- Natural Resources Canada, Surveyor General Branch
- Association of Canada Lands Surveyors
- Kwanlin Dun First Nation
- Yukon Real Estate Association
- Association of Yukon Communities

- Architects practicing in Yukon
- City of Whitehorse

which will operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference. Other organizations/communities may be invited to send observers from time to time.

Project Scope:

It is anticipated that the Modernization Project will have three phases:

Phase 1: Scoping which will include:

- Establishment of Advisory Committee for Land Titles Modernization
- Land titles legislation and policy scan
- Academic research into the legal differences in the different land titles regimes in Canada and on the different governance and financing/fee structure models
- Scan of services offered by computer systems used in other land titles jurisdictions
- Production of discussion paper and distribution to stakeholders
- Stakeholder consultation
- Analysis of research and stakeholder input
- Identification of stakeholder and internal priorities and options to be advanced in Phase #2

Phase #2: including development of

- Detailed workplan
- Establishment of governance model and financial/fee structure,
- Legislative drafting for Land Titles Act and Condominium Act,
- Design of new business processes, and
- identification of desired supporting computer platform

Phase #3: including implementation of

- Governance structure
- Financial/fee model,
- Land Titles Act and Condominium Act,
- Supporting computer platform, and
- New business processes

Project Implementation:

It is anticipated that modernization of the Yukon's land titles system will be implemented by Department staff and through the use of external resources including, legal, technical and business process experts. In order to facilitate modernization a project structure will be established which will see, in addition to

the Steering Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Committee referenced above, a series of work groups established to focus on particular aspects of the modernization project, including:

- Policy
- Legislation
- Business Processes
- Computer System
- Interdepartmental Interests
- Human Resources/Training

Each of these groups will be assigned tasks by the Steering Committee and will report to the Steering Committee on progress achieved.

Cost:

The modernization of the Yukon's land titles system will be costly with the greatest part of costs associated with a new or radically improved supporting computer platform. A detailed cost analysis will be prepared as approval is sought for each separate phase of the modernization project.

Term:

Phase I of the modernization project will begin in May 2012 and is anticipated to be completed by November 30, 2012. The terms for the subsequent phases will be confirmed before each phase begins and completion of all phases of the project would be scheduled for December 2015.