



## **For Immediate Release**

### **Yukon Chamber of Commerce concerned about cost of importing fuels**

**Yukon spends \$200,000,000 a year on fuels from outside – It's time to talk about how to change that.**

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WHITEHORSE – Almost Four-fifths of Yukon's energy diet comes from oil and gas products.

At a time when concern about our climate and future has never been higher, an informed conversation about fossil fuels and their place in our Yukon energy mix could not be more relevant. This is why the Yukon Chamber of Commerce is launching a conversation called "Fueling Yukon's Economy".

The Yukon Chamber is introducing this new initiative at a reception the evening of May 25th and kicking the conversation off with a breakfast Workshop on May 26th, in conjunction with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's declaration of "Resource Recognition Day"

"Our objectives are to improve energy awareness and balance, increase public discourse and stimulate an informed conversation about what we can do to address our economic and environmental concerns in the Yukon, " says Peter Turner, President.

The Yukon Chamber of Commerce is stepping forward to take a leadership role in the informed conversation that needs to occur if we are to manage the process of change in our energy consumption in the Yukon while doing our best to protect the Yukon economic and environmental future.

Fueling Yukon's Economy provides a platform for Yukoners to discuss options, explore opportunities, and propose actions to increase our fuel independence and prosperity and plug the \$200 million economic leak that's occurring every year.

The plan includes an online social media platform with a web site (<http://www.fuelingyukon.ca>)

A face book page (<https://www.facebook.com/fuelingyukon/mission>)

And you can also follow on twitter @fuelingyukon.

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 over 700 Yukon businesses, through either direct or Community Chamber membership, as well as the five Community Chambers of Dawson City, Silver Trail, St. Elias Region, Watson Lake and Whitehorse.

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