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PRESS RELEASE

**Yukon Chamber of Commerce Hosts a Lunch Lecture Featuring a Speech by Frank McKenna,
Deputy Chair of TD Bank Group, Former Premier of New Brunswick and
Canadian Ambassador to the United States**

The Yukon Chamber of Commerce (YCC) hosted 60 plus people from the Yukon business community and Government to attend a Chamber Lunch Lecture with Frank McKenna as the guest speaker.

Hosted at the Yukon College, Mr. McKenna spoke informatively in his talk entitled, “Thoughts and Perspectives on the Economic and Political Climate in North America Today.” Mr. McKenna was introduced by Kluane Adamek, Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations. Premier Sandy Silver, NDP Leader Liz Hanson and a number of Government Ministers and MLAs also attended.

Stanley Noel, Chair of the YCC Board, said, “YCC was extremely pleased by the breadth of representation from various sectors of the Yukon community; and the engagement of audience with the timely and insightful remarks shared by Mr. McKenna. His enthusiasm for the economic outlook of the Yukon, and the progress that the territory is making with regard to modeling full engagement of the First Nations business community in the future of the Territory are models that the rest of Canada can learn from.”

Noel also pointed out that, “Mr. McKenna’s speech and comments on current Canadian / US relations, coming on the heels of US announcements of tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum; and immediately in advance of the fireworks emerging from the G7 summit meeting 48 hours later, were incredibly prescient. Mr. McKenna was widely quoted over the weekend on US President Trump’s ‘disrespectful and uninformed’ comments emerging upon his departure from the summit.”

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 works with over 750 Yukon businesses, through direct or Community Chamber membership, as well as the five Community Chambers of Dawson City, Silver Trail, St. Elias, Watson Lake and Whitehorse.

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