

What is the Procurement Advisory Panel? The Procurement Advisory Panel is a six-member panel made of representatives from the local business community and expert procurement members from other Canadian jurisdictions. They are supported by representatives from the Yukon government's department of Highways and Public Works.

The panel consists of a chair with significant public procurement experience, two procurement experts from Ontario, a Yukon lawyer with contracting experience, a Yukon contractor and a Yukon consultant. A panel advisor, secretariat services and communications analyst will be provided by the department of Highways and Public Works.

Why was it established? The panel was established to review the current procurement model and address concerns raised by the local business community around inconsistencies in procurement across all of Yukon government while providing interested business persons with the opportunity to share ideas.

What exactly will the panel be doing? Following a series of interviews, meetings and other actions with stakeholder groups and YG staff this panel will provide recommendations around procurement best practices moving forward to improve the current procurement model.

The panel will present oral reports at key stages of its work to Yukon government officials and the minister responsible.

A Draft Findings Report will then be issued to Yukon government staff for review and input, with a final report outlining the recommendations being presented.

Why was now the right time for this panel to be formed? With the number of concerns raised by the business community it was determined a panel to address these issues and look at the procurement model as a whole was necessary.

Over the past year concerns have been raised by the local business community regarding procurement inconsistencies. After listening to the business community it was determined a panel would be established to review the issues brought forward and review the current procurement model as a whole. Through the panel's work Yukon government will be provided with recommendations and best practices to reconcile concerns. The panel will also identify any additional areas for potential review that may further mitigate the identified concerns.

When will the panel begin work? The panel began working in November. They are now meeting and holding interviews with various stakeholders and Yukon government staff as well as members of the business community. This work will continue for the next two months.

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How you can help? If you're a Yukon business owner or someone that has experience with the Yukon government procurement process the panel is interested in hearing your ideas and recommendations.

Information Sheet - *The Procurement Advisory Panel*

Please call the Yukon Procurement Centre at 667-5385, email procurementpanel@gov.yk.ca or visit www.gov.yk.ca/procurementpanel between December 4 and 18 to learn how you can help shape the future of procurement in the territory.