

## MAY 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Yukon

### LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Employment Benefits

May 1: [The Health Authority Act](#) received Assent, creating Yukon's first health authority, Shāw Kwä'ą/Health and Wellness Yukon. Developed with Yukon First Nations and health partners, the legislation unified health services from the Department of Health and Social Services and the Yukon Hospital Corporation.

#### New Law

May 1: The territorial government announced the 2024–25 [Disaster Financial Assistance program](#) to help residents recover from natural disasters. The program included funding for households, small businesses, and farms to repair damage and cover losses. It aligned with federal disaster assistance to ensure quick financial support for recovery.

#### Mental Health

May 6: Health and Social Services Minister Tracy-Anne McPhee announced the start of [Mental Health Awareness Week](#), observed from May 6 to 12, with the theme "Healing through Compassion." The government invested \$5.1 million in the Mental Wellness Unit at Whitehorse General Hospital and \$15.3 million to support the Yukon Hospital Corporation. McPhee praised the Canadian Mental Health Association and community efforts for promoting mental health and urged Yukoners to show compassion and participate in awareness activities.

**Action Point:** Find out more about [Mental Health Policy](#)

## Attendance & Absenteeism

May 27: The provincial government updated [attendance policies](#) to positively recognize student participation in cultural and religious events. Absences for such activities were no longer marked negatively on report cards. This change, developed with the First Nations Education Commission, aimed to respect and integrate Indigenous and diverse cultural practices in Yukon schools.

## New Laws

May 15: Several Yukon corporations are set to be dissolved on August 30, 2024, for failing to file their [annual Business Corporation Act returns for over a year](#), with required filings due by this date to prevent dissolution and removal from registries.