



**Village of Haines Junction**  
**April 24, 2024**  
**Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

*This meeting will be held in Council Chambers. Attendance at this meeting is also available through Zoom web or teleconferencing (see below for instructions).*

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Acknowledgement of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
- 5. Adoption of Minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings**
  - a. Draft Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 27, 2024
  - b. Draft Regular Council Meeting Minutes April 10, 2024
- 6. Proclamations**
- 7. Delegations**
  - a. Lynn Iler – Outdoor Pickleball Court, Outdoor Shuffleboard Court and Outdoor Exercise Equipment
  - b. Shawn Taylor - Village Composting Program
  - c. Ellen Stutz and Aynslie Ogden – International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
- 8. Public Hearings and Public Input Sessions**
- 9. Old Business**
  - a. Trail Day Proposal from Pedal Junction
- 10. New Business**
  - a. Accounts Payable to April 24, 2024
- 11. Bylaws – Reports, Readings and Adoption**
- 12. Correspondence**
  - a. Haines Junction Health Centre - April Newsletter
  - b. Thomas Eckervolt - Letter requesting annual reporting
  - c. KICBR – Letter request for exemption from overnight parking bylaw
  - d. Yukon Housing Corp/CityScape Consultants – Housing Needs Assessment Public Engagements
  - e. Avian Influenza – Request for Swabs and Background Information
- 13. Council Reports**
- 14. Questions from the Public**
- 15. Motion to Close Meeting to the Public**
- 16. Adjournment**

**The next Regular Council Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on April 10, 2024 in Council Chambers and via Zoom.**

*The Village of Haines Junction respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on the  
Traditional Territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.*

## Join Zoom Meeting

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# Village of Haines Junction Delegation Request

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Requested Council Meeting Date: Apr 24/24

Individual, Group or Association: Lynn Iler

Representative(s) of the Above: Lynn Iler

Main Spokesperson: Lynn Iler

Topic(s): Pickle Ball + Outdoor Shuffleboard  
Courts + Exercise Equipment

Written Materials Submitted (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Projector or Other Electronic Support Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Made By: Lynn Iler Date: Apr 15/24



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Written Materials Submitted (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Projector or Other Electronic Support Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Made By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Village Composting: Delegation to Haines Junction Village Council**  
**Apr 24, 2024 from Shawn Taylor**

**Background:** The Village of Haines Junction previously invited community members to look into options and solutions to help support a community compost program.

**Interest:** to support and promote the diversion of organic material from the Village of Haines Junction landfill.

**Objectives:**

1. Reduce biodegradable contributions to landfill which can:
  - a) Reduce greenhouse gases (methane) associated with climate change
  - b) Help with landfill maintenance
2. Work towards future use of compost for feeding community and village landscaping projects

**How can organic diversion help with Village landfill maintenance?**

- Composting can increase the capacity of the landfill by reducing the volume of organics by 1/3 to 2/3 which can take up significant volume of landfill space.
- Diversion can reduce contamination of water and groundwater.

**Why is it important to prevent creation of methane?**

- Methane has 28 times greater global warming potential than carbon dioxide (**Ref 1**)
- In the U.S., landfills are one of the top 3 sources of methane contribution (**Ref 2**)
- Northern climate change warming increases our community risk to wildfire.
- The easiest effective way to reduce landfill methane is to divert biodegradable waste. One ton of compost saves 1 ton of greenhouse gases (even larger effect if using finished compost in soil).
- Methane reduction from landfills is a large and important focus internationally and in Canada right now - See 2022 report (**Ref 3**)

**Past efforts:**

Our community has previously expressed interest in composting several times – it seems that we now have available a relatively inexpensive, made-in-Yukon approach that has been tested by 5 different communities: Mt Lorne, Carcross, Tagish, Deep Creek, and Marsh lake (**Ref 4**) and produced in Whitehorse by Boreal Compost Enterprises Ltd (BCE) (**Ref 5**). (Mt Lorne has been running for two years).

## **Compost Programs (possible steps)**

### **Phase 1 today:**

- Start relatively small and easy: use trialed BCI composting infrastructure (composting process and equipment) in-vessel composter. To be clear, this phase **doesn't allow for compost use** in gardens or landscaping but does reduce landfill volume and methane production.
- Cost of compost unit: (\$50-60k)
- Essentially a designed box unit with aerated floor and fan. Composts as people add material to system.
- Only requires mechanical processing 2-3x per year and dumping with skidsteer loader once/year

### **Future Phase 2:**

- Work with community to maintain clean organics
- Remove contaminants - screening program for microplastics
- Monitoring and testing, and quality controls - CCME Class A compost, Compost Council of Canada

As communities adopt Phase 1 compost programs, the creation of a Yukon community-shared, mobile microplastic screening and testing plant will become a stronger need. This type of system could enable unrestricted compost to be used by the Village (landscaping) or given or sold to the community for gardens.

### **Notes:**

- Uncertified compost cannot be used without liability.
- The use of finished compost in soil would clearly be valuable for gardening and Village landscaping but it would also increase the value for mitigating climate change by actually pulling carbon out of atmosphere (carbon sequestration) – where it can store carbon for decades in soils.

### **Potential funding source for unit:**

Federal Gas Tax initiative for infrastructure on solid waste and composting (**Ref 6**).

### **More resources available:**

Compost Council of Canada (posters for education, training and certification) (**Ref 7**).

## References:

1.

[https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/oil-gas-and-coal/methane-emissions\\_en#:~:text=On%20a%20100%2Dyear%20timescale,on%20a%2020%2Dyear%20timescale.](https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/oil-gas-and-coal/methane-emissions_en#:~:text=On%20a%20100%2Dyear%20timescale,on%20a%2020%2Dyear%20timescale.)

2.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/more-than-half-of-us-landfills-may-be-methane-super-emitters-study-finds-180984071/#:~:text=An%20estimated%2050%20to%2065,of%20this%20pollution%20in%202021.>

3.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/canadian-environmental-protection-act-registry/reducing-methane-emissions-solid-waste-what-we-heard.html>

4.

<https://www.yukon-news.com/local-news/yukon-government-expands-organics-compost-to-solid-waste-facilities-7004994>

5.

<https://borealcompost.ca/services/>

6.

<https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/about-gmf-funding>

([www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-b2019-nat-eng](http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-b2019-nat-eng))

7.

[https://www.compost.org/compost\\_week/](https://www.compost.org/compost_week/)

Examples of composting unit manufactured by BCE, Yukon.







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Requested Council Meeting Date: April 24, 2024

Individual, Group or Association: Individual

Representative(s) of the Above: Aynslie Ogden and Ellen Stutz

Main Spokesperson: Aynslie and Ellen

Topic(s): May 17 International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia

Written Materials Submitted (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Projector or Other Electronic Support Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Made By: Ellen and Aynslie Date: April 15, 2024

**Why May 17<sup>th</sup>?** May 17<sup>th</sup> is a Symbolic date for homosexual people. Homosexuality was removed from the World Health Organization (WHO) list of mental illnesses on May 17, 1990

**Where does the day come from?** The day originated in Quebec. In 2003, Fondation Émergence created the first national day against homophobia. Since then, Fondation Émergence has organized an awareness campaign every year. Other organizations have taken up this day and it is now celebrated in many countries.

- As part of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, Fondation Émergence is inviting all municipalities to send a message of inclusion to the residents of their municipality by raising the flag on May 17.
- We also invite you to pass a resolution at your municipal council to mark this important day (see template attached in the e-mail). We also invite you to send us your resolution for inclusion on our map of municipalities [Map of municipalities - May 17](#)
- Last year, 249 municipalities showed their support for LGBTQ+ people. Join the movement and help us raise awareness of sexual and gender diversity in all walks of life.
- What's more, we invite you to share a photo on your social networks, tagging @journee17mai with #17mai, so that your municipality radiates its inclusivity.

**Recommended motion:**

WHEREAS According to a 2016 Angus Reid Survey, 84% of Canadians support equal rights and protections for trans people.

WHEREAS Yukon is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions.

WHEREAS, despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society.

WHEREAS May 17<sup>th</sup> is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, this day is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003.

WHEREAS there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;

Council recognizes May 17 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA and will recognize this day by raising the rainbow flag.

# **Legislative Policy Proclamations**

Policy Number LEG 001-00

## **1.0 Introduction**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear guideline for dealing with requests for proclamations. Council may be presented with requests from interest groups or organizations for which Council has no background on the issues, purpose or intent of a proclamation. Issues may be international, national, territorial or local. The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for which proclamation requests will be presented and considered by Council.

## **2.0 Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the CAO, or delegated person, when preparing an agenda for regular meetings of Council to follow the guidelines presented below.

## **3.0 Guidelines**

Council will consider the following requests for proclamations at a regular meeting:

- a. Requests for proclamations made by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
- b. Requests for proclamations made by the Association of Yukon Communities.
- c. Requests for proclamations made by a resident of the Village of Haines Junction for local issues, where the resident appears as a Council delegate.

Council may consider the following requests for proclamations at a regular meeting, where the CAO consults with the Mayor and the Mayor approves the request:

- a. Requests for proclamations made by other Canadian Municipalities and provincial municipal organizations.
- b. Requests for proclamations made by Federal Government Departments.

Council will not consider the following requests for proclamations at a regular meeting:

- a. Requests for proclamations which do not address local or municipal issues.

Approved by Resolution #235-00



# Pedal Junction Proposal for International Trails Day

## *Pine Lake Pathway Palooza!*

### Introduction

Pedal Junction, a newly formed organization (2023) based in the Haines Junction/Dakwākāda that is excited to present this proposal to coordinate and host the Pine Lake Trail Run/Walk/Ride on International Trails Day, June 1, 2024. Our organization is dedicated to furthering active transportation and bicycle initiatives for all ages in our community, so we think we are a perfect fit to make this event happen in our town!

We think a great name for the event could be “Pine Lake Pathway Palooza” and hosting an event like this along with the Village of Haines Junction is a great fit for our organization. We will bring our passion for active transportation and community engagement to create a successful event that celebrates the Pine Lake section of the Trans Canada Trail. We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the Village of Haines Junction to foster community spirit and volunteerism through this exciting event.

### Eligibility Criteria: About Pedal Junction

1. **Location and Membership:** Pedal Junction is based out of the Haines Junction/Dakwākāda, with a dedicated team of 10 members (and growing!)

- Heather Callaghan
- Sarah Chisholm
- Jonny Cromwell
- Leslie Cromwell
- Arthur Gaillot
- Mike Gemmill
- Laura Gorecki
- Lianna Grice
- Kari Johnston
- Karin Voogd
- Meghann Willard

2. **Annual Budget and Current Year Programming:** Pedal Junction successfully hosted a series of Community Bike Nights in 2023, showcasing our engagement and dedication to the community. Our organization operated last year with in-kind donations. We are actively planning to host Community Bike Nights again this summer, along with our fundraising and planning efforts to build a Bike Skills Park. This calendar year we have received a start-up grant from Romp n Run of \$500.00 and we are currently fundraising to build our reserves to support Bike Nights and the Bike Skills Park.

3. **Community Programming:** Pedal Junction’s mission is to further active transportation and bicycle initiatives for all ages in and around Haines Junction/Dakwākāda.



## Financial Statement

Pedal Junction Financial Statements		
	2023	2024
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	nil	\$500.00
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
	nil	nil

## Pine Lake Pathway Palooza: Event Plan

### Introduction:

The Pine Lake Pathway Palooza is designed to celebrate the diversity of movement and the joy of the outdoors. We encourage participants to run, walk, bike, skateboard, or scoot their way from town to Pine Lake, embracing our theme of inclusivity and personal expression in outdoor activities.

**Event Planning and Registration:** We will leverage our experience from organizing the Community Bike Nights to efficiently plan and manage the Pine Lake Trail event. We have several volunteers who are great at communications and so we'll be sure to get the word out to the community about the Pine Lake Pathway Palooza!

### Event Kick-Off:

Participants will gather at a central community location, such as the Da Ku Cultural Center or the Fas Gas parking lot, for the event's start. This initial gathering will set the stage for the day's festivities, providing an opportunity for participants to mingle, warm up, and get excited about the journey ahead.

To ensure it is an inclusive event, community members who can't make the journey along the trail due to mobility issues will be welcomed at Pine Lake to join the celebration BBQ.

### Categories and Prizes:

To add an element of friendly competition and recognition, prizes will be awarded in various categories:



- **First Arrival by Mode of Active Transportation:** Acknowledging the first participants to reach Pine Lake by each mode of transportation (ie/ running, walking, biking, e-bike, skateboarding, scooter, other)
- **Age Group Champions:** Celebrating participants across different age groups who embody the spirit of the event.
- **Best Costume:** Encouraging creativity and self-expression, participants can dress up in fun, innovative costumes.
- **Decorated Bikes:** A nod to our biking community, this category rewards the most creatively decorated bicycles.
- **Team Spirit:** Recognizing groups or teams that exhibit enthusiasm, unity, and spirit throughout the event.

### **Route and Safety:**

The route from town to Pine Lake will be supported with volunteers stationed along the way at road crossings to ensure participants' safety and provide assistance as needed. Aid stations, equipped with water, snacks, and first aid kits, will be available to support participants throughout their journey. We will encourage participants to carry their own bear spray! If we need to cross the highway, we will be sure to coordinate with the RCMP/Highways. Amongst our current Pedal Junction volunteers, we have trained first responders, experienced safety planners and instructors and a food safety instructor.

### **Community Engagement:**

Pedal Junction volunteers, known for their energy and commitment during last year's bike parade, will bring the same enthusiasm to coordinating this event. Their roles will include marshaling the race start, guiding participants, and creating a festive atmosphere.

### **Post-Event Celebration:**

Upon reaching Pine Lake, participants will be greeted with a community celebration. This will include a BBQ, music, and the prize-giving ceremony, allowing everyone to relax and enjoy the camaraderie and community spirit.

**Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination:** Our team has a proven track record of mobilizing community volunteers, as evidenced by our previous events. We will organize a robust team of volunteers for various functions, including aid stations, traffic control, and wildlife patrol.

**Day-of-Event Coordination:** We will oversee all event-day activities, ensuring that the Palooza is conducted safely and enjoyably for participants of all ages.

**Sponsorship and Partnership:** Drawing on our community connections, we will seek additional sponsors and partners to enhance the event and align with the Village's vision.



**Collaboration with Village Staff:** We are committed to working closely with Village staff to ensure the event aligns with the budgetary and operational goals, providing a memorable and impactful experience for our community!

Email: [pedaljunctionyukon@gmail.com](mailto:pedaljunctionyukon@gmail.com)

Phone: 867 335-0440 (Contact: Kari)

Website: [pedaljunction.org](http://pedaljunction.org)



**Municipal Accounts Payable to April 24 , 2024**

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>
Transfer	Payroll Account #4305418	\$ 27,388.22	Administration	Net Pay - Pay Period 8
		\$ 5,524.42	Administration	RRSP Contribution - Pay Period 8
		\$ 6,840.71	Administration	Group Insurance Pay Period 8
		\$ 39,753.35		
EFT Transfer	Floor King Design INC.	\$ 14,124.93	Capital	Vehicle Lift
27943	15042 Yukon Inc(Grime Stoppers Janitorial)	\$ 122.85	Convention Centre	Table cloth cleaning
27944	Advance Security & Automation Ltd.	\$ 173.25	Convention Centre	Alarm monitoring April1- June 30, 2024
27945	ALS Canada Ltd.	\$ 190.31	Water & Sewer	Water sampling test
27946	Building Systems Consulting Inc.	\$ 33,366.38	Capital	Ventilation system upgrade design and construction
27947	CMP Engineering	\$ 515.63	Water & Sewer	Water automation work on PH3 variability
27948	Ellen Stutz - Petty Cash	\$ 1,657.30	Recycling Centre	Refundables paid out
27949	Falcon Electric	\$ 638.03	Water & Sewer	Installation of keypad & ethernet cable
27950	Gordon Neitz Infinity Services	\$ 390.00	Recycling Centre	Septic pump out March 2024
27951	Inland Kenworth	\$ 303.39	Fire Department	Batteries
27952	Jacob's Industries Ltd	\$ 248.85	Water & Sewer	Co2
27953	Mike Gemmill	\$ 250.81	Fire Department	Flashlight batteries, tape
27954	Omni Productions	\$ 787.50	Convention Centre	Lighting Rental March 2024
27955	Source Motors Ltd.	\$ 1,569.28	Arena	Heating fuel March 2024
		\$ 1,932.35	Fire Hall	Heating fuel March 2024
		\$ 1,957.79	Administration	Heating fuel March 2024
		\$ 1,957.79	Convention Centre	Heating fuel March 2024

**Municipal Accounts Payable to April 24 , 2024**

		\$ 546.75		Recycling Centre	Heating fuel March 2024
		\$ 105.99		Landfill & Recycling	Gas March 2024
		\$ 4,756.39		Public Works	Gas March 2024
		\$ 311.85	\$ 13,138.19	Roads & Streets	Propane
27956	Sperling Hansen Associates		\$ 3,566.58	Capital	Solid waste management plan
27957	Total Fire Protection Services Ltd.		\$ 102.38	Public Works	Fire Extinguisher 1 recharge and 1 new, plastic tag
27958	Yukon Service Supply		\$ 562.28	Water & Sewer	Sodium Hypochloride

Municipal Accounts Payable **\$ 109,892.01**

Adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ Motion# \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ CAO \_\_\_\_\_



# Dakwàkàda Nda Dàn Kù Haines Junction Health Centre NEWS April 2024

## APRIL IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Our monthly health information board details simple lifestyle changes that help prevent cancer, early warning signs of cancer, and resources for support when dealing with cancer. Cancer can be prevented by making healthy life choices like quitting smoking, regularly exercising, reducing alcohol consumption, and eating lots of fruits and vegetables.

One of the best ways to beat cancer is to find it early. There are simple cancer screening tests available at the clinic, included in a wellness appointment. Please call to make an appointment today.

## APRIL 24 - 30 IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK

Immunizations are a safe and effective way to prevent catching and spreading vaccine preventable diseases. Many diseases have been nearly eliminated by successful public immunization programs.

When immunization rates get too low, these diseases can start to spread again. The current increase in measles is related to immunization rates of measles in Canada and worldwide that are below the threshold for effective population protection.

Are your family's immunizations up to date? If you aren't sure, call the clinic to inquire, it's easy and important to prevent unwanted illness.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

**Monday to Friday:** 8:30 am to 5 pm

FOR **EMERGENCIES** AFTER HOURS  
PLEASE CALL **867-634-4444** OR **911**

### APPOINTMENTS

Appointments are available daily.  
Please call **867-634-4444**

### NURSE APPOINTMENTS

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and  
Friday:** 9 am to 11:30 am

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Friday:** 1 pm to 4:30 pm

### LAB HOURS

**Tuesday:** 1 pm to 4:30 pm  
**Wednesday:** 9 am to 11:30 am

### ADMINISTRATION TIME

**Thursday:** 1 pm to 3 pm  
**\*Open for emergencies 24/7**

### DOCTOR SERVICES

Call **867-634-3838** to inquire about medical travel or to book an appointment with Dr. Froud.

Dear VOHJ Council

This letter should find you in the final stages of the annual budgeting exercise.

You also have a full administration staff finally.

As it is the final year of your term with elections ahead in October, I have a question.

As a voter I am wondering if you will be putting out an Annual Report for the year of 2023?

I don't believe that the residents of Haines Junction have had the benefit of receiving one from the current council during the time they have been sitting. This is understandable as most of your term has been without a CAO, and or a full administrative staff.

Having an Annual Report to present to the residents/voters is a good way to show what the council's objectives, plans, and achievements were and how they were actioned. It gives the residents a document that they can see the health of the corporation that is the Village of Haines Junction. In one easy to read document we can see Council's Accomplishments and Objectives. Our community's Statistics. How the VOHJ is doing on energy consumption compared to previous years, as this is a very hot topic with climate change and carbon pricing. And the most important, the VOHJ's Financial information.

Ideally this would be a document produced on an annual basis. That way the residents could be more informed and stay more engaged with the happenings of the VOHJ. It would also provide transparency into the workings of council in one easy to read document for those who do not have the time to attend all council meetings. This is probably the majority of the residents of Haines Junction.

Time keeps ticking along no matter what goes on, three years are coming to an end for the sitting council so some information to what has transpired over that time would be informative to the residents. With the time consuming budgeting wrapped up an Annual Report would make for some great reading after budgeting.

Thank You

Sincerely

  
Thomas Eckervogt

**RECEIVED**

APR 10 2024

**Village of  
Haines Junction**



4061 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 1H1

[www.kcibr.org](http://www.kcibr.org)

[race.coord@kcibr.org](mailto:race.coord@kcibr.org)

April 17, 2024.

Mayor and Council  
Village of Haines Junction  
Box 5339  
Haines Junction, YT Y0B 1L0  
email: [vhj@yknet.ca](mailto:vhj@yknet.ca)

**RE: Request for Exemption from Overnight Parking Bylaw for 2024 KCIBR**

Dear Mayor and Council:

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay takes place on June 15, 2024. We again are expecting over 1200 riders in the 2024 event.

One of the issues teams consider as to whether they will come out to Haines Junction on Friday night is, can they find a place to camp?

On behalf of the Board of the Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay, I would like to request an exemption to the overnight parking bylaw for riders in self-contained RVs and campers for Friday night, June 14, 2024.

We realize there are many issues related to the bylaw including financial impact on RV and tent campgrounds.

KCIBR greatly appreciates the support we receive from the Haines Junction municipal government and community in starting this annual event in Haines Junction.

Regardless of your decision, we look forward to the wonderful hospitality which Haines Junction extends to us and the riders, every year.

Thank you for your consideration!

Monika Kozlerova, Race Coordinator  
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# Yukon Housing Corporation Housing Needs Assessment – Haines Junction

Joint Staff Meeting  
April 16, 2024

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# Meeting Purpose

- Project Update
- High Level Data Overview
- Qualitative Engagement Methods
- Discussion



# Project Overview

- Yukon Housing Corporation has engaged CitySpaces Consulting to prepare a housing needs methodology for Yukon.
- Haines Junction has been selected as a case study to complete a **Housing Needs Assessment (HNA)**.
- **Phase 1** in 2023 focused on quantitative data collection and analysis.
- **Phase 2** is currently underway with community engagement to gather qualitative data to support the Haines Junction HNA.



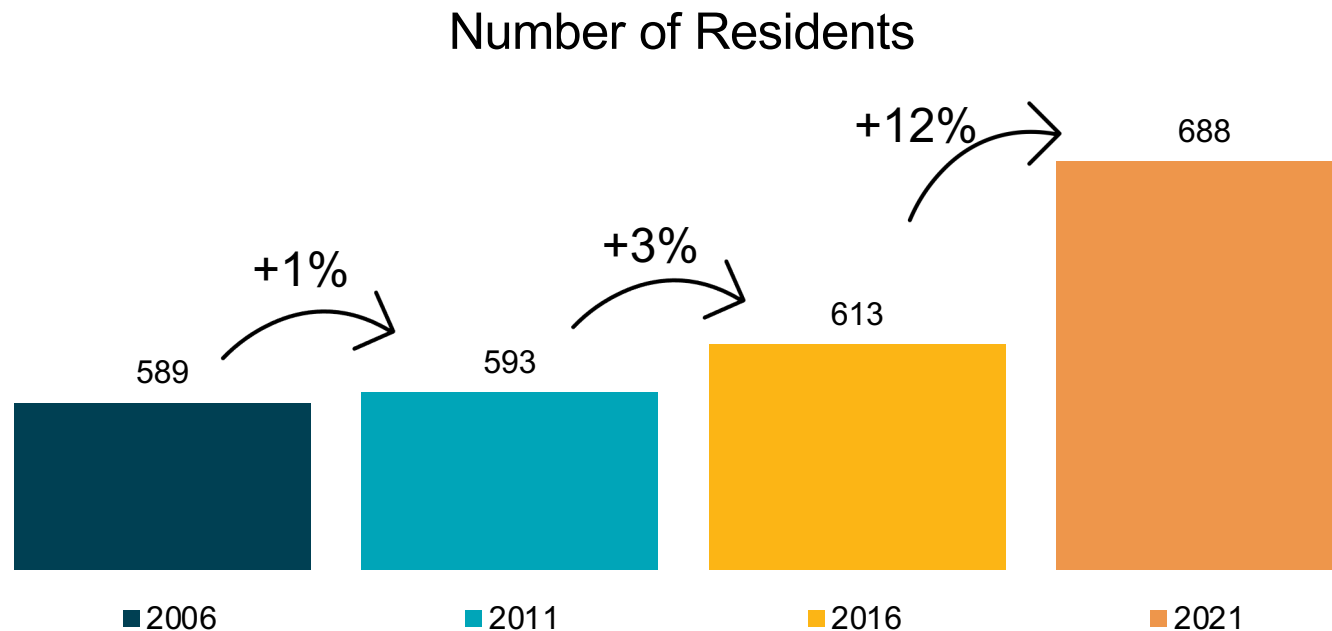


# Phase 1: Haines Junction HNA Quantitative Data Overview



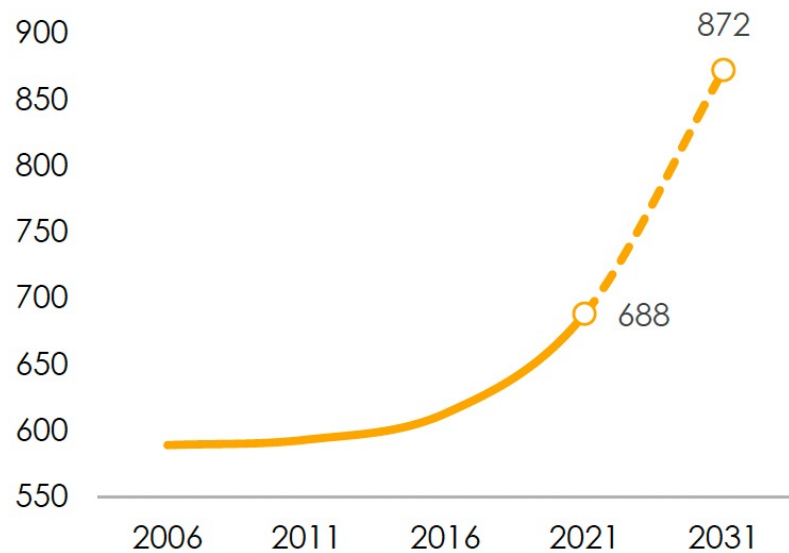
# Haines Junction HNA Quantitative Data Overview

- Haines Junction is growing. Since 2006, there are 99 more residents (45 more households).

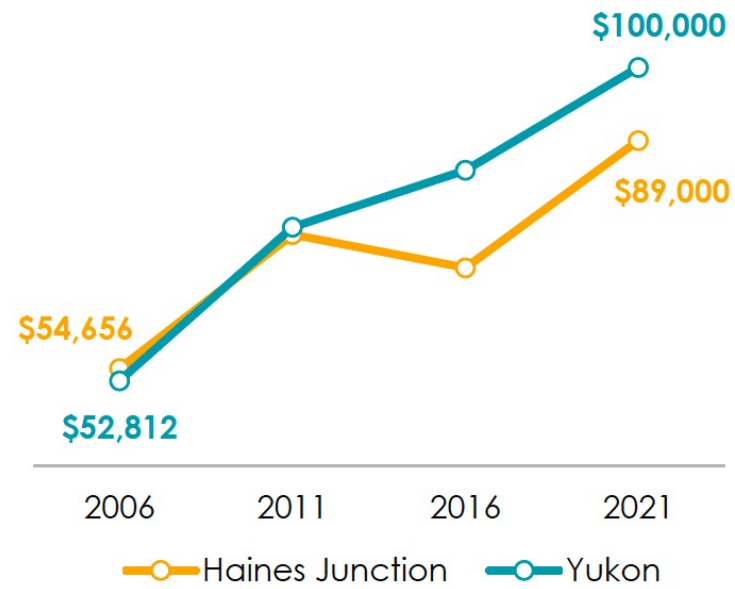


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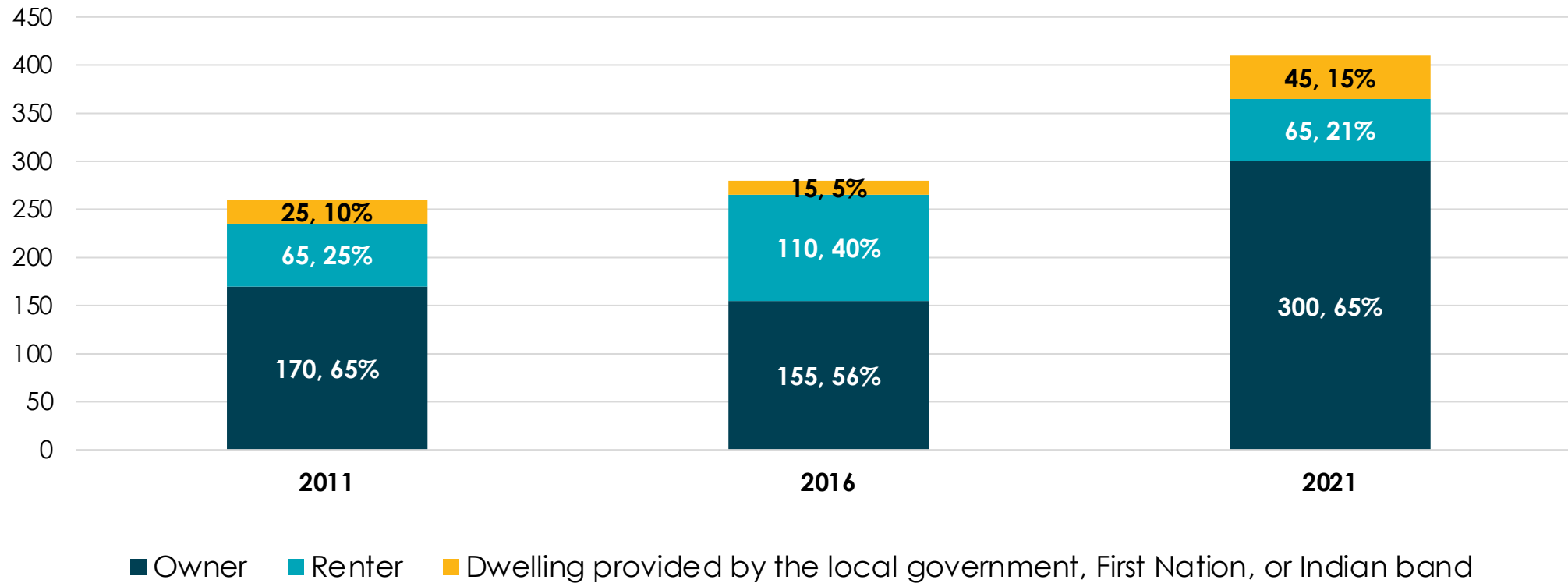


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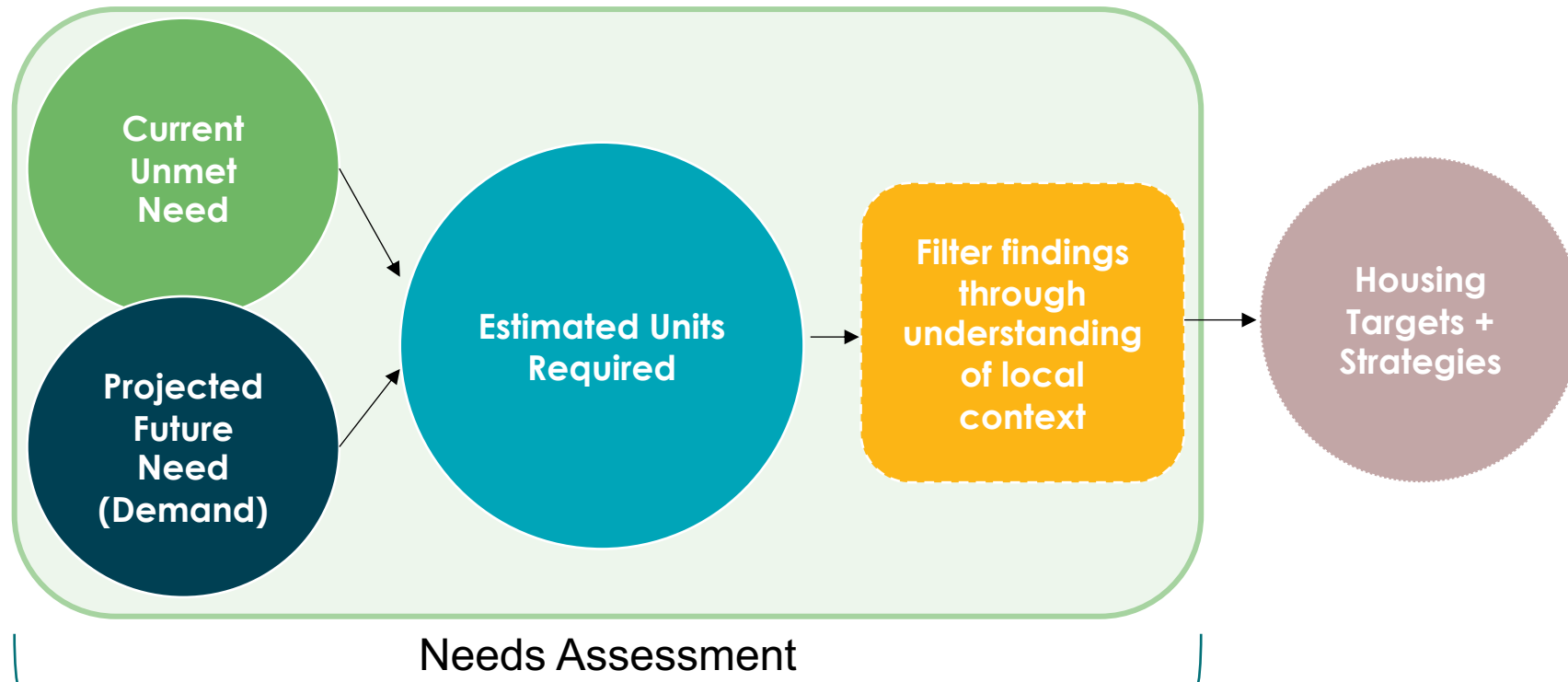
# Household Tenure

- YHC manages 28 units in Haines Junction, including social housing seniors housing, and staff housing



# Estimating Housing Need

- Two primary components to producing a housing unit needs estimate



# Haines Junction Core Need + Housing Standards

## Core Housing Need by Tenure

Tenure	#	%
<b>All Households</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>19%</b>
Owner	25	13%
Renter	20	31%

## Housing Standards – All Households

Standard	#	%
Affordability	30	10%
Suitability	15	5%
Adequacy	45	15%



# Household Income + Income Quintiles

- Since 2011, the Median household income in Haines Junction has increased by 19% (\$75K to \$89k).

% of Median Income	Household Income	Monthly Affordable Housing Cost	Number of Households	Share of Households	National Distribution
<20%	Up to \$20,000	Up to \$500	10	4%	6%
21-50%	\$20,000 to \$44,999	\$500 to \$1,124	45	17%	16%
51-80%	\$45,000 to \$74,999	\$1,125 to \$1,874	55	21%	20%
81-120%	\$75,000 to \$109,999	\$1,875 to \$2,750	50	19%	20%
120%<	More than \$110,000	More than \$2,750	105	40%	40%



# Estimated Need – By Income

- 2021 core housing need + projected growth by income group estimates **100 new dwellings** are needed by 2031
- Most need is in the ‘Low’ (\$20-\$45K), and ‘Moderate’ (\$45-75K) income groups

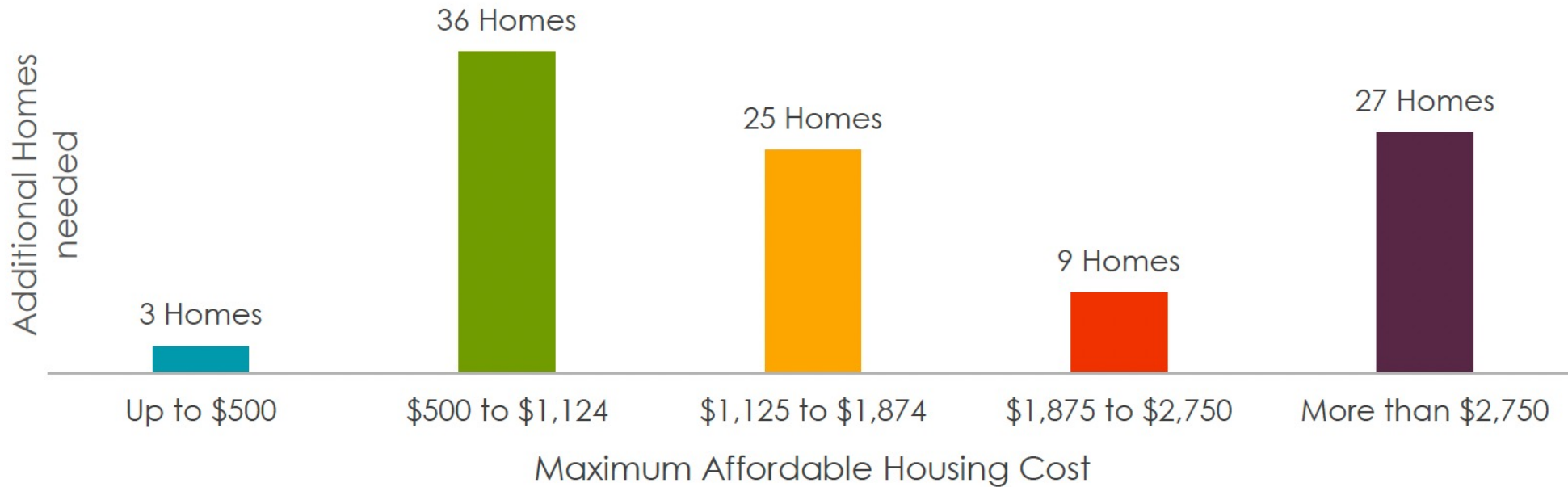
Income Quintile	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Average	Above Average	
Household Income	Up to \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$44,999	\$45,000 to \$74,999	\$75,000 to \$109,999	More than \$110,000	
Monthly Affordable Housing Cost	Up to \$500	\$500 to \$1,124	\$1,125 to \$1,874	\$1,875 to \$2,750	More than \$2,750	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Unmet Need (Core Housing)</b>	0	25	10	0	0	35
<b>Projected Growth</b>	3	11	15	9	27	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100</b>
% of New Dwellings	2%	40%	25%	14%	19%	

65%





# Estimated Need – By Income



# Estimated Need – By Type

- The most estimated housing need is for 1-person (51%) or 2-person (34%) households, and with low (36%) to moderate (25%) income, as well as above average (27%).

Estimated Housing Distribution by Income Group + Household Size

Income Quintile	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Average	Above Average	Total
1-Person	3%	23%	18%	4%	3%	51%
2-Persons	0%	13%	4%	5%	12%	34%
3-Persons	0%	0%	3%	0%	5%	8%
4 Persons	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>100%</b>

85% (bracketed over 1-Person, 2-Persons, 3-Persons, 4 Persons rows)

61% (bracketed under Low, Moderate, Average columns)



# Data Limitations

- Data is often less accurate for small communities
- Some data is also unavailable
- Less likelihood recent trends will continue (small changes can have a big impact)
- Hearing from residents and rights holders is particularly vital for smaller communities!



# Phase 2: Haines Junction HNA Qualitative Data Approach



# Engagement Events

## In-Person Activities

- Community Pop-up
- Focus Groups (Interagency, Business + Builders)
- Seniors + Elders Breakfast
- Youth Drop In
- Community Visioning Workshop

## Virtual Activities

- Online survey
- Key Informant Interviews



# Community Pop-Up

- Purpose: Organic way of meeting people for a quick chat + promote events.
- Tuesday, 4-6pm at the **Green Apple**
- Draw for a \$50 gift card.



# Seniors + Elders Breakfast

- Purpose: A small-group facilitated discussion with open-ended question to identify specific housing concerns.
- Wednesday, 10-11:30am at St. Elias Convention Centre, Atrium
- Breakfast Catered by Kusina Gracia Catering Services



# Focus Groups

- Purpose: to identify housing concerns, clarify organizational capacity + resources, discuss housing impacts on local business.
- **Interagency Focus Group**
  - Wednesday 3-4:30pm, Village Office, Mezzanine
  - Light Snacks provided
- **Businesses + Builders Focus Group**
  - Wednesday 7-8:30pm, St. Elias Convention Centre
  - Catered by Little Green Apple
  - Note: following Kluane Café on Tourism





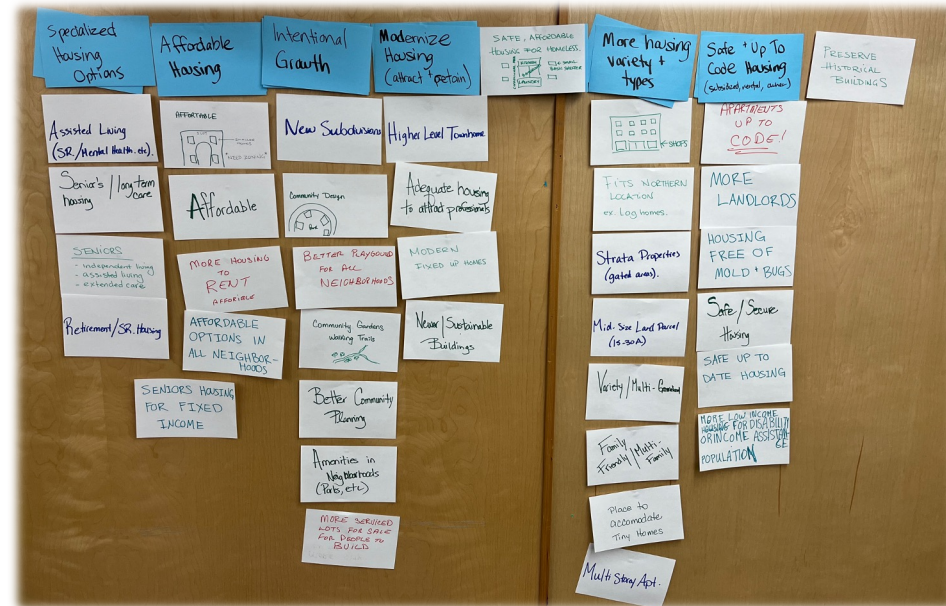
# Youth Drop In

- Purpose: to hear youth perspectives on housing via targeted activities.
- Thursday 12-1pm drop in at St. **Elias Community School**
- Tentative elementary classroom in the morning.
- Snacks provided.



# Community Workshop

- Purpose: to develop a shared vision for the future of housing.
- Thursday, 7-9pm at the Da Ky Cultural Centre
- Light snacks catered by Little Green Apple



# Staff Participation

- In-person staff meeting
- In-person community workshop
- Promote events, send relevant staff
- Circulate online survey

## SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN HAINES JUNCTION

Yukon Housing Corporation is working in partnership with the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and the Village of Haines Junction to develop a **Haines Junction Housing Needs Assessment**.

This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard, as we seek to understand housing challenges and opportunities. Let's collaborate towards a future where everyone has a place to call home.

### Community Workshop

April 18<sup>th</sup> | 7pm – 9pm  
Da Kų Cultural Centre

**Light refreshments provided**  
**Draw for prizes! Drop-ins welcome!**

Register  
Here!



<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/y2tJ3K9P8S>

# Discussion

- What common inquiries do you get from the community related to housing?
- Is there anything that limits housing development? (zoning, application processes, etc.)
- What housing issues are of most concern to you?
- What additional housing does Haines Junction need?



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# Thank you!

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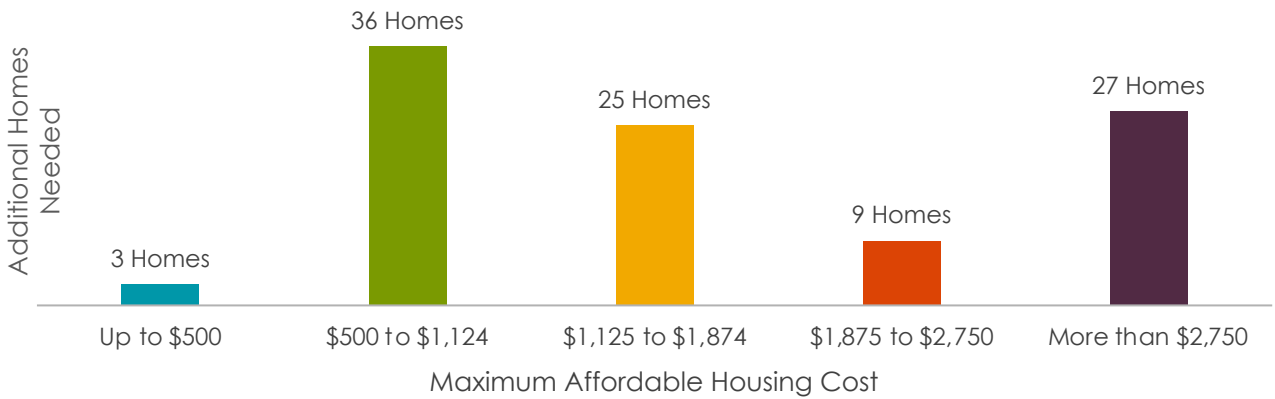
# Haines Junction Housing Engagement



## About The Project

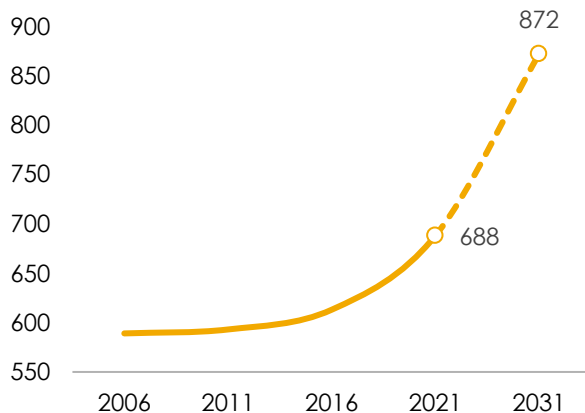
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## Estimated Housing Needs in the Next 10 Years

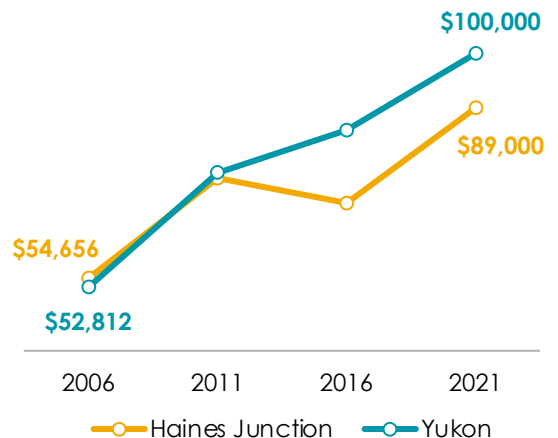


## What We Learned About Haines Junction

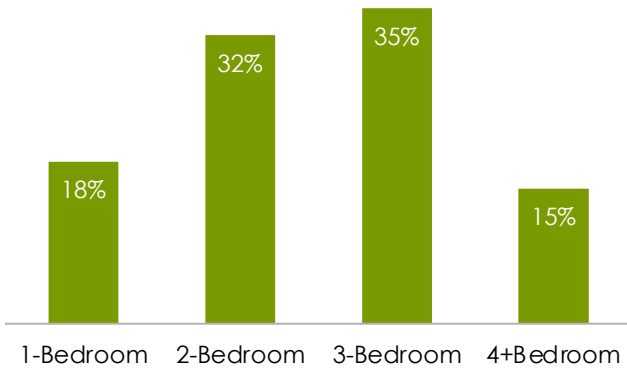
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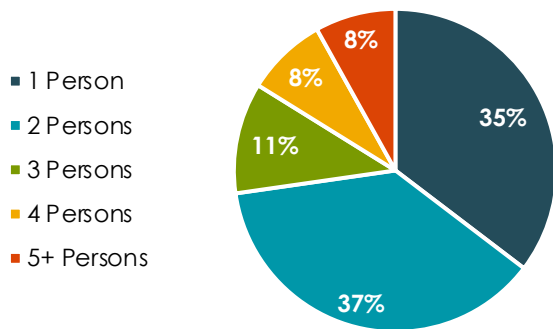
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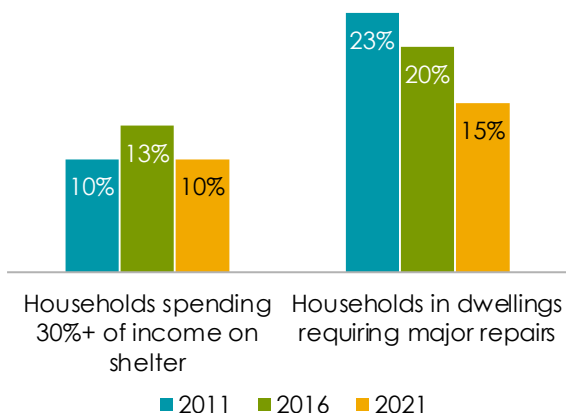
**Most housing in Haines Junction has 2 or 3 bedrooms.**



**Most households in Haines Junction have one or two people.**



10% of households live in unaffordable housing and 15% of households require major repairs.

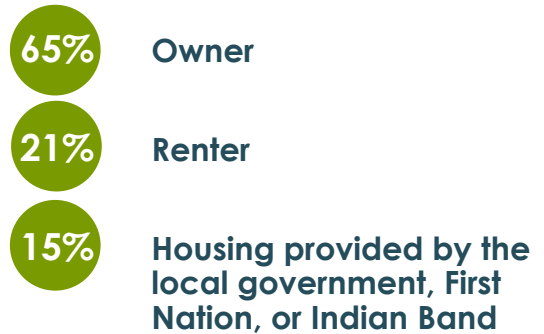


**Housing Stock in Haines Junction**

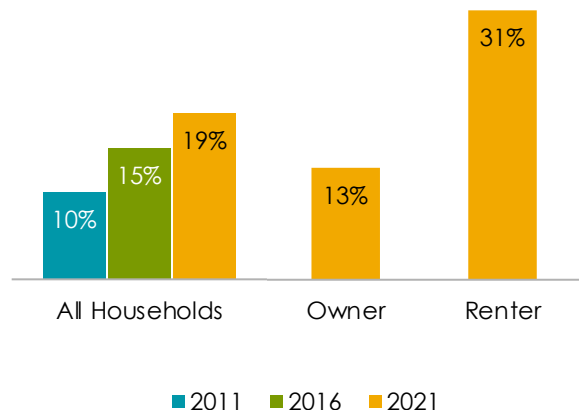
45% of dwellings are more than 30 years old and 28% have been built in the last 10 years.



**Household Tenure**



Core housing need is increasing in Haines Junction, with more than twice the share of renters than owners in 2021.



Help us monitor **avian influenza virus** in Yukon's wild birds



# Wanted:



## Swabs from harvested waterfowl in the Yukon

### What you can do:

1. Pick up extra-light sampling kits at the **Department of Environment Whitehorse office at 10 Burns Road.**
2. Take the kits with you on your hunting trip. If your hunt is successful:
  - o Collect swabs and blood from one or more of the waterfowl you've harvested (instructions provided in the kit, use one kit per bird).
  - o Bring the samples to 10 Burns Road.

*For more information contact the Animal Health Unit at:  
867-667-5600 or [animalhealth@yukon.ca](mailto:animalhealth@yukon.ca)*

**Yukon**



# Prevent the Spread of Avian Influenza in Wild Birds

Follow these tips to stop the spread



## SPOT AND REPORT the signs of avian influenza

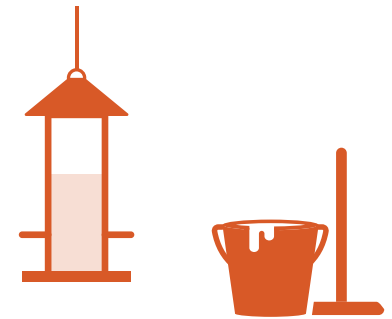
Report a sick or dead bird to your territorial Wildlife Emergency Hotline: 1-800-661-0525 or at:

<https://service.yukon.ca/en/tipp>



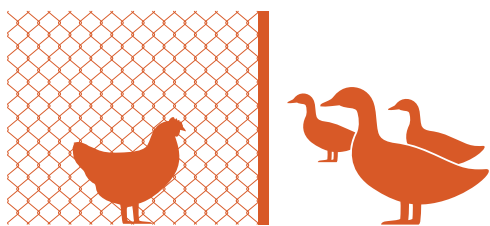
## DO NOT TOUCH SICK BIRDS or feed wild birds by hand

If you are a hunter or bird bander always follow safe handling practices.



## CLEAN backyard bird feeders and baths regularly

Use a weak solution of domestic bleach (10% sodium hypochlorite), rinse well, and allow time to dry.



## SEPARATE domestic and wild birds

Minimize contact between domestic and wild birds, especially if they have access to the outdoors or bodies of water used by wild birds.

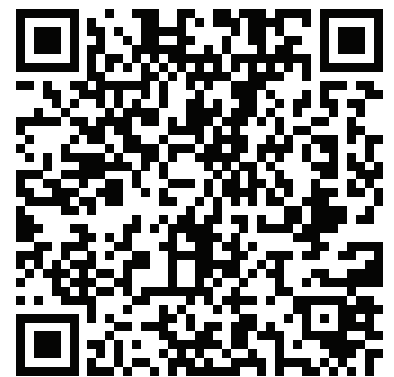


## CONSERVE migratory bird habitat

Birds that have access to high quality habitat and food are more resilient to disease.



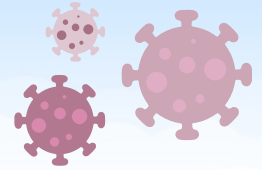
SCAN  
TO LEARN  
MORE



For more information on preventing the spread of avian influenza in wild birds [Canada.ca/Avian-flu](https://Canada.ca/Avian-flu)

# Avian influenza

Content updated in May 2023



**!** Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in wild birds in Canada. Northern residents need to know about this and watch for birds with signs of avian influenza.

## What is avian influenza?

Birds can easily catch avian influenza from each other. The virus spreads rapidly, so if there are several dead birds in one location, it means the virus may be present. Not all infected birds appear sick.

Signs to look for **in birds**:

- nervousness
- tremors or lack of coordination
- swelling around the head, neck, and eyes
- lack of energy or movement
- coughing, sneezing, or gasping for air
- diarrhea
- sudden death

## What is the risk to humans?

**It is safe for people to eat fully cooked waterfowl meat and eggs.** The risk of people catching avian influenza from wild birds or other wildlife is low. As a precaution hunters should:

- wear gloves
- work in a well-ventilated environment
- wash hands with soap and warm water
- clean and disinfect equipment
- wash or change clothing after handling birds or eggs

## What is the risk to other animals?

The risk of other animals catching avian influenza from wild birds is low; however, dogs and wild carnivores (e.g., foxes, mink, bears and seals) can also become ill from eating infected bird carcasses or from exposure to heavily contaminated environments. It is a good practice for hunters and trappers to be careful when handling wild carnivores, and to prevent dogs from contacting sick or dead wildlife.



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## What precautions should you take when hunting or harvesting eggs?

It is safe to hunt wild birds and harvest eggs if you follow the recommendations below. There may be avian influenza virus on the shells and in the whites and yolks of eggs laid by infected birds. Infected birds may not look sick. To protect your health and prevent the spread of the virus:



Do not handle or eat birds or other wildlife that look sick or have died from unknown causes.



Where possible, work outdoors, and wear gloves (vinyl, latex, nitrile, rubber) when preparing harvested birds or handling eggs to avoid direct contact with blood, feces and respiratory secretions.



Avoid touching your face and do not eat, drink, or smoke while handling birds or eggs.



Separate clean and dirty eggs during collection. Do not collect eggs that are cracked or very dirty.



Rub dirt and debris off the eggs with a clean and dry paper towel, cloth, or brush. Do not wash or soak eggs with water. Water can allow germs to enter the egg.



Always wash your hands right after handling harvested birds or eggs. Soap and warm water is best. If you cannot use soap and water, use hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol).



Always thoroughly wash and disinfect all equipment and surfaces that touch the eggs or birds. Use soapy water first. Then use a household disinfectant or a bleach solution (25 ml or 5 tsp bleach to 2 L or 8 cups water).



As soon as you are finished, remove and wash and/or change clothing and footwear that may be contaminated with blood, feces, or mucus. When you move between separate bird colonies, brush soil and vegetation off your boots and clothing, change your gloves and use hand sanitizer. This is to avoid spreading the virus.

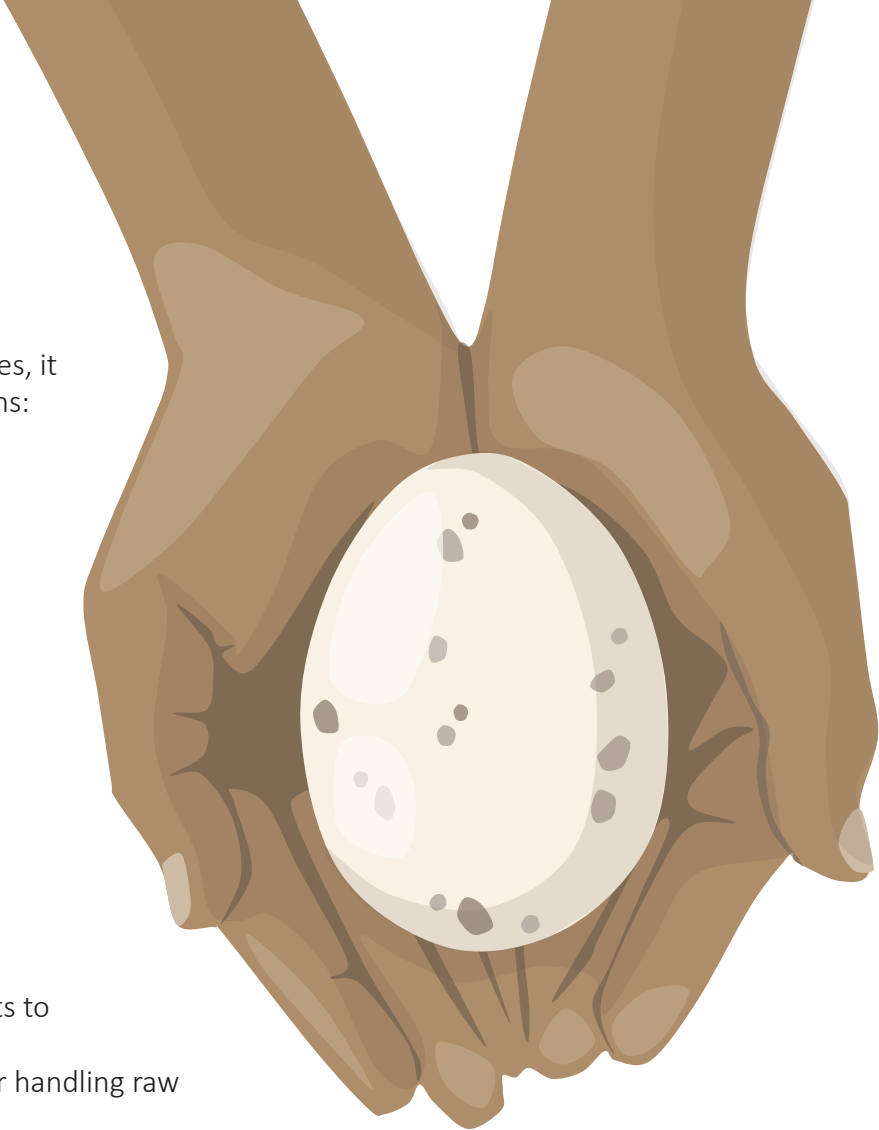
Getting your seasonal flu shot will lower the risk of getting human and avian influenza at the same time, and help prevent the development of new viruses.

**!** If you become ill with influenza symptoms after handling wild birds, wild bird eggs or other wildlife, contact your local health centre as soon as possible and inform them you have been in contact with wildlife.

## How do you cook or prepare wild bird meat or harvested eggs?

It is safe for people to consume **fully cooked** game birds or eggs. To reduce your risk of exposure to avian influenza and other diseases, it is important to follow these recommendations:

- 1** Fully cook game meat and eggs. Freezing does not kill the virus!
  - Avoid eating eggs raw or partially cooked (runny yolk)
  - Avoid using raw eggs in foods that will not be cooked or baked
  - Cook the meat thoroughly. There should be no pink meat and the juices should run clear
- 2** Follow general safe food handling practices
  - Keep raw meat, organs and eggs separate from other food products to avoid cross contamination
  - Wash your hands before and after handling raw meat, organs or eggs
  - Thoroughly clean and disinfect your prep area including tools and work surfaces



### **COOK WELL!**

Meat pieces or eggs → 74°C (165°F)  
Whole bird → 82°C (180°F)



## What should you do if you find dead or sick birds?

**!** If you see dead birds or birds acting strangely, tell the Conservation Officer in your community.

Do not handle wild birds found dead or birds that are acting strangely. If you must touch a wild bird that was found dead, wear gloves or use a doubled plastic bag. Avoid contact with the bird's body fluids and feces. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water or use hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol).

Avian influenza has also been found in other wildlife. You are always encouraged to report sightings of wildlife acting strangely or dead wildlife to your local Conservation Office.

## Stay informed

1. Get up-to-date information at your local Conservation Office and local Public Health authority
2. Visit [canada.ca/avian-flu-arctic](https://canada.ca/avian-flu-arctic)





March 21, 2024

## **SUBJECT: Update - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Wild Birds in Canada**

This letter is to update information previously shared with you and remind you that highly pathogenic avian influenza is still circulating in Canada. As spring migration for migratory birds gets underway, ***please share this information through your networks*** so people are informed of the outbreak, know how to report sick or dead animals, and take appropriate precautions.

### ***What is Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza?***

Wild birds in Canada and throughout the world are natural carriers of avian influenza viruses. Although some wild birds may get sick and die, others can be infected and still appear healthy. Avian influenza can spread to domestic poultry and sometimes mammals, such as foxes, who may eat infected birds. Avian influenza viruses are designated as highly pathogenic when they have characteristics that cause mass disease and mortality in infected poultry. Infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza virus also can cause disease and mortality in wild birds. Rarely, avian influenza may also spread to people after repeated, close contact with infected sick or dead poultry, or after exposure to heavily contaminated environments (e.g., infected poultry barns). There have been no human cases of avian influenza from exposure to wild animals in North America.

For more information, please refer to the Government of Canada's website: [Highly pathogenic avian influenza - Canada.ca](https://www24.international.gc.ca/avian-influenza-Canada-ca) or the Yukon Government's website: [Avian influenza in the Yukon | Government of Yukon](https://www.yukon.ca/government/avian-influenza-in-the-yukon).

### ***Status of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Canada***

Highly pathogenic avian influenza was detected in Canada in the Atlantic provinces in December 2021 and has spread across Canada and the United States. See Annex 1 for sampling efforts and cases in the territories in 2023 and a map of live goose sampling results. Additional birds will be tested this year in the north, and results will be shared.

The Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza - Wildlife [Dashboard](#) provides cases of infections detected in wild birds in Canada. The United States Department of Agriculture has also regularly updated maps to show the states where highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed [in wild birds](#), as well as [recent detections](#) in the United States.

### ***Hunter Safety***

To minimize the risk of exposure to avian influenza from harvested animals, the Public Health Agency of Canada recommends precautionary measures for hunters. While there is no documented evidence of humans getting avian influenza from handling or consuming game meat or eggs that have been fully cooked, it is recommended to follow safety measures to



reduce risk. Safety measures include not harvesting sick animals or in areas where sick animals are found, as well as following safe handling and cooking guidelines. Dogs and cats should not be fed raw meat from game birds. Detailed guidance for hunters is provided on the Government of Canada's website: [Wild birds and avian influenza – Handling guidelines - Canada.ca](#) and [Avian influenza in wild birds - Canada.ca](#) (section on “Information for hunters and egg harvesters”).

### ***If You Observe a Sick or Dead Wild Animal***

Signs that a bird may have highly pathogenic avian influenza include lack of energy or movement, nervousness, tremors or lack of coordination, swelling around the head, neck and eyes, coughing, gasping for air or sneezing, diarrhea, or sudden death. Mammals may also become infected with avian influenza; there was one confirmed case in a red fox in the Yukon in 2022. As a general guideline, you should not handle dead wild animals without appropriate precautions, or live animals ***that are acting strangely***. If you observe sick or injured animals, please contact Yukon's “Turn in Poachers and Polluters” (TIPP) line at [1-800-661-0525](#) or report it [online](#). If you wish to submit a dead animal, please contact the Animal Health Unit at the Department of Environment ([animalhealth@yukon.ca](mailto:animalhealth@yukon.ca), 867-667-5600). Please include the date, location, species and how many sick or dead animals were recorded in your observation.

In certain cases, local authorities may recommend that the public safely disposes of dead animals. The disposal of carcasses must be done in a sanitary manner by following guidance provided by the relevant authority. The Public Health Agency of Canada and the Yukon Government's Animal Health Unit recommends wearing gloves or using a doubled plastic bag if you must handle wild carcasses, and avoiding contact with blood, body fluids and feces. You should then wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water or use hand sanitizer.

### ***What is Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC) doing about Avian Influenza?***

We continue to coordinate with the Yukon Government and the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative on the reporting and sampling of sick and dead birds. We will also continue to communicate with First Nations, Councils, Indigenous Governments, Renewable Resource Councils, and Wildlife Management Boards in the Yukon.

We encourage you to ***share this information through your networks***. We have attached a list of Facebook and Twitter posts on avian influenza that can be re-posted on your own social media networks, as well as a fact sheet and poster that can be printed and displayed (see Annex 2). Should you have any questions or would like to request updates on highly pathogenic avian influenza, please contact us at [cwsnorth-scfnorth@ec.gc.ca](mailto:cwsnorth-scfnorth@ec.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

Bruce MacDonald

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## **Annex 1: Results of highly pathogenic avian influenza testing in northern Canada.**

### **Northern Region Results**

To date, there have been relatively few cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in northern Canada. Results below are adapted from [Avian influenza in the Yukon | Government of Yukon](#), Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza - Wildlife [Dashboard](#), and current information from the territorial governments.

	Status	Tested		Suspected or Confirmed HPAI <sup>1</sup>	
		2022	2023	2022	2023
Yukon - birds	Dead	84	39 <sup>2</sup>	8	1
Yukon – mammals	Dead	4	10	1	0
Northwest Territories - birds	Dead	65	35	3	1
	Live <sup>3</sup>	325	407	0	0
Northwest Territories - mammals	Dead	0	1	0	0
Nunavut - birds	Dead	31	9	2	2
	Live <sup>3</sup>	280	48 <sup>2</sup>	1	0

<sup>1</sup> A suspected case means that the animal tested positive in preliminary tests for HPAI. A confirmed case is an animal that tested positive for HPAI based on more comprehensive testing at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency laboratory.

<sup>2</sup> Two (2) Yukon samples (1 bird and 1 mammal) and 173 Nunavut bird samples results are pending.

<sup>3</sup> “Live” birds were ones that were captured during banding or other scientific research reasons and were opportunistically tested for HPAI, even though they were alive and appeared healthy.

### **Live Sampled Snow Goose Results**

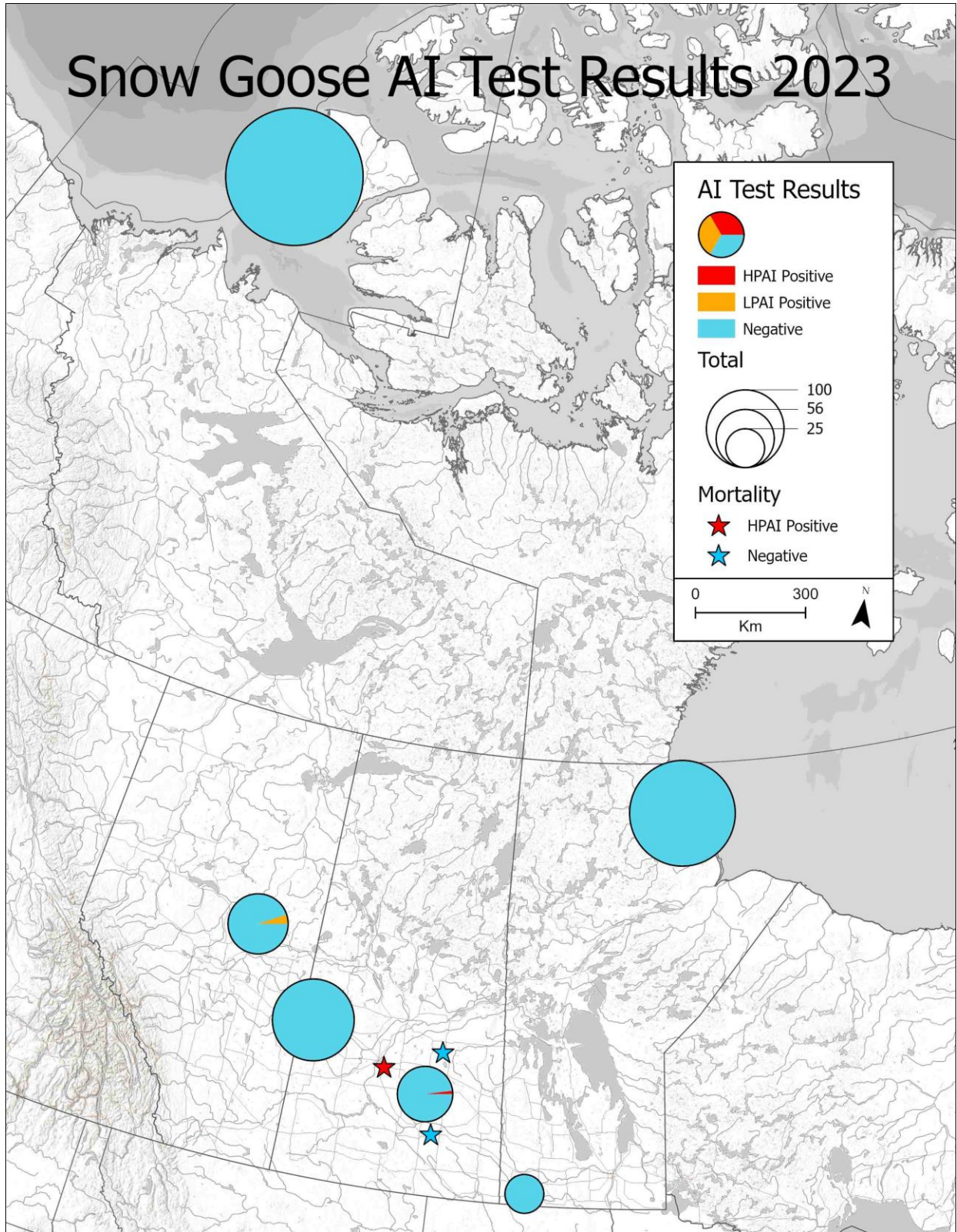
Four hundred and twenty-nine (429) samples were collected from live Snow Goose in southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan during spring migration in 2023. A very small percentage (0.2%) of samples were positive for HPAI and for low pathogenic avian influenza (0.7%) (LPAI). LPAI is a different type of avian influenza virus and persists at low levels in waterfowl populations; it is less contagious than HPAI and generally does not cause clinical illness or death in infected birds. Three (3) geese found dead during the same period were also tested, and only one dead goose tested positive for HPAI.

For the Northern region, a total of 313 samples were collected from live snow geese in summer on Bank Islands, Northwest Territories. No snow geese were sampled in Yukon or Nunavut in 2023. None of the samples collected in the Northwest Territories were positive for avian influenza. See map for 2023 sample locations.





# Snow Goose AI Test Results 2023



**Annex 2: Please share this information with your networks.** Follow the [ECCC Facebook](#) and [ECCC Twitter](#) sites for further avian influenza updates this year.

**Re-post on your Facebook site**

- [Safety guidelines for handling wild birds](#)



- [Avian Influenza - Stop spread poster](#)



- [Report sick/dead birds](#)



- [Signs of Avian Influenza](#)



- [Harvesting guidelines for birds or eggs](#)



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**Print and post for members of your organization:**

- [Fact sheet on Avian Influenza](#) summarized by Polar Knowledge Canada, including precautions when hunting or harvesting.
- Avian Influenza - Stop spread poster (Yukon-specific version sent with this letter)
- Wanted – Swabs from harvest waterfowl in Yukon (Yukon-specific version sent with this letter)

