

Implementation Bulletin #1

Vision for Yukon Agriculture: 2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy Agriculture Land Program applied to applications and agreements prior to April 5, 2006

This bulletin applies to Section 3.0 and Section 4.0 the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy*.

1. For agriculture land applications made before April 5, 2006 and dispositions made previous to April 5, 2006 but not concluded, the applicant or agreement holder will have the choice whether or not to proceed under provisions of the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy*.
2. Accessing any agriculture land related provision under Section 3.0 and Section 4.0 of the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy* makes the application subject to all appropriate provisions of the 2006 policy.
3. Holders of agreements for sale who wish to access the farm development assistance provisions (Section 3.6.3) of the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy*:
 - i. Will still be required to complete land development for the production of crops even if other developments achieve sufficient development credits under the new 1-for-1 credit provision;
 - ii. May move directly to the titling process provided that current development credits achieved meet or exceed the new 1-for-1 credit provision as verified by the Agriculture Branch and no further land development is required (i. above);
 - iii. Will not be able to claim for money expenditures in excess of the new requirements.
 - iv. Should be aware that Agriculture Branch may require completion of specific developments identified in the Farm Development Agreement if they are deemed essential to the farm operation (beyond crop development - i. above) even if other developments achieve sufficient development credits under the new 1-for-1 credit provision.
4. Additional parcels under an application made prior to April 5, 2006 would also be subject to the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy* if the choice is made to move forward under the 2006 policy.
5. When an applicant chooses to review an application under the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy*, the date of application will be the date that the 2006 policy was chosen.
6. When an applicant chooses the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy* for review of an application the appraised value of the land will reflect the new application date.
7. Applications reviewed under the 2006 policy will require a *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* (YESAA) review (*2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy*, Section 3.3.c)
8. The offer to conclude an agreement under the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy* or choose the *2006 Yukon Agriculture Policy* for the review of an existing application will expire on May 1, 2007.