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Quarry permits

This info sheet explains the steps you must take if you wish to take gravel, sand, topsoil or rock from Yukon land.

Introduction

Quarrying generally refers to the extraction and removal of topsoil, sand, gravel or rock materials from a pit or site. These valuable natural resources are used for construction, road building and maintenance, asphalt and concrete production, landscaping and gardening.

The Yukon government administers quarrying activities in a number of ways.

Lease areas: Lots in planned quarry subdivisions are leased to individual contractors or operators on Yukon land.

Quarry lease: Through the land application process, individuals may apply to lease stand-alone parcels of land that are identified as suitable for quarrying. (See *Info Sheet 3: Individual land applications.*)

Designated public pits: Provide small quantities of granular material for the general public and small contractors.

Highway pits: With the consent of the Department of Highways and Public Works, Transportation Maintenance Branch, users may remove raw gravel (pit run) from government highway pits. However, stockpiles of crushed gravel in these pits are for government use only.

New Pit Development: Is subject to Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA) approval.

How can I get sand, gravel or topsoil?

Private suppliers

In most cases, you can buy material and topsoil directly from a private supplier. Check the Yellow Pages under "Sand and Gravel" or "Topsoil." These contractors sell all types of materials including pit run (unprocessed gravel), screened or crushed gravel, drain and septic rock, sand and topsoil.

They also offer loading, hauling, excavation, grading and other services.

Government pits

You must have a quarry permit to remove soil, sand, gravel, or rock from public land. Energy, Mines and Resources, Land Use section only issues quarry permits for pits controlled by the Yukon government.

Gravel in Yukon government pits is in its natural state. It is not processed or sorted. Gravel materials may range from fine silt and sand to large boulders.

After obtaining a permit for a public pit, you are responsible for your own loading and transport.

General info:

www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/info.html

Map viewer:

maps.gov.yk.ca/imf.jsp?site=miningLands

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ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTIONS

YUKON GOVERNMENT

Controls the majority of all vacant land in the territory.

ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

Lands Branch accepts applications to sell, lease, develop and use land under Yukon government control.

Agriculture Branch administers Yukon agricultural and grazing programs.

Minerals Management Branch administers placer and quartz claims, rights and use in the territory.

Forest Management Branch administers timber permits and forestry planning.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Development Division develops planned subdivisions and local area plans, manages zoning regulations in rural Yukon, administers subdivision outside Whitehorse and Dawson City, and provides mapping services.

YUKON FIRST NATIONS

Control their own settlement lands.

MUNICIPALITIES

Administer lands, community plans and zoning bylaws within their jurisdictions.

Whitehorse and Dawson City also control subdivision within their boundaries.

The Government of Canada, through Natural Resources Canada, Canada Centre for Cadastral Management provides maps and plans for a fee.

What is the Yukon government quarry permit process?

Quarry permits are coordinated and processed through the Lands Branch.

A permit can usually be issued immediately for obtaining gravel from a designated public pit for a small quantity (i.e. under 35 m³).

The permit specifies how much and what type of material you may take. It also states a start and finish date and other conditions that deal with pit reclamation.

Is there a cost for my quarry permit?

There is a royalty fee for sand, gravel, rock and topsoil. Royalties are paid at the time the quarry permit is issued.

There is no charge for a permit to remove less than 10 m³ of topsoil and 35 m³ of other materials per year.

Contact the Lands Branch for more information.

CONTACTS

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Land Planning Branch

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- subdivision and zoning in rural Yukon

Building Safety

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- building and construction permits outside Whitehorse

JUSTICE - Land Titles

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YUKON HOUSING CORPORATION

Loans Administration

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- lot financing, A/S program

OTHER AGENCIES

CITY OF WHITEHORSE

Planning Services

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- development cost charges
- land planning and zoning

Building Inspection

Tel: (867) 668-8340

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CITY OF DAWSON

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- subdivision approval
- land planning and zoning

NRCAN CANADA CENTRE FOR

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- legal survey maps, plans, approvals

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