

Premier's Address

Good afternoon. Thank you for presiding over this ceremony, Mr. Commissioner. We are honoured to have someone with your experience guiding us as we take our oaths.

Thank you to MP Larry Bagnell for attending today.

And thank you Grand Chief Peter Johnson and his fellow Chiefs for being with us for this important event.

Mr. Mayor, and to the people of Whitehorse, I'm glad that you are here today to witness our swearing in.

This is a festive event but with a serious side. We have just taken an oath to serve each of you. I believe this oath is very important.

Standing before you today with my cabinet team, we have pledged to work on your behalf.

We are committed being an ethical, responsible, and accountable government for all Yukoners.

I am very proud of the team that has taken their oath with me today.
Each member of this team brings their own unique skills and experience.
Together, we will work collaboratively and tirelessly for the benefit of Yukoners.

We have identified key priorities and commitments that will guide our government mandate for the next five years.

A cornerstone of these commitments is that we must govern together.

We are adamant that good governance in the Yukon means respectful collaboration with First Nations.

We are already working on rebuilding relationships with First Nation governments.

Another commitment that we have made, and one that is of particular importance to me as the MLA from Dawson, is our commitment to Yukon communities.

I speak from experience when I say all communities matter to this government.

Our government will work directly with communities to support local solutions for local problems.

We believe that to have a successful future, Yukon needs good jobs in a clean environment.

We will support the development of sustainable jobs for Yukoners and we will integrate environmental management with our economic strategy.

Our government believes that all programs and services should be tailored to support healthy living – from birth to a person’s final days.

This includes a dedication to lifelong learning and a healthcare system that goes beyond hospital infrastructure.

There is tremendous work to be done and we are eager to get started.

I would like to acknowledge one very key person who we haven’t recognized today. This is the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker is nominated by their party and elected by the entire legislative assembly.

I have put forward Nils Clarke as the nominee for Speaker. I believe his is the ideal person to lead our Legislative Assembly.

I look forward to formally putting his name forward when we have our first sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

With that, on behalf of my entire team, I thank you once again for joining us in this ceremony.

It is a privilege to celebrate with you today.

We are honoured to represent you and look forward to the positive change we will make as your new government.