



July 11, 2017

Robert Sharp  
Chair, the Hamlet of Mount Lorne  
Box 10009, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 7A1  
By email to [mtlorne@northwestel.net](mailto:mtlorne@northwestel.net)

Dear Chair Sharp:

**Re: Amendments to the *Pounds Act* for livestock control**

The Government of Yukon is proposing amendments to the *Pounds Act* and is initiating a 30-day consultation period from July 11 to August 11, 2017, to gather feedback from Yukoners. We invite the Hamlet of Mount Lorne to provide comments or concerns about the proposed amendments during this period. We are particularly interested in how your community and its residents might be impacted.

The *Pounds Act* prohibits livestock owners from allowing their animals to run at large within certain parts of the territory (i.e., pounds districts). It also allows for the establishment of pounds to contain stray and feral animals. Amendments are proposed to harmonize the *Pounds Act* with the revised *Highways Act* and the updated *Animal Protection Act* and would also reflect current Yukon government departmental roles and responsibilities for livestock control.

The changes would make all areas of Yukon and all species of livestock subject to livestock control activities. Additional amendments would change current penalty options for stray livestock and improve animal and pound keeper safety when animals are impounded. Ultimately, these changes will improve safety for motorists and those involved in animal capture and impoundment, and will improve accountability of livestock owners for stray livestock, thereby contributing to better animal care.

The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources has prepared a discussion document to describe the proposed amendments and provide a template for feedback. To view the discussion document, visit our website at [www.emr.gov.yk.ca/agriculture](http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/agriculture) (*offert aussi en français*).

Please provide any feedback, comments or concerns by **August 11, 2017** and feel free to contact me at (867) 667-5838 or [Matt.Ball@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Matt.Ball@gov.yk.ca) if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Ball".

Matt Ball  
Director, Agriculture Branch  
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Government of Yukon