



**NEWS RELEASE**

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For immediate release:

**YFL denounces funding cuts for Status of Women regional offices**

The Yukon Federation of Labour said today that the recent announcement by Minister Beverly Oda and the federal government to cut funding and close most of the regional offices in Canada is a further example that the current federal government intends to erode women's equality in our country.

"This is a sad day in Canada when this occurs" states Alex Furlong, President of YFL. "It is clear that the current federal government does not get it and that we as Canadians doubt the commitment of this government on women's issues".

Furlong further states "that it appears that this action amounts to further discrimination for women in this country, women who have worked very hard in areas such as research and advocacy work and are pillars of our communities.

Furlong concludes by saying "on the eve of December 6<sup>th</sup>, a national day of remembrance and action against violence against women, at a time in Canada when women continue to earn on average 71 cents on the dollar, I am dismayed and ashamed of the action of this government and urge all Yukoner's and Canadians to let this government know this not t acceptable.

The Yukon Federation of Labour, labour's voice in the Yukon, represents 4,000 members and is a charter member of the Canadian Labour Congress which represents 3.2 million workers in Canada.

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