

Film Production Guide

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# YUKON

## Canada's Best Kept Secret!

Unique, pristine, rugged and stunning — these words may immediately come to mind when you think of Yukon. But what about sophisticated, cosmopolitan and progressive?

As Yukoners, we are proud of our spectacular environment, crystal clear lakes, soaring glaciers and rugged mountain peaks. We have early snow in fall and endless, warm light in summer. Our forests abound with wildlife while our wilderness stretches for hundreds of miles without a fence, house or even a telephone line to mar the shot.

Yukoners are equally proud of our hotels and inns, restaurants, services and facilities. We offer vehicle and equipment rentals including trucks, snow mobiles, aircraft and cranes. Our crew are experienced, enthusiastic and accustomed to working in wilderness and cold conditions. They are creative and innovative, offering solutions to a myriad of technical and logistical challenges.

Our film incentive programs are second to none. We offer rebates, rather than tax credits, that are normally paid within weeks rather than months or years following final reporting.

For spectacular scenery, all the amenities you would expect of a small city, comprehensive rebates and hard-working crew with a rugged, entrepreneurial spirit, we invite you to think YUKON for your next film project!



## Services

At the Yukon Film & Sound Commission, we understand that a great deal of thought goes into planning your film. You need proper facilities, convenient access and, above all, outstanding locations.

Yukon is that place. It's a land that radiates adventure and freedom, where the midnight sun dances on pristine lakes, and majestic mountains reach the shimmering northern lights.

This is where nature, history and the contemporary world entwine. Whether you need modern facilities or rustic cabins, you'll find them here — all in a landscape of picturesque communities nestled into the vast wilderness.

In summer, we enjoy near 24-hour daylight, creating the lasting magic hour. During winter, you'll find those reliable snow conditions so sought after by filmmakers.

Yukon has the talent, experience, equipment and locations to support your production. You can rely on a wide range of film industry professionals, businesses and suppliers to get your job done.

The Yukon Film & Sound Commission is here to help. Our staff of hard working, dedicated professionals will help you with:

### Script Breakdown

Our staff will break down your script and provide you with digital images of locations that will work financially and creatively for your production.

### Location Scouting

Want to come and see Yukon for yourself? The Yukon Film & Sound Commission would love to talk to you about hosting the Yukon portion of your scouting trip.

### Support

Our staff are happy to assist you with production research and information, location expertise and assistance with other support and technical services. We want to make your filming experience in Yukon the best ever!



## Staff

### Yukon Film & Sound Commissioner

The Film & Sound Commissioner is responsible for developing, leading, directing and evaluating the development and provision of Yukon film and sound programs and services on behalf of Yukon government.

Tel: 867-667-5400

### Film Officer

The Film Officer is responsible for facilitating ease of production, resolving problems that arise before, during and after actual production, promoting Yukon as a location for film and/or sound production, and project managing and coordinating all film production and development programs provided by the Film & Sound Commission.

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### Sound Officer

The Sound Officer is responsible for supporting the development of sound programs, working with sound industry clients and providing a range of administrative support functions to the Film & Sound Commission.

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## Yukon Film Incentive Programs

Canada's Yukon is known as a film-friendly region, and we're willing to back up that claim with financial support as we invite your production to take advantage of Yukon's spectacular locations.

We offer the following financial incentives to eligible productions:

### Film Location Incentive

The Film Location Incentive encourages production companies from outside Yukon to film in Yukon and to hire and train Yukoners. There are three components to this incentive program.

#### Yukon Spend Rebate

Television programs, television movies (Movies of the Week), documentaries and feature films (but not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25% of Yukon spend, provided criteria are met.

#### Training Program

Productions (not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25% of wages paid to individuals providing on-set training (techniques and equipment) to eligible Yukon labour.

#### Travel Rebate

(Available to productions not accessing the Yukon Spend Rebate)

Commercial and documentary productions are eligible for a 50% rebate on travel costs to a maximum of \$10,000 or 10% of all Yukon expenditures, whichever is the lesser.

Television programs, television movies (Movies of the Week) and feature film productions are eligible for a 50% rebate of travel costs to a maximum of \$15,000 or 15% of Yukon expenditures that are not assisted under any other portion of the Yukon Film Incentive Program, whichever is the lesser.

### Film Production Fund

Up to \$500,000/project is available to Yukon corporations that financially and creatively control projects to assist with the costs of producing a film in Yukon. For the purposes of this Fund, production is defined as the period of time during which the project is being captured on film or videotape. Applicants are required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast license indicating a commitment by a licensed broadcaster to participate financially in the production or distribution of the project.

For productions solely controlled by a Yukon resident or corporation, the contributions will be based on 30% of Yukon expenditures or 30% of total production costs, whichever is the lesser.

For co-productions, the contribution will be based on 30% of Yukon expenditures or 20% of total production costs, whichever is the lesser.

### Film Development Fund

Up to 50% of actual Yukon expenditures to a maximum of \$35,000 or 33% of total project expenses (whichever is the lesser) is available to Yukon residents or Yukon corporations to assist with the costs of development of film projects in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of either a broadcast development agreement or a distribution arrangement.

An additional \$10,000 may be available to an applicant if the broadcaster/distributor requires senior personnel who are not available in Yukon to be associated with the project.

### Film Training Initiative

Up to \$3,000/person/year is available to Yukon residents for training for a career in film. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to a career in this field (such as significant recent coursework and/or work experience). Yukon-based industry organizations are also eligible to apply for funding to provide film-specific coursework.

### Yukon Filmmakers Fund

Up to \$8,000/applicant is available to Yukon resident film and video professionals to assist them in developing viable careers and businesses making films and videos for broadcast or commercial release. Two intakes per year are offered — June 1 and December 1.

### Note:

The production company **MUST BE PRE-APPROVED** based on anticipated production arrangements. Application forms are available on our website at [www.reelyukon.com](http://www.reelyukon.com).

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## Federal Funding Programs

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#### Canadian Audio-Visual Certification Office

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The Canadian Audio-Visual Certification Office (CAVCO) co-administers two film funding programs with the Canada Revenue Agency:

### Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit (CPTC)

The objective of the CPTC is to encourage Canadian programming and to develop an active domestic production sector. This fully refundable credit is available at the rate of 25% of the qualified labour expenditure of an eligible production.

Full details are available online:  
[www.pch.gc.ca/cavco/](http://www.pch.gc.ca/cavco/)

### Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC)

The PSTC is designed to enhance Canada as a location of choice for film and video productions employing talented Canadians, as well as strengthen the industry and secure investment. The PSTC is available at a rate of 16% of qualified Canadian labour expenditures.

Full details are available online:  
[www.pch.gc.ca/cavco/](http://www.pch.gc.ca/cavco/)

## Goods and Services Tax

Yukon does NOT have a provincial sales tax; however, all of Canada has the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

GST is a federal tax that applies at a rate of 5% to most goods and services bought in Canada. GST is charged by the supplier and may be refundable from the Canada Revenue Agency.

You may be entitled to claim a rebate to recover the GST you paid on certain goods and services.

For further information, contact the Film Services Unit of Canada Revenue Agency.

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