

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

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MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

1. Motion No. 2

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, within the first year of the 34th Yukon Legislative Assembly, to fulfil their commitment to a Yukon early childhood strategy that will consider amendments to the *Child Care Act* and its regulations to:

- (1) reflect current knowledge and best practices in early childhood development; and
- (2) consult and include early childhood and child care professionals, parents, and First Nation governments in planning and implementation.

2. Motion No. 3

Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to release an estimate of the cost to the public to abandon the newly acquired gas well L38 in the Kootaneelee region.

Monday, April 24, 2017

3. Motion No. 5

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to report on progress made since the 2013 *Report on the Audit of Staffing* by:

- (1) outlining specific actions taken by the Public Service Commission and the government's human resource units to implement the report's 15 recommendations; and
- (2) reporting on steps taken to resume effective operations of joint committees between the government and the Yukon Employees' Union.

4. Motion No. 7

Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to review the foster parent program and work to identify areas that can be updated to incentivize potential foster families, including, but not limited to:

- (1) increasing compensation or allowances;
- (2) identifying other incentives such as tax credits or rebates; and
- (3) implementing a cash referral system for finding successful foster families.

5. Motion No. 8

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work in partnership with the RCMP, First Nation governments, municipalities and stakeholders, including small-business owners, to implement measures to improve community safety, reduce property crime and target the illegal drug trade.

6. Motion No. 9

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to resume negotiations with the Government of Canada in order to negotiate an exemption for Yukon from the carbon tax.

Adjourned debate: Mr. Kent (April 26, 2017)

7. Motion No. 10

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to:

- (1) fully disclose and report on an annual basis the details of promotional spending and sponsorship by Yukon Energy Corporation; and
- (2) after making this information publicly available, hold public consultations to seek the views of Yukoners on whether this promotional and sponsorship spending should continue, or if Yukoners would rather see savings reflected in their electrical bills.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

8. Motion No. 12

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to:

- (1) immediately use the protected area provisions provided in the *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act* to designate and protect sensitive and damaged areas until a comprehensive all-terrain vehicle (ATV) management plan is in place; and
- (2) meet with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan for the management of all-terrain vehicles in Yukon for tabling during the 2017 Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

9. Motion No. 13

Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to arrange for witnesses from the Yukon Hospital Corporation to appear in Committee of the Whole to answer questions during the 2017 Spring Sitting.

10. Motion No. 15

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to support the development of communications infrastructure in rural Yukon, including improving access to emergency services by working with the private sector to expand cellular phone coverage to people without service in rural areas including Grizzly Valley, Deep Creek, Fox Lake, Ibex Valley, Junction 37, and Mendenhall.

11. Motion No. 16

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to complete and make public an economic analysis of the impacts that the creation of a statutory holiday for National Aboriginal Day would have on Yukon, including but not limited to:

- (1) Yukon businesses;

- (2) municipal governments;
- (3) the Yukon government and its corporations and agencies;
- (4) First Nations governments and their development corporations;
- (5) the Government of Canada; and
- (6) non-profit and non-governmental organizations.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

12. Motion No. 19

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to fulfill its election commitment and immediately appoint a non-partisan commission on electoral reform to engage and collaborate with Yukoners in order to:

- (1) propose the best system to replace the first-past-the-post voting system, including consideration of proportional representation;
- (2) consider fixed election dates;
- (3) consider legislative amendments in order that voters have the final say when a Member of the Legislative Assembly changes caucus affiliation after being elected; and
- (4) consider banning corporate, union and Outside contributions to Yukon political parties.

13. Motion No. 22

Mr. Adel, Member for Copperbelt North

THAT this House commends Rick Hansen for his efforts over three decades to remove barriers and improve the lives of people with disabilities.

Thursday, April 27, 2017

14. Motion No. 24

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to release the costs to date and projected final costs for the demolition of the old F.H. Collins Secondary School.

Monday, May 1, 2017

15. Motion No. 25

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to research, develop and implement a Yukon early childhood strategy (childcare, development and education), in consultation with early childhood education and health care professionals, parents and First Nation governments, in order to improve developmental and educational outcomes.

16. Motion No. 26

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support Yukon public servants by:

- (1) providing political direction, then respecting the work of public servants, while holding them accountable for the delivery of programs and services to Yukoners;

- (2) generating more opportunities for public servants to build capacity through professional development (internally and externally); and
- (3) reviewing hiring and promotion processes to ensure that they are open and transparent.

17. Motion No. 27

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to ensure officials with the Yukon Development Corporation, Yukon Energy Corporation, Yukon Hospital Corporation and the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board appear in Committee of the Whole to answer questions annually.

18. Motion No. 28

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to live up to its election promise to allocate \$30 million per year to implement an energy retrofit program for residential, government and commercial buildings.

19. Motion No. 29

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to live up to its election promise to eliminate the small business corporate tax rate, effective July 1, 2017.

20. Motion No. 30

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to make the Yukon Financial Advisory Panel's final report, as presented by the panel and unedited by the government, public by the end of 2017.

21. Motion No. 31

Mr. Adel, Member for Copperbelt North

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work with small business owners and the Yukon Financial Advisory Panel to reduce small business taxes.

22. Motion No. 32

Mr. Adel, Member for Copperbelt North

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to create solutions to promote aging in place and a full spectrum of care by:

- (1) keeping the Whistle Bend continuing care development at 150 beds;
- (2) working with Yukoners, health professionals and stakeholders to find solutions that offer alternatives and transitions between home care and full-time continuing care; and
- (3) providing community-based services which allow seniors to age in place, to the greatest extent possible.

23. Motion No. 33

Mr. Adel, Member for Copperbelt North

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to include operation and maintenance costs for new facilities, such as the continuing care building in Whistle Bend, in budget forecasts.

24. Motion No. 34

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support, either financially or through the provision of land, the Vimy Heritage Housing Society's proposal for a supported independent housing facility in Whitehorse.

25. Motion No. 35

Mr. Hutton, Member for Mayo-Tatchun

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to promote reconciliation by:

- (1) working with First Nation governments to address the legacy of residential schools by closing the gaps in service delivery and creating a culturally relevant and responsive justice and corrections system;
- (2) advocating for the establishment of National Aboriginal Day as a statutory holiday;
- (3) working with Yukon First Nations to identify how the Yukon government can implement its responsibilities stemming from the calls to action of the commission; and
- (4) implementing training programs for Yukon government employees on the legacy and impact of residential schools.

26. Motion No. 36

Mr. Hutton, Member for Mayo-Tatchun

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide funding for land-based healing programs in order to benefit all Yukon communities.

27. Motion No. 37

Mr. Hutton, Member for Mayo-Tatchun

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with the Government of Canada to legalize cannabis use in Yukon by the summer of 2018.

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

28. Motion No. 41

Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, in collaboration with Yukoners with disabilities, their families, caregivers and community organizations, to develop a plan to implement and monitor the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

29. Motion No. 42

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to conduct and make public an analysis of the economic impacts of the carbon tax scheme it has signed on to with the Government of Canada on Yukon's mining sector.

30. Motion No. 43

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to conduct and make public an analysis of the economic impacts of the carbon tax scheme it has signed on to with the Government of Canada on Yukon's tourism sector.

31. Motion No. 44

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to include the financial and economic impacts of the carbon tax scheme it has signed on to with the Government of Canada in budget forecasts.

32. Motion No. 45

Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to initiate a review of the medical travel program in order to ensure it is meeting the needs of all Yukoners.

33. Motion No. 46

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to conduct and make public an analysis of the economic impacts of the carbon tax scheme it has agreed to with the Government of Canada on Yukon's outfitting industry.

Thursday, May 4, 2017

34. Motion No. 47

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support the continued growth of the Yukon agriculture sector by working with farmers, market gardeners and agricultural organizations to increase production of local food and agriculture products with actions including:

- (1) working with farmers, market gardeners, and industry associations to implement the local food strategy;
- (2) *Reviewing the Vision for Yukon Agriculture: 2006 Agriculture Policy* and Yukon's agricultural multi-year development plan to ensure they reflect the current needs of farmers, market gardeners and the Yukon public;
- (3) supporting the development of agriculture infrastructure that improves food security, facilitates access to market and encourages local food production;
- (4) making agricultural land available to Yukon farmers through planned development, a directed spot land application process, and spot land applications;

- (5) seeking partnerships with First Nations interested in creating opportunities for farming settlement land through options available under the new *Land Titles Act, 2015*;
- (6) supporting development of local markets for Yukon agriculture products, including providing the Fireweed Community Market with a renewed multi-year funding agreement;
- (7) exploring opportunities to improve the ability of farmers and gardeners to sell and market their products;
- (8) working with farmers, market gardeners, processors, and industry associations to maximize the effectiveness of the Growing Forward 2 program;
- (9) consulting with farmers, market gardeners, processors, and industry associations on the details of the new agriculture funding agreement that will replace the Growing Forward 2 agreement;
- (10) supporting the development of community greenhouses and community gardens;
- (11) reviewing the operation structure and fees for the mobile abattoir to maximize its effectiveness, and ensure it does not unfairly compete with small businesses offering similar services;
- (12) exploring the feasibility and effectiveness of developing an agriculture production tax credit aimed at increasing the production of locally grown food and other agriculture products; and
- (13) ensuring fuel for farming purposes, including irrigation, working in fields and electricity production for off-grid farms is exempt from a carbon tax.

35. Motion No. 48

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Minister of Highways and Public Works, the Minister of Community Services and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to convene a meeting immediately with the Kluane First Nation, Kluane Lake Athletics Association, local businesses and local residents to discuss and move forward on the critical maintenance required to the Destruction Bay marina, which is the main access point for Kluane Lake.

36. Motion No. 49

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to meet the commitment of the previous government to the early opening of campgrounds and to ensure access roads and campsites are graded and well-maintained prior to opening the campgrounds.

37. Motion No. 50

Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to immediately initiate a review of Yukon's minimum wage in the Legislative Assembly prior to British Columbia's minimum wage increase scheduled for September 2017.

Monday, May 8, 2017

38. Motion No. 51

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to allow direct sales from local beer and liquor manufacturers to bars, restaurants and consumers, and eliminate the markup on local products.

39. Motion No. 53

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide a land grant at no cost and a low-interest loan toward the construction of the Vimy Heritage Housing Society's supported independent housing facility.

40. Motion No. 54

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to consider a bipartisan mission with the Official Opposition to Alaska and Washington, DC, to lobby the United States government to reinstate Shakwak project funding.

41. Motion No. 55

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

THAT this House urges the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health and Social Services to instruct their departments to begin work to develop a health curriculum for use in schools that educates all students in the Yukon education system on the dangers of prescription opioid abuse.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Ms. McPhee (May 10, 2017)

42. Motion No. 56

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

THAT this House supports the work of, and the individuals appointed to, the Electoral District Boundaries Commission.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

43. Motion No. 57

Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to fulfill its election commitment to invest \$30 million annually in an energy retrofit program for residential, government and commercial buildings.

44. Motion No. 58

Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to publicize and update the Department of Environment's online bear incident map for the 2017 season.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

45. Motion No. 59

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to seek an independent audit of the permit hunt system within the Department of Environment and tender its

management to a third-party organization in response to the increasing concerns of Yukon hunters with the permit hunt system.

46. Motion No. 60

Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to improve access to abortion services throughout the Yukon by making the drug mifepristone, or RU-486, available to women at no cost.

Thursday, May 11, 2017

47. Motion No. 61

Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, in consultation with palliative care physicians and health professionals, to consider placing the palliative care unit in the Thomson Centre, close to emergency physicians and the hospital pharmacy.

Monday, May 15, 2017

48. Motion No. 62

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to investigate the possibility of eliminating daylight saving time in Yukon.

49. Motion No. 63

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support environmental stewardship by developing initiatives that increase the use of renewable energy sources in Yukon.

50. Motion No. 64

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with local producers to expand Yukon's agriculture industry and improve northern food security.

51. Motion No. 65

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with industry to support small-scale clean energy initiatives in order to reduce the energy footprint of mining projects.

52. Motion No. 66

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support marketing initiatives for prospectors and early-stage exploration projects in Yukon.

53. Motion No. 67

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a flexible rural economic development policy and provide ongoing funding for local non-profits that will assist with the planning and implementation of community development plans and coordination of business support services.

54. Motion No. 68

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to consult with community governments, First Nation governments and Yukoners to determine how it can better serve Yukon communities by decentralizing some Yukon government operations and services.

55. Motion No. 69

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with the Government of Canada, the Champagne and Aishihik First Nation, the Kluane First Nation, local communities, chambers of commerce, businesses, organizations and community members to increase access to the front ranges of Kluane National Park and Reserve of Canada along the Haines Road and Alaska Highway for the purpose of creating more land-and air-based tourism and business opportunities.

56. Motion No. 70

Mr. Hutton, Member for Mayo-Tatchun

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to invest in affordable housing in communities and in housing initiatives, based on a Housing First model, that meet the needs of vulnerable people.

57. Motion No. 71

Mr. Hutton, Member for Mayo-Tatchun

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to establish enhanced mental health services to better serve Yukon communities.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

58. Motion No. 72

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to introduce regular, independent, mandatory testing for banned pesticides and other harmful chemicals in medical marijuana and to make the test results available to the public.

59. Motion No. 73

Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to contract with an independent air-quality expert to test Closeleigh Manor according to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers standards for indoor air quality with regards to:

- (1) air particulate accumulations;
- (2) mould;
- (3) adequate ventilation rates; and
- (4) volatile organic compounds.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

1. Motion No. 74

Ms. Hanson, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to uphold the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of all, as defined by article 25 of the United Nations *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* by:

- (1) reviewing the social assistance rates for Yukon based on the real costs for food and shelter;
- (2) adopting a Housing First model when addressing lack of housing for vulnerable and at-risk people; and
- (3) taking into consideration the goals set out in *A Better Yukon for All: Yukon Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Strategy*.

MOTIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS**Monday, May 1, 2017**

1. Motion for the Production of Papers No. 1

Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of the Yukon Hospital Corporation's budget request to the Government of Yukon for the 2017-18 fiscal year, with a detailed breakdown of cost pressures the Yukon Hospital Corporation is facing, but not limited to:

- (1) increased cost of chemotherapy drugs and increased number of chemotherapy patients;
- (2) increased volume of patients and services required at the medical imaging and laboratory services programs of Whitehorse General Hospital;
- (3) increased costs due to higher staffing requirements resulting from the emergency room expansion of Whitehorse General Hospital;
- (4) increased staffing costs resulting from Whitehorse General Hospital operating at close to 100-percent bed occupancy, rather than at 75-percent bed occupancy on which the hospital's funding is based;
- (5) increased costs to meet the needs of patients at the Watson Lake Community Hospital; and
- (6) increased costs to meet the needs of patients at the Dawson City Community Hospital.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

2. Motion for the Production of Papers No. 2

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of a list of all the consultations and the day they took place, that the Minister of Highways and Public Works has undertaken with contractors since December 3, 2016.

3. Motion for the Production of Papers No. 3

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of a list of all consultations and correspondence since December 3, 2016 between the Government of Yukon and Government of Canada regarding the Yukon Resource Gateway project.