



# Yukon Legislative Assembly

## Standing Committee on Public Accounts

34<sup>th</sup> Yukon Legislative Assembly

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### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE HEARINGS HELD

**Whitehorse** – The Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the Yukon Legislative Assembly held public hearings on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The topic of the hearings were two reports from the Auditor General of Canada, both released on March 6, 2017:

- *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Yukon Legislative Assembly - 2017: Government Transfers to Societies – Yukon*  
[http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/yuk\\_201703\\_e\\_41989.html](http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/yuk_201703_e_41989.html)
- *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Yukon Legislative Assembly - 2017: Capital Asset Management – Yukon*  
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In the first report, the Auditor General looked at whether government departments adequately managed transfers to societies according to legislative, policy, and administrative requirements. In the second report, the Auditor General examined whether the Government of Yukon met key responsibilities for capital asset management, including the assessment, maintenance, repair and replacement of buildings and transportation infrastructure.

Along with the Auditor General of Canada, Michael Ferguson, witnesses from the following departments appeared at the hearings to answer questions from the committee:

On the topic of government transfers to societies

- Community Services
- Economic Development
- Energy Mines and Resources
- Finance
- Executive Council Office

On the topic of capital asset management

- Highways and Public Works
- Health and Social Services
- Education

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Stacey Hassard, thanked departmental witnesses and officials from the Office of the Auditor General for their participation in the hearings. He noted, “The purpose of the Public Accounts Committee is to help ensure accountability for the use of public funds. Public hearings are an important part of this work.”



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These were the first public hearings for the current Public Accounts Committee, which was appointed by the Legislative Assembly on January 12, 2017. The committee members are looking forward to completing their reports, which will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

In its reports, the Committee may make observations and recommendations based on both the Auditor General's reports and the evidence provided by the various government departments.

The transcripts of the public hearings will be available shortly on the Public Accounts Committee's webpage at: <http://www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/committees/pac.html>

For additional background information on the committee, please see the document [\*Procedures and Practices of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts\*](#)

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