



# Yukon Legislative Assembly

## Standing Committee on Public Accounts

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

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### **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE RELEASES REPORT ON CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Whitehorse - The Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the 34<sup>th</sup> Yukon Legislative Assembly has released its second report in which the committee highlights its concerns regarding the management of capital assets.

The subject of the committee's report is a report of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada entitled *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Yukon Legislative Assembly - 2017: Capital Asset Management - Yukon*. This report was released on March 6, 2017 and can be accessed at [http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/yuk\\_201703\\_e\\_41990.html](http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/yuk_201703_e_41990.html).

The committee held a public hearing on the report of the Auditor General on June 29, 2017. Witnesses appeared from the Department of Highways and Public Works, the Department of Health and Social Services, and the Department of Education. Transcripts of the public hearing are available on the Public Accounts Committee's webpage at: <http://www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/committees/pac.html>

The committee endorses the recommendations made by the Auditor General and the committee is encouraged by the departments' acceptance of the Auditor General's recommendations. The committee is concerned, however, by the lack of action to deal with the problems identified in the report and previous audits. Based on the evidence provided by witnesses during the public hearings, the committee believes that the departments have not taken sufficient action to address the Auditor General's recommendations.

The committee has included five recommendations in its report:

**Recommendation No. 1:** THAT the Department of Highways and Public Works prioritize finalizing policies to respond to audit recommendations; and THAT the department report to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts what steps have been taken by April 1, 2018.

**Recommendation No. 2:** THAT the departments collaborate in order to share information across the public service; and THAT the departments report to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts what steps have been taken by April 1, 2018

**Recommendation No. 3:** THAT the Department of Health and Social Services include radon testing in the list of requirements for licensing childcare centres and day homes.

**Recommendation No. 4:** THAT the Department of Highways and Public Works complete the verification of building assessment information and utilize this information to develop a long-term building maintenance plan; and THAT the department report its progress to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts by April 1, 2018.



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**Recommendation No. 5:** THAT the Department of Highways and Public Works present a plan to maintain or replace the aging assets within the department's portfolio; and THAT the department report to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts what steps have been taken by April 1, 2018.

The committee would like to thank officials from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada for their assistance. The committee would also like to thank the department officials who appeared as witnesses at the public hearing and provided additional information after the public hearing.

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