



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges

34th Yukon Legislative Assembly

First Report

On January 12, 2017, the Yukon Legislative Assembly adopted the following motion:

THAT Paolo Gallina, Don Hutton, Ted Adel, Hon. Richard Mostyn, Brad Cathers, Scott Kent and Liz Hanson be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1),

THAT the Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during intersessional periods,

THAT the Committee review, as necessary, such standing orders as it may decide upon,

THAT the Committee, following the conduct of any such review, report any recommendations for amendment to the Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee. (Motion No. 7)

Pursuant to Motion No. 7 and Standing Order 45(1), the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges met on February 14, 2017, July 11, 2017 and September 26, 2017 to review the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

This first report contains the committee's recommendations on tributes and fixed sitting dates.

Tributes

At its meeting on February 14, 2017, the committee identified Tributes as a priority for future considerations. On May 30, 2017, the House Leaders for the Government, Official Opposition and Third Party, sent a letter to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges requesting that the committee provide the Legislative Assembly "with some guidance, parameters and possibly rules regarding how tributes are done in the House, each sitting day."

The committee met on July 11, 2017 and September 26, 2017 to consider Tributes and upon consideration of the matter, the committee recommends:

THAT Standing Order 11 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended by adding the following:

(6) The time allotted for Tributes shall be limited to 20 minutes.



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Fixed Sitting Dates

At its meeting on February 14, 2017, the committee identified fixed sitting dates as a priority for future considerations. On March 17, 2017, the committee sent letters to the Department of Finance and the Executive Council Office to request feedback from the departments on how changing the Legislative Assembly's sitting schedule and possibly setting fixed sitting dates would impact the departments. The departments responded with a letter on May 10, 2017.

At its meeting on July 11, 2017 the committee considered fixed sitting dates and upon consideration of the matter, the committee recommends:

THAT Standing Order 75 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended by adding the following:

(10) The Spring Sitting shall commence the first week of March and the Fall Sitting shall commence the first week of October.

(11) The start date for a Spring or Fall Sitting may be adjusted in any year in which a general election takes place or if the Premier decides extraordinary circumstances require that the established start date for a Sitting be changed.

Respectfully,

Paolo Gallina, Chair
Standing Committee on Rules, Elections
and Privileges

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Date