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Substantive Motions

1. Motion #183 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated November 7, 2007
Carried November 7, 2007

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to give due consideration to building in Yukon the world-class, cutting-edge Arctic research station that was announced in the Speech from the Throne on October 16, 2007, in conjunction with the Government of Yukon's establishment of a Cold Climate Research Centre of Excellence for the North at Yukon College and its community campuses.

2. Motion #208 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated November 7, 2007
Carried November 7, 2007

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to:

- (1) develop a public awareness campaign in conjunction with the RCMP to inform Yukoners, especially children, parents and educators, of best practices for safe use of the internet, and of counseling and support available for victims of cyber crime,
- (2) strike an advisory committee of concerned stakeholders; and
- (3) work with the federal and other provincial and territorial governments to explore legislative and regulatory options to further protect children.

3. Motion #240 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated November 21, 2007
Carried November 21, 2007

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to continue implementing its strategy for supporting child care and early learning, by increasing the budget for child care by \$1 million annually over a period of five years, beginning in the 2007/08 fiscal year and ending in the 2011/12 fiscal year when annual funding for child care totals \$10.3 million to address the following priorities:

- (1) increasing the support provided to low-income families by increasing the child care subsidy rate by 25% on December 1, 2007,
- (2) raising the maximum family income eligibility level for the child care subsidy to ensure that more Yukon families can benefit, effective December 1, 2007,
- (3) further supporting wages for child care workers, with the goal of reducing rates parents pay for child care,
- (4) facilitating increased training and education for child care workers,
- (5) enhancing support for children with disabilities,

- (6) collaborating with First Nations, community groups, non-governmental organizations and child care operators to provide an integrated system that better serves the educational and cultural needs of parents and their children in all Yukon communities,
 - (7) creating more available spaces for children of all ages, especially for those younger than 18 months; and
 - (8) facilitating the development of healthy families through increased support to at-risk families..
4. Motion #173 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated November 21, 2007
Carried November 21, 2007

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to invest in the reconstruction and upgrading of the Watson Lake to Ross River section of the Robert Campbell Highway as well as the application of Bitumen Surface Treatment (BST) to the 36 kilometre section of the Robert Campbell Highway between Faro and Carmacks.

5. Motion #257 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated December 5, 2007
Carried December 5, 2007

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to implement a Comprehensive Skills and Trades Training Strategy by:

- (1) providing an increased focus on Yukon College and its community campuses to establish more skills and trades training programs,
- (2) placing an increased emphasis in Yukon high schools on vocational skills and trades training as an alternate path of education, with a corresponding investment in space, equipment and teachers,
- (3) increasing the enrolment in the Yukon Apprenticeship Program that currently provides a certificate and on-the-job training for approximately forty-six designated trades,
- (4) promoting increased enrolment in the Yukon Government's Apprenticeship Program,
- (5) initiating a targeted marketing campaign to bring skilled Yukon workers back to the territory and attract new workers by advertising the opportunities that are available and the superior quality of life Yukon has to offer,
- (6) working in conjunction with First Nation governments, Yukon College and other stakeholders to reduce the barriers to First Nation employment to educate and train First Nations student in areas of importance to them including their land claims settlements and development activities within their traditional territories,
- (7) developing measures to encourage greater participation in vocational skills and trades training by women, such as the Women Exploring Trades Program, persons with disabilities and students who do not wish to pursue an academic education,
- (8) developing measures to encourage the underemployed, school dropouts, and the working poor to pursue vocational skills and trades training; and
- (9) working with the territories, provinces and the federal government to advance regional strategies to increase participation in the labour force and development of workplace skills.

6. Motion #271 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated December 5, 2007
Carried December 5, 2007

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide services for children with severe disabilities such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and down syndrome in addition to the services already provided to children with autism, and create a Family Support for Families with a Disabilities unit.

7. Motion #296 – Hon. Ms. Horne, Minister of Justice
Debated December 10, 2007
Carried December 10, 2007

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 17(1) of the Human Rights Act, reappoint Melissa Atkinson and appoint Glenis Allen to be members of the Yukon Human Rights Commission.

8. Motion #297 – Hon. Ms. Horne, Minister of Justice
Debated December 10, 2007
Carried December 10, 2007

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 22(2) of the Human Rights Act, reappoint Barbara Evans as Chief Adjudicator of the Yukon Human Rights Panel of Adjudicators, and appoint Michael Riseborough and John Wright to be members of the Yukon Human Rights Panel of Adjudicators.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOTIONS

1. C/W Motion #2 – Hon. Brad Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated December 3, 2007
Carried December 3, 2007

THAT, Craig Tuton, Chair of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, and Kurt Dieckman, Acting President of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, appear as witnesses in Committee of the Whole from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, to discuss matters relating to the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board.

2. C/W Motion #3 – Hon. Brad Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated December 10, 2007
Carried December 10, 2007

THAT, Willard Phelps, Chair of the Yukon Development Corporation Board of Directors and the Yukon Energy Corporation Board of Directors, and David Morrison, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation, appear as witnesses in Committee of the Whole, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007, to discuss matters relating to the Yukon Development Corporation the Yukon Energy Corporation.