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Substantive Motions

1. Motion #492 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated October 29, 2008
Carried October 29, 2008

THAT this House urges the Parliament of Canada to review the effects of recent changes to the *Canada Elections Act* regarding information voters are required to present to prove identity, to determine if identification requirements need to be adjusted to prevent Northern residents from being deprived of the ability to exercise their democratic right to vote.

2. Motion #496 – Mr. Hardy, Member for Whitehorse Centre
Debated December 3, 2008
Carried December 3, 2008

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to acknowledge and fully endorse the official apology to former students of Indian residential schools that was made by the prime Minister on behalf of the Government of Canada and all Canadians in the House of Commons on June 11, 2008 for the great wrong perpetrated on them in the residential schools which were present in the Yukon, and further, to:

- (1) demonstrate our collective commitment to building a future based on fairness, equality and respect,
- (2) express our recognition of the fact that their children were stolen,
- (3) acknowledge the effect of residential schools on aboriginal culture, language and identity,
- (4) recognize the fact that we are losing our former residential school students at an alarming rate; and
- (5) start on this important process as soon as possible in order to move forward together in healing, reconciliation, and dignity. **Amended**

3. Motion #518 – Hon. Mr. Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated October 30, 2008
Carried October 30, 2008

THAT this House shall stand adjourned from its rising on Thursday, November 6, 2008, until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

4. Motion #542 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated November 12, 2008
Carried November 12, 2008

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to request the Employment Standards Board, in conjunction with the Yukon Workers' Compensation, Health and Safety Board, to:

- (1) conduct a thorough review and assessment of the current situation involving the employment of children and young people in the Yukon workforce to ensure their protection from hazardous environments, substances and occupations,
- (2) identify gaps in current employment standards, occupational health and safety, and education legislation in Yukon governing the employment of children and young people, by conducting consultations with parents, employers, youth and labour organizations using Bill #109, Young Worker Protection Act as a discussion document; and
- (3) present a report on their findings to the Yukon Legislative Assembly within the first 10 days of the next sitting.

Amended

5. Motion #575 – Hon. Mr. Hart, Member for Riverdale South
Debated November 18, 2008
Carried November 18, 2008

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to engage Yukoners in a dialogue on the findings and recommendations of The Yukon Health Care Review, a report that reviewed the current and long-term sustainability over the next ten years of the public health care system in Yukon,

THAT a Steering Committee on Health Care Sustainability comprised of health care and medical professionals, and finance and First Nation officials, be established to undertake this dialogue with Yukoners and prepare a report on “What They Heard”; and

THAT an Oversight Committee on Health Care Sustainability comprised of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Health and Social Services be established with an invitation being extended for one representative from the Official Opposition, the Third Party, and Yukon First Nations to participate on the committee and oversee the work of the Steering Committee on Health Care Sustainability including receiving the report on “What They Heard” for ultimate presentation to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in the 2009 Spring Sitting.

6. Motion #628 – Hon. Ms. Horner, Minister of Justice
Debated November 27, 2008
Carried November 27, 2008

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 22(3) of the *Human Rights Act*, remove John Wright and Darcy Tkachuk as members of the Panel of Adjudicators; and

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 22(2) of the *Human Rights Act*, appoint Michael Dougherty, Laura MacFeeters and Michelle Vainio to be members of the Panel of Adjudicators.

7. Motion #637 – Mr. Hardy, Member for Whitehorse Centre
Debated December 3, 2008
Carried December 3, 2008

THAT this House supports the responsible resolution to the current national issue of who should govern Canada exclusively to the Governor General of Canada as our system of constitutional governance is designed and respect her decision.

8. Motion #647 – Mr. Nordick, Member for Klondike
Debated December 10, 2008
Carried December 10, 2008

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to initiate measures to manage the impacts of the global downturn by working:

- (1) at the national level with the provinces and territories through the Council of the Federation to present options to stimulate the economy to the Government of Canada at the First Ministers Meeting on the Economy scheduled to be held in Ottawa on January 16, 2009; and
- (2) at the local level to implement the following measures:
 - (a) continuing to maintain a prudent financial position so there is money available to invest where necessary,
 - (b) hosting roundtable discussions with key stakeholders within Yukon to collect advice and input to aid and inform decisions,
 - (c) focusing on key infrastructure investments to create jobs in the short term and provide an environment for long-term investment and growth,
 - (d) promoting research and development opportunities in Yukon, such as the Cold Climate Innovation Centre and the Climate Change Centre of Excellence,
 - (e) striking an internal committee of deputy ministers, chaired by the Premier, to monitor and assess economic trends and identify opportunities,
 - (f) implementing labour mobility initiatives,
 - (g) expanding trade opportunities with foreign partners,
 - (h) encouraging the federal government to continue to make strategic investments in Canada's North meeting its commitment to unlock the vast potential in Yukon; and
 - (i) continuing to work with First Nation governments to ensure an appropriate federal mandate is renewed to adequately resource First Nation governments.

9. Motion #653 – Hon. Ms. Horne, Minister of Justice
Debated December 11, 2008
Carried December 11, 2008

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Human Rights Act*, re-appoint Rick Goodfellow to be a member of the Yukon Human Rights Commission.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOTIONS

1. C/W Motion #15 – Hon. Brad Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated December 8, 2008
Carried December 8, 2008

THAT, Willard Phelps, Chair of the Yukon Development Corporation Board of Directors and the Yukon Energy Corporation Board of Directors and David Morrison, Chief Executive Officer of the Yukon Development Corporation, and President and Chief Executive Officer of 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 8, 2008, to discuss matters relating to the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation.

2. C/W Motion #14 – Hon. Brad Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated December 4, 2008
Carried December 4, 2008

THAT, Craig Tuton, Chair of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, and Valerie Royle, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board, appear as witnesses in Committee of the Whole on Thursday, December 4, 2008, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to discuss matters relating to the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board.