

YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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33rd Legislative Assembly

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Substantive Motions

1. Motion #24 – Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
Debated April 4, 2012
Carried April 4, 2012

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide new supports for people looking after family members who are sick or disabled, including adults and seniors needing extra care and children with severe disabilities, by taking steps including:

- (1) establishing a new Caregiver Tax Credit for families caring for a relative with a disability – including seniors and adults and children with disabilities,
- (2) providing additional funding for therapies as well as money for specialized equipment, ramps and lifts to assist children with disabilities through an expanded Family Support for Children with Disabilities Program,
- (3) helping seniors stay in their own homes longer by assisting with minor home repairs and upgrades;
- (4) enhancing the Home Care Program, including providing respite care for children with disabilities and adults who are dependent on family caregivers.

Amended

2. Motion #45 – Mr. Silver, Member for Klondike
Debated April 11, 2012
Carried April 11, 2012

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to proceed with drafting whistle-blower protection legislation following receipt of the final report by the Select Committee on Whistle-blower Protection.

Amended

3. Motion #80 – Mr. Elias, Member for Vuntut Gwitchin
Debated March 28, 2012
Carried March 28, 2012

THAT this House urges the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to ensure the proper implementation of the Nutrition North Canada Program that delivers healthy foods to citizens living in Old Crow, Yukon by:

- (1) ensuring the Nutrition North Canada Program includes a personal shipping transportation subsidy from Whitehorse to Old Crow of “nutritious perishable foods”, “Non-perishable foods”, “non-food items” and “essential non-food items” for the residents of Old Crow via Air North at a cost of \$.80 per kilogram for Level 1 foods and \$2.15 for Level 2 foods,
- (2) ensuring that any surcharge or tax associated with the shipping of personal orders by incurred by the Nutrition North Canada Program and not the citizens of Old Crow; and

(3) maintaining a transportation subsidy that is administered by Air North with the company being accountable directly to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

4. Motion #81 – Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
Debated March 21, 2012
Carried March 21, 2012

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to strengthen and diversify Yukon's economy by investing in the research, innovation, and commercialization of cold climate technology.

5. Motion #84 – Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
Debated March 21, 2012
Carried March 21, 2012

THAT this House urges Air Canada and West Jet, in pursuing their competitive corporate objectives in Yukon, to ensure that the on-going viability of Air North is not compromised, and to negotiate interline and code-share agreements with Air North.

6. Motion #105 – Hon. Mr. Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated April 2, 2012
Carried April 2, 2012

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 2 of the *Ombudsman Act*, recommends that the Commissioner in Executive Council appoint Timothy E. Koepke as the Ombudsman of Yukon for a term of five years, effective May 1, 2012.

7. Motion #106 – Mr. Silver, Member for Klondike
Debated March 28, 2012
Carried March 28, 2012

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to work with public schools, the private sector and mining community, First Nations, Skills Canada and other NGOs, trade unions and Yukon College implement existing plans to offer quality training in skills, trades and technology in Yukon and explore new models that will:

- (1) enable Yukoners to gain valuable skills that will allow them to be eligible for opportunities that are being offered throughout the territory,
- (2) encourage Yukon youth who wish to pursue careers in skills, trades and technology,
- (3) potentially include inter-provincial accreditation which recognizes journey-persons throughout Canada,
- (4) address the need for the unique skills that are necessary for working in Arctic climates,
- (5) create short term, immediate solutions using cooperative learning to address the current need for training and a long term vision with defined, achievable timelines; and
- (6) recognize the high level of academic ability required to enter fields connected with skills, trades and technology.

8. Motion #115 – Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
 Debated April 4, 2012
 Carried April 4, 2012

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue working with industry, communities, and First Nations to promote the Yukon tourism brand that markets Yukon as an attractive year-round destination.

9. Motion #120 – Hon. Mr. Cathers, Government House Leader
 Debated April 2, 2012
 Carried April 2, 2012

THAT a Select Committee on Whistle-blower Protection be established,

THAT the honourable member Patti McLeod, be the Chair of that Committee,

THAT the honourable members Stacey Hassard, Hon. Doug Graham, Jan Stick, and Darius Elias be appointed to the Committee,

THAT the Committee shall have access to records generated by, or gathered by the Select Committee on Whistle-blower Protection established by Motion No. 125 of the 32nd Legislative Assembly,

THAT the Committee report to the House its findings and recommendations respecting the central issues that should be addressed in whistle-blower protection legislation including:

- (1) whether all public institutions and private organizations performing "public" functions will be covered,
- (2) whether only employees or others -- unions, advocacy groups, the media, citizens -- can use this legislation,
- (3) what types of wrongdoing will be covered,
- (4) whether the same office will conduct investigation, mediation and the protection of whistle-blowers,
- (5) whether employees will have to exhaust departmental procedures before approaching the whistle-blower protection office,
- (6) how retaliation against whistle-blowers will be defined and how long protection will exist,
- (7) whether there will be a reverse onus on the employer to demonstrate that adverse decisions on a whistle-blowing employee were not a reprisal,
- (8) what remedies for employees judged to be adversely affected will be specified in the legislation; and
- (9) what sorts of consequences there will be for employees who engage in reckless or malicious accusations of wrongdoing and for managers who engage in reprisal against employees who act in good faith,

THAT the Committee report to the House its recommendation as to whether whistle-blower protection legislation should include a sunset clause similar to that found in section 35 of the *Ombudsman Act*,

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

THAT the Committee may hold hearings for the purpose of receiving the views and opinions of Yukon citizens and interested groups on whistle-blower protection legislation,

THAT the Committee have the power to seek background information from experts and to be able to call and hear these experts as witnesses,

THAT while all testimony provided to the Committee shall be in a matter of public record, the Committee have the power to hold in-camera meetings and to direct that the records of

the Committee, in specific instances, not contain details that could lead to the identification of an individual, group, third party, or community,

THAT if the House is not sitting at such time as the Committee is prepared to present its report, the Committee transmit its report to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and then, not more than one day later, release the report to the public; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

10. Motion #162 – Mr. Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin
Debated April 18, 2012
Carried April 18, 2012

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to establish a tax credit for parents or guardians of children involved in music, arts or tutoring.

11. Motion #163 – Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
Debated April 18, 2012
Carried April 18, 2012

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to ensure that Yukoners continue to have access to CBC AM Radio and CBC TV by requiring the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to :

- (1) provide AM Radio service by relocating its Whitehorse tower and continuing to broadcast CBC Radio One on the AM 570 band; and
- (2) continue to transmit CBC TV in both English and French in Yukon.

12. Motion #194 – Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Justice
Debated April 30, 2012
Carried April 30, 2012

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Human Rights Act*, does appoint Jolene Waugh as a member of the Yukon Human Rights Commission for a term of three years.

13. Motion #195 – Hon. Mr. Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated April 30, 2012
Carried April 30, 2012

THAT the membership of the Select Committee on Whistle-blower Protection, as established by Motion #120 of the First Session of the 33rd Legislative Assembly, be amended by:

- (1) rescinding the appointment of Darius Elias to the Committee; and
 - (2) appointing Sandy Silver to the Committee
- and

THAT the mandate of the Committee, as stipulated in Motion #120, be amended by adding the following:

“THAT if the Committee believes that its Final Report will not be completed in such time as to be tabled during the 2012 Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly, the Chair of the Committee shall table in the House, during the 2012 Fall Sitting, an interim report on the Committee’s progress, which shall inform the House of the Committee’s expected date for completion of a Final Report.”

14. Motion #197 – Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
Debated May 2, 2012
Carried May 2, 2012

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to continue to financially support the Northern Cultural Expressions Society.

15. Motion #198 – Mr. Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin
Debated May 2, 2012
Carried May 2, 2012

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to support development of the agriculture sector with actions including:

- (1) working with farmers and industry associations including the Yukon Agriculture Association and the Growers of Organic Food Yukon to implement the Agriculture Multi-Year Development Plan,
- (2) developing a “Yukon-Grown Food Policy” aimed at significantly increasing the production and use of locally-grown vegetables, meat and food products,
- (3) supporting the development of agriculture infrastructure that improves food security, facilitates access to market, and encourages local production of food,
- (4) supporting the development of local markets for Yukon agriculture products through measures including supporting the operation of the Fireweed Community Market; and
- (5) working with Yukon farmers to conduct agricultural research.