

YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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First Session of the
33rd Legislative Assembly

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Substantive Motions

1. Motion #367 – Mr. Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin
Debated April 3, 2013
Carried April 3, 2013

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with the Government of British Columbia, the Taku River Tlingit First Nation, the Carcross-Tagish First Nation and the residents of Atlin, British Columbia, to discuss the possibility of establishing a reciprocal fishing license agreement for Atlin Lake

Amended

2. Motion #369 – Ms. White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King
Debated April 10, 2013
Carried April 10, 2013

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to:

- (1) implement all of the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Safe Operation and Use of Off-road Vehicles, and
- (2) develop and implement a plan, in conjunction with user groups, to protect environmentally sensitive areas from off-road vehicle use while allowing responsible access to the backcountry.

Amended

3. Motion #372 – Mr. Silver, Leader of the Third Party
Debated April 24, 2013
Carried April 24, 2013

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to invite officials from the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation to appear as witnesses in Committee of the Whole during the 2013 Spring Sitting, to answer questions and discuss matters relating to the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation.

Amended

4. Motion #380 – Mr. Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin
Debated April 17, 2013
Carried April 17, 2013

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to enhance marketing of Yukon as a quality travel destination through research-based, market-driven campaigns, especially in relation to Yukon's primary markets of the United States, Canada and German-speaking Europe; secondary markets of Australia, the United Kingdom and Japan; and Yukon's emerging markets of the Netherlands, South Korea and France.

5. Motion #384 – Mr. Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin
Debated April 3, 2013
Carried April 3, 2013

THAT this House urges the Department of Education to explore models for the establishment of a Career and Technology Centre to serve high school students wishing to pursue apprenticeship opportunities in trades.

6. Motion #397 – Mr. Silver, Leader of the Third Party
Debated May 8, 2013
Carried May 8, 2013

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with non-governmental organizations and the private sector in Dawson City to investigate the possibility of using the existing McDonald Lodge for another purpose after it is no longer used for continuing care.

Amended

7. Motion #423 – Mr. Elias, Member for Vuntut Gwitchin
Debated April 24, 2013
Carried April 24, 2013

THAT this House urges:

- (1) the Government of Canada to hold a National Public Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls, as called for in an April 17, 2013, statement issued by 9 provinces and 2 territories,
- (2) Yukon's Premier to publicly endorse and express support for the statement of April 17, 2013, and its recommendation for the Government of Canada to hold a National Public Inquiry; and
- (3) the Government of Yukon to join and actively participate in the inquiry process and contribute resources as needed.

7. Motion #430 – Mr. Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin
Debated May 1, 2013
Carried May 1, 2013

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work collaboratively with the Government of Canada for funding to improve our highways, construct new schools, expand the current hospital, and to enable investment in energy, transportation and communication infrastructure.

8. Motion #433 – Hon. Mr. Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated May 6, 2013
Carried May 6, 2013

THAT a Select Committee Regarding the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing be established,

THAT Patti McLeod be Chair of the Committee,

THAT the Chair of the Committee have a deliberative vote on all matters before the Committee,

THAT the honourable members Hon. Currie Dixon, Stacey Hassard, Jim Tredger, Sandy Silver, and Darius Elias be appointed to the Committee,

THAT the Committee be mandated to:

- (1) gain a science-based understanding of the technical, environmental, economic, and regulatory aspects of hydraulic fracturing,
- (2) gain an understanding of Yukon's current legislation and regulations relevant to the oil and gas industry,
- (3) consider the potential risks and benefits of hydraulic fracturing if it were used in Yukon,
- (4) facilitate an informed public dialogue for the purpose of sharing information on the potential risks and benefits of hydraulic fracturing, as well as gathering input from the Yukon public, First Nations, stakeholders, and stakeholder groups including non-governmental organizations,
- (5) hold public hearings in the two communities most likely to be affected by oil and gas development, Watson Lake and Old Crow, and in other Yukon communities as deemed appropriate by the Committee; and
- (6) consider whether hydraulic fracturing can be done safely if properly regulated;

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

THAT in exercising its power to call for persons, papers and records the Committee may invite:

- (1) officials from the Government of Yukon to appear as witnesses on technical matters,
- (2) officials from other North American jurisdictions with experience in the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to appear as witnesses on technical matters,
- (3) experts in matters related to hydraulic fracturing to appear as witnesses,
- (4) representatives of Yukon First Nation governments and Yukon municipalities to appear as witnesses; and
- (5) stakeholders, and interested parties including non-governmental organizations and members of the public to appear as witnesses, or provide input through other methods to be determined by the Committee,

THAT the Committee report to the Legislative Assembly its recommendations regarding a policy approach to hydraulic fracturing in Yukon that is in the public interest, including:

- (1) its findings, if any, regarding the potential risks and benefits of hydraulic fracturing and whether allowing use of this technique is in the public interest; and
- (2) its recommendations, if any, regarding any steps that should be taken to responsibly regulate hydraulic fracturing should its use in Yukon be allowed,

THAT the Committee report to the House its findings and recommendations no later than the 2014 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly,

THAT if the House is not sitting at such time as the Committee is prepared to present its report, the Committee Chair shall transmit the Committee's report to the Speaker, who shall transmit the 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.

9. Motion #449 – Ms. Stick, Member for Riverdale South
 Debated May 8, 2013
 Carried May 8, 2013

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to consult with the public to determine whether sub-section 50(1) of the Employment Standards Act, the so-called probationary period which allows workers to be terminated without cause or notice, should be amended from six to three months.

Amended

10. Motion #461 – Hon. Mr. Pasloski, Premier
Debated May 14, 2013
Carried May 14, 2013

THAT the Yukon Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 2 of the Ombudsman Act, recommends that the Commissioner in Executive Council appoint Diane McLeod-McKay as the Ombudsman of Yukon for a term of five years, effective June 10, 2013

11. Motion #466 – Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
Debated May 15, 2013
Carried May 15, 2013

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a tourism, trade and investment mission to Europe and the United Kingdom led by the Premier to profile Yukon's tourism industry and investment opportunities for the purpose of:

- (1) increasing awareness of Yukon as a travel destination within European markets,
- (2) strengthening alliances with key business and government partners,
- (3) facilitating business to business partnerships; and
- (4) profiling investment opportunities within Yukon.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOTION

1. C/W Motion #3 – Hon. Mr. Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated May 13, 2013
Carried May 13, 2013

THAT Craig Tuton, Chair of the Yukon Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees, and Jason Bilsky, Chief Executive Officer of the Yukon Hospital Corporation, appear as witnesses before Committee of the Whole from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013 to discuss matters relating to the Yukon Hospital Corporation.

2. C/W Motion #4 – Hon. Mr. Cathers, Government House Leader
Debated May 14, 2013
Carried May 14, 2013

THAT Joanne Fairlie, Chair of the Yukon Development Corporation Board of Directors; Greg Komaromi, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Yukon Development Corporation; Piers MacDonald, Chair of the Yukon Energy Corporation Board of Directors; and David Morrison, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Yukon Energy Corporation appear as witnesses before Committee of the Whole from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 to discuss matters relating to the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation.