

## Preface

### **The appointment of the committee**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Yukon Legislative Assembly appointed the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on November 30, 2006. The members appointed were:

Arthur Mitchell  
Steve Nordick  
John Edzerza  
Hon. Glenn Hart  
Don Inverarity  
Hon. Marian Horne  
Hon. Patrick Rouble

At its first meeting on December 14, 2006 the Committee elected Mr. Mitchell as its Chair and elected Mr. Nordick as Vice-Chair.

### **This report**

On January 30, 2009 Sheila Fraser, FCA, Auditor General of Canada, released the report *Public Schools and Advanced Education: Yukon Department of Education*. The report focused on the Public Schools Branch and the Advanced Education Branch of the Department of Education, and Yukon College.

On the same day Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly had the opportunity to receive the report and ask questions of the Auditor General at an in-camera briefing in the Legislative Assembly chamber. The report became a public document the same day.

In preparation for the public hearing the Committee held a meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2009. At this meeting members discussed the report, and drafted questions for the witnesses appearing before the Committee. At a final meeting on the morning of Friday, February 6, 2009 the committee members reviewed the final draft of the questions and distributed those questions amongst themselves.

The public hearing took place on February 6. The transcripts of that hearing are appended to this report.

Hon. Patrick Rouble is Minister of Education. He therefore recused himself from for the public hearing, all meetings related to the committee's preparations for the public hearing and all meetings related to the preparation of this report. Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), Brad Cathers substituted for Hon. Mr. Rouble. Hon. Ms. Horne, who participated in meetings related to the committee's preparations for the public hearing and meetings related to the preparation of this report, was not available for the public hearing due to illness.

The Committee would like to thank Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General for the Territorial Governments; Eric Hellsten, Principal, Office of the Auditor General (Vancouver office); and Charlene Taylor, Director, Office of the Auditor General of Canada (Vancouver office) for their assistance in preparing the Committee for the hearings.

The Committee would also like to thank the witnesses from the Department of Education and Yukon College who appeared before it for their co-operation and their contribution to the public hearing process.