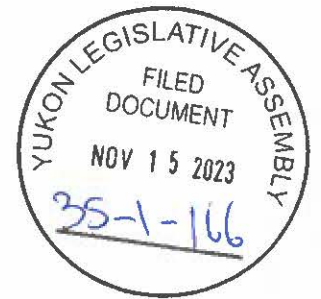




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Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee
Minister of Health and Social Services
P.O. Box 2703
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Dear Minister McPhee,

On Monday, October 17, 2022 I gave notice of the following motion in the Yukon Legislative Assembly:

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to endorse and adopt the working definition of anti-Semitism as adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance: "Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

I was pleasantly surprised to see that you gave notice of a Government Motion with almost identical wording during the Spring Sitting a few weeks ago. Having the sitting Minister of Justice give notice of a Government Motion is a very strong indication that this indeed a priority for your government. I do have some questions though, about how your government intends to action this position. Will your government be formally adopting the IHRA definition; if so, in what way? Some provincial governments, like Alberta, have done so by Order-In-Council; is that the intention of the Government of Yukon? Is there any implementation plan prepared? What actions will be taken to support this position?

I am pleased to see you announce your support for the Government of Yukon adopting the IHRA definition and would like to add my voice to those in support. If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Currie Dixon
Leader of the Official Opposition