



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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Hon. Sandy Silver
Premier
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Dear Premier Silver,

I would like to thank you for your letter to the other northern Premiers requesting they join the Yukon Legislative Assembly in asking the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to reverse their short-sighted decision to end Yukon-specific morning newscasts. As you are aware, the Yukon Party Official Opposition also tabled motions asking this decision to be reversed. Additionally, we have sent a letter to Yukon's Member of Parliament, Larry Bagnell, on the respective topic. This morning I was encouraged to see CBC management has reversed this decision.

However, the reason I am writing you today is to seek clarification on what appears to be considerable hypocrisy in your government's approach to this issue and issues of similar matters.

As you know, CBC management had claimed their recent decision was meant to improve services. They argued that the decision was valid because it would not result in any job losses, as it would only be reorganizing staff internally. This is very similar to your Liberal government's recent decision to make changes at Central Stores and Queen's Printer. You'll remember that your own Minister responsible has also argued that this decision is valid because it will not result in any job losses, as it will only be reorganizing staff internally.

In both of these cases, there has been a disrespect for the employees involved, as they were given very little notice that their jobs would be affected before changes were implemented.

Therefore, I am wondering how you can oppose CBC's decision while at the same time making a similar decision that affects employees in your own public service. In fact, it is our understanding that your government gave even less notice to the seventeen Yukon public servants affected by this decision before it went public.

The hypocrisy of this approach has not been lost on the Yukon public service. In fact, while your government was quick to send a letter on the topic of the CBC, your Minister of Highways and Public Works made disparaging remarks towards his own public servants, calling them archaic and out of date, when asked about the Liberals' decision to cut Queen's Printer and Central Stores.

As you also know, the opposition parties have received hundreds of letters and emails from concerned Yukoners over your government's decision to make these cuts to Central Stores and Queen's Printer Agency.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Stacey Hassard', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Stacey Hassard
Leader of the Official Opposition