



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

35th Yukon Legislative Assembly

MINUTES

Meeting No. 8

Friday, November 5, 2021

Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in camera this day at 9:03 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Kate White, presiding.

Members present: Kate White, Vice-Chair
Currie Dixon (by videoconference),
Scott Kent,
Hon. Jeanie McLean (by videoconference),
Hon. Richard Mostyn, and
Hon. Ranj Pillai (substituting for Hon. Jeanie McLean from 10:15 a.m.).

Also present: Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee
Officials from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada (by videoconference at 9:05 a.m.):
Sophie Miller, Assistant Auditor General,
David Irving, Principal, and
Michelle Spence, Director.

Approval of Agenda

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Mostyn, seconded by Mr. Kent, THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 8 of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 7 (October 15, 2021)

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Mostyn, seconded by Mr. Kent, THAT the minutes of Meeting No. 7 (October 15, 2021) of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted as presented.

Yukon Public Accounts 2020-21

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(3), the Standing Committee on Public Accounts considered the Public Accounts.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Kent, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mostyn, THAT Sophie Miller, Assistant Auditor General, David Irving, Principal, and Michelle Spence, Director, from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada, appear by videoconference before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts November 5,

2021 at 9:05 a.m. to brief the committee on matters related to the Yukon Public Accounts.

The committee met with the officials from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada via videoconference. Ms. Miller, Mr. Irving and Ms. Spence made a presentation and answered questions from committee members.

Ms. Miller, Mr. Irving and Ms. Spence were excused from the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

The committee discussed potential dates for a public hearing on the *Yukon Public Accounts 2020-21*. The committee clerk was tasked with contacting the Office of the Auditor General of Canada to inquire about witness availability on February 9, 2022.

The Hon. Ms. McLean recused herself from the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

The Hon. Mr. Pillai joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. to substitute for the Hon. Ms. McLean.

Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Yukon – Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Education in Yukon – Department of Education

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(3), the Standing Committee on Public Accounts considered a report of the Auditor General.

The committee considered a letter received from the Yukon Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE), dated October 21, 2021.

Committee members proposed that the committee seek input from additional stakeholders on the progress the Department of Education has made on the recommendations from the Auditor General's report. It was suggested that this input could be in the form of witnesses appearing at a public hearing or as written submissions to the committee.

It was noted that the committee's study of education will be focused on the report of the Auditor General. Committee members expressed a desire to continue the committee's practice of collectively drafting questions for public hearings.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Dixon, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pillai, THAT the committee clerk draft a letter to all Yukon First Nations, seeking input on the Department of Education's progress on the recommendations from Auditor General and including as an attachment the October 21, 2021 letter from the CCOE.

The committee agreed to consider at a future meeting potential dates in January 2022 for a public hearing as well as potential stakeholders for the committee to contact. Committee members agreed to share proposed dates and lists of potential witnesses by November 12, 2021.

Next Meeting

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts agreed to next meet Friday, November 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

At 10:54 a.m. the committee adjourned.



Allison Lloyd
Clerk to the Committee