

Yukon Legislative Assembly

Special Committee on Electoral Reform

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MINUTES

Meeting No. 10 Friday, November 26, 2021 Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform met in camera this day at 2:03 p.m., the Chair, Kate White, presiding.

Members present:	Kate White (Chair), Brad Cathers (Vice-Chair), and Hon. John Streicker.
Also present:	Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee, Helen Fitzsimmons, Director Administration, Finance and Systems

Approval of Agenda

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cathers, THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 10 of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 9 (November 16, 2021)

It was agreed, on motion Mr. Cathers, THAT the minutes for Meeting No. 9 (November 16, 2021) of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented and made public.

Committee Work Plan

The committee considered its work plan.

Committee members discussed potential public survey questions. The committee clerk was tasked with providing committee members with examples of electoral reform surveys from other jurisdictions.

Committee members discussed a communications strategy and the hiring of a communications contractor. It was suggested that a communications package which makes the report on electoral system options by Keith Archer accessible to the general public be completed by the end of February, and that the public survey be launched at the end of February. Committee members proposed that a press conference could be held for the launch of the survey that would include information on all public hearings to be held following the 2022 Spring Sitting.

It was agreed, on motion the Hon. Mr. Streicker,

THAT the Special Committee on Electoral Reform request that Keith Archer prepare an executive summary of his report on electoral system options for Yukon to assist with communicating the information to the Yukon public.

Potential expert witnesses for public hearings in January were discussed. The committee agreed to conduct the hearings with expert witnesses by videoconference. Members agreed to share with the committee their availability for potential hearing dates in January 2022.

The committee clerk was tasked contacting the Yukon Bureau of Statistics to initiate the preparation of the committee's public survey.

The committee agreed to consider a draft request for proposals for the communications contract at the next committee meeting.

Next Meeting

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform agreed to next meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021.

At 3:17 p.m. the committee adjourned.

Allison Lloyd Clerk to the Committee