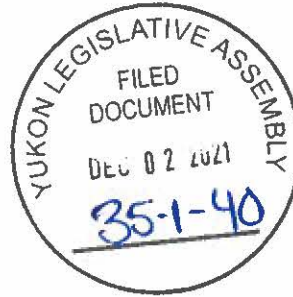


Thursday, November 25, 2021



The Honourable Richard Mostyn
Minister of Community Services
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Dear Minister Mostyn:

I understand from my officials that the Department of Community Services and Yukon First Nations Wildfire have successfully completed the development of a Unit Crew Agreement to govern the provision of unit crew services to the Yukon government. In my view, the Agreement is very much representative of the close working relationship that has developed in the last few years between our organizations.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the support of Yukon First Nations Wildfire for the *Workers' Safety and Compensation Act*, which was recently tabled in the Yukon Legislative Assembly. This is important legislation that, once enacted, will strengthen Yukon's occupational health and safety regime, and modernize the system for administering compensation to the territory's injured workers.

The issue of wildland firefighting and presumptive cancer remains a concern for YFNW given the nature of the services we provide. I certainly support your government's continuing efforts to investigate correlations between wildfire and firefighting and the extent to which it is an occupational hazard. We need to ensure that workers that do so much to protect our territory are themselves protected.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued leadership on files involving Yukon First Nations Wildfire and I commend your staff with Protective Services and Wildland Fire Management for finalizing the Unit Crew Agreement. I look forward to meeting with you soon to sign the Agreement and to begin the important work of implementation.

Mahsi Cho,

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