



# Yukon Legislative Assembly

## Standing Committee on Public Accounts

35<sup>th</sup> Yukon Legislative Assembly

### MINUTES

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in camera this day at 1:01 p.m., the Chair, Currie Dixon, presiding.

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

Also present: Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee

#### **Approval of Agenda**

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Kent,  
THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 11 of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted as presented.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 10 (December 7, 2021)**

It was agreed, on motion of Ms. White,  
THAT the minutes of Meeting No. 10 (December 7, 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.

The committee discussed the February 9, 2022 public hearing on the *Yukon Public Accounts 2020-21*. In light of the evolving COVID-19 situation, the committee considered whether witnesses from the Office of the Auditor General should travel to attend the hearing in person in Yukon.

It was agreed that the witnesses from outside of Yukon should appear virtually. The specific method of the virtual appearance was not determined.

Discussion on the public hearing questions was deferred to a future meeting.

***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 discussed rescheduling the public hearings on January 12, 2022. Committee members noted that due to technical issues, written submissions from stakeholder organizations were received late on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 and not all committee members had had an opportunity to fully review the submissions before the deadline to submit draft questions. It was also suggested that the Department of Education should be provided additional time to prepare due to the challenges being faced by the department in the current COVID-19 state of emergency.

The committee considered a request from the Yukon Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) to proceed with the hearing in person on January 12, 2022, despite the pandemic situation. It was agreed that the committee hearing with the CCOE should proceed in the Legislative Assembly Chamber as planned.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Kent, seconded by Ms. White, THAT the Department of Education's appearance at a public hearing on the *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Yukon – Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Education in Yukon – Department of Education* be rescheduled from 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2022 to Wednesday, January 19, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The committee reviewed and edited draft hearing questions for the CCOE. It was agreed that members be permitted to submit additional questions following the meeting, with the approval of the questions to be done by email by noon on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

The committee agreed to review draft questions for the Department of Education at the committee's next meeting. Committee members were asked to submit any additional draft questions to the committee clerk by noon on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

The committee clerk was tasked with preparing a revised press release on the public hearings for the committee's review.

**Next Meeting**

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Kent, THAT the Standing Committee on Public Accounts next meet at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022.

At 2:13 p.m. the committee adjourned.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allison Lloyd", is written over a horizontal line.

Allison Lloyd  
Clerk to the Committee