



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Special Committee on Electoral Reform

35th Yukon Legislative Assembly

MINUTES

Meeting No. 12

Monday, January 10, 2022

Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform met in camera this day at 12:03 p.m., the Chair, Kate White, presiding.

Members present: Kate White (Chair),
Brad Cathers (by videoconference), and
Hon. John Streicker.

Also present: Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee

Approval of Agenda

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, seconded by Mr. Cathers, THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 12 of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 11 (December 6, 2021)

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, THAT the minutes for Meeting No. 11 (December 6, 2021) of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented and made public.

Evaluation of Communications Contract Proposals

The committee considered the submission received in response to the committee's communications contract request for proposals.

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, seconded by Mr. Cathers, THAT the proposal by Mammoth Agency be provisionally accepted and that the costs for coordination and management of the communications campaign be included in the communications contract.

Committee Work Plan

The committee reviewed the revised draft survey questions provided by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. Committee members suggested that the potential survey incentive could be Yukon Buy Local gift cards instead of pre-paid Visa cards. Members proposed adding more information to the introductory statement in the

section on the size of the Legislative Assembly. It was agreed that further discussion with the Yukon Bureau of Statistics is needed.

It was noted that the committee had received an executive summary of the report on options for Yukon's electoral system from Keith Archer. Discussion on the executive summary was deferred to a future meeting.

The committee agreed to meet with Mammoth to discuss communications, including potential advertisements for public hearings.

The committee discussed the public hearings scheduled for the week of January 24, 2022. It was agreed that the expert witnesses should be asked to provide a short biography and to limit their hearing presentations to 15 minutes, if possible. The committee agreed to permit witnesses to use PowerPoint presentations and to ask witnesses to provide any such presentation materials to the committee in advance of the hearing so that the documents may be made available on the committee's webpage.

The committee considered general questions to ask the witnesses to address during the hearings. The following potential questions were proposed:

- What is the witness' perspective on how a potential electoral system change would apply to a jurisdiction with a small population like Yukon?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of a potential electoral system change for a jurisdiction like Yukon?
- How was the electoral reform process rolled out in the witness' jurisdiction?
- What lessons can be learned from the witness' jurisdiction?

The committee clerk was tasked with preparing a draft press release regarding the upcoming public hearings, for the committee's review.

The committee discussed publishing public submissions on the committee's webpage. The committee clerk was asked to verify with the individual or organization providing a submission before posting submissions on a separate section of the committee's webpage.

Next Meeting

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform agreed to next meet Wednesday, January 12, or Thursday, January 13, 2022, depending on the availability of the Yukon Bureau of Statistics and Mammoth Agency.

At 1:14 p.m. the committee adjourned.

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

Allison Lloyd
Clerk to the Committee