



# Yukon Legislative Assembly

## Special Committee on Electoral Reform

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

### MINUTES

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform met in camera this day at 3:01 p.m., the Chair, Kate White, presiding.

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

Also present: Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee

From the Yukon Bureau of Statistics:  
Bishnu Saha, Director

#### **Approval of Agenda**

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, seconded by Mr. Cathers, THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 14 of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 13 (January 12, 2022)**

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, seconded by Mr. Cathers, THAT the minutes for Meeting No. 13 (January 12, 2022) of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented and made public.

#### **Electoral Reform Survey – Yukon Bureau of Statistics**

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, seconded by Mr. Cathers, THAT Bishnu Saha, Director, Yukon Bureau of Statistics, appear before the Special Committee on Electoral Reform January 13, 2022 at 3:02 p.m. to discuss services provided by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

The committee reviewed draft survey questions with Mr. Saha.

A report from committee researcher Keith Archer on value-based questions was discussed. It was agreed that the report be provided to the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

It was agreed that Mammoth, the committee's communications contractors, be provided the draft survey questions.

Mr. Saha was excused from the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

### **Committee Work Plan**

The committee considered the timing of public hearings in Yukon communities. Further discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

The committee discussed the executive summary of the report on options for Yukon's electoral system, prepared by Mr. Archer.

The public hearings scheduled for January 21 to 31, 2022, were discussed. The committee agreed to ask the expert witnesses to address the following questions:

- How was the electoral reform process rolled out in the witness' jurisdiction?
- What lessons can be learned from the witness' jurisdiction?
- 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?

The draft news release regarding the public hearings January 21 to 31, 2022, was adopted as presented.

### **Next Meeting**

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform agreed to next meet at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2022.

At 4:59 p.m. the committee adjourned.



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Allison Lloyd  
Clerk to the Committee