

Yukon Legislative Assembly

Special Committee on Electoral Reform

35th Yukon Legislative Assembly

March 14, 2022

COMMITTEE HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON ELECTORAL REFORM

Whitehorse – The Yukon Legislative Assembly's all-party Special Committee on Electoral Reform is continuing its examination of electoral reform.

Hearings with expert witnesses March 25, 2022

As part of its study of potential changes to the voting system, the committee will be holding more virtual public hearings with expert witnesses on Friday, March 25, 2022.

Friday, March 25, 2022	
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Topic: Voting systems and electoral reform
	Witness: Dennis Pilon, Associate Professor, Department of Politics, York University
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Topic: Challenges to electoral reform in the North
	Witness: Graham White, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Toronto
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Topic: Citizens' assemblies
	Witness: R. Kenneth Carty, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of British Columbia

The schedule for the hearings will be as follows:

Members of the public may watch the hearings live through a link on the committee's webpage (<u>https://yukonassembly.ca/SCER</u>) or on the Legislative Assembly's Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/yukonlegislativeassembly</u>). The hearings will also be broadcast live on 93.5 FM.

Following the hearings, transcripts and recordings will be available on the committee's webpage.

Previously, from January 21 to 31, 2022, the committee held 10 video conference hearings with subject matter experts. Transcripts and recordings of those hearings are available on the committee's webpage.

Survey ongoing

The committee launched a public survey on electoral reform on February 15, 2022.

The survey, administered by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics, is open to all Yukoners aged 16 years or older. Any eligible individuals who have not received an invitation for the survey should contact the Bureau by email <u>ybs.operations@yukon.ca</u> or by phone 1-866-527-8266 (toll-free within Yukon).



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The committee would like to encourage the public to complete the survey to help inform the committee's deliberations on democracy in the territory.

Additional input from Yukoners

In addition to the survey, the committee is looking forward to hearing the opinion of the Yukon public through other means.

The committee is currently accepting written submissions. Submissions to the committee may be sent to <u>SCER@yukon.ca</u>. Public submissions received to date are available on the committee's webpage.

The committee is planning on holding public hearings in Yukon communities later this year.

The committee must complete its work and report its findings and recommendations by the 2022 Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

More information on the committee, including the motion establishing the committee and meeting minutes, is available at <u>https://yukonassembly.ca/SCER</u>

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