



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Special Committee on Electoral Reform

35th Yukon Legislative Assembly

MINUTES

Meeting No. 19

Friday, March 25, 2022

Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform met in camera this day at 2:01 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, Yukon Bureau of Statistics

Approval of Agenda

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cathers, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Streicker, THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 19 of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 18 (March 7, 2022)

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, seconded by Mr. Cathers, THAT the minutes for Meeting No. 18 (March 7, 2022) of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented and made public.

Committee Work Plan

The committee discussed communications. Members proposed sharing emails sent to individual committee members with the rest of the committee. It was suggested that the public could be encouraged to use the SCER@yukon.ca email address instead of contacting individual members. Members discussed working together as a unit, with one voice. The committee agreed to strive to ensure that correspondence for the committee is shared with all committee members and responded to collectively.

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, seconded by Mr. Cathers, THAT Fair Vote Yukon appear before the Special Committee on Electoral Reform at a video conference public hearing on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

The committee agreed to approve the advertisements created by Mammoth by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022.

Electoral Reform Survey

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, THAT Bishnu Saha, Director, Yukon Bureau of Statistics, appear before the Special Committee on Electoral Reform today, March 25, 2022 at 2:25 p.m. to discuss the electoral reform survey.

Mr. Saha made a presentation on the response to the electoral reform survey and answered questions from committee members.

The committee agreed that the Yukon Bureau of Statistics should close the survey at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2022. The committee also agreed that no more targeted communications to individuals who have not completed the survey should be sent by the Bureau of Statistics.

Mr. Saha was excused from the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

The committee tasked the committee clerk with preparing a draft press release regarding the closing date for the survey and the upcoming public hearing with Fair Vote Yukon.

The clerk was also tasked with contacting Mammoth regarding advertisements noting the closing date for the survey.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be to the call of the Chair.

At 3:01 p.m. the committee adjourned.



Allison Lloyd
Clerk to the Committee

Public Hearings

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform held the following public hearings by videoconference:

Friday, March 25, 2022, 9:01 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.

Witness:

- Dennis Pilon, Associate Professor, Department of Politics, York University

Friday, March 25, 2022, 11:01 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Witness:

- Graham White, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Toronto

Friday, March 25, 2022, 1:03 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.

Witness:

- R. Kenneth Carty, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of British Columbia