

35th Yukon Legislative Assembly



**Fifth Report
of the
Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and
Privileges**

Standing Order 76 - The Guillotine

October 20, 2022



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges

35th Yukon Legislative Assembly

Fifth Report

On May 17, 2021, the Yukon Legislative Assembly adopted the following motion, as amended:

THAT the Hon. Richard Mostyn, the Hon. John Streicker, Patti McLeod, Brad Cathers, and Annie Blake be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

THAT the committee meet a minimum of four times each calendar year;

THAT the committee convene no later than 30 days after the adoption of this motion by the Assembly;

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the committee review, as necessary, such standing orders as it may decide upon;

THAT the committee, following the conduct of any such review, report any recommendations for amendment to the Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.
(Motion No. 9)

Pursuant to this Order of the House and Standing Order 45(1), the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges met in 2021 on June 11, August 17, September 21, and December 21, and in 2022 on February 10, 17 and 24, and October 14 and 17, to review the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

Emily Tredger served as a substitute for committee member Annie Blake at the meetings from June 2021 through February 2022. On April 14, 2022, the Legislative Assembly amended the membership of the committee with the adoption of Motion No. 302, thereby replacing committee member Annie Blake with Emily Tredger.

This fifth report contains the committee's recommendations on Standing Order 76 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, colloquially referred to as "the guillotine."

Committee Consideration of Standing Order 76

On April 27, 2022, the Hon. Richard Mostyn, Chair of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, presented the committee's Second Report to the Legislative Assembly. The report included the committee's recommendations following its consideration of the guillotine, at the committee's meetings on December 21, 2021, and February 10, 17 and 24, 2022.

The report recommended that for the duration of the 2022 Spring Sitting, the words "Government Bill" in Standing Order 76 be substituted with the words "appropriation bill", creating a provisional Standing Order 76 which applied only to money bills.

When the committee's report was presented, the Assembly had already adopted Motion No. 282, which was moved by the Hon. John Streicker, Government House Leader, and carried on March 8, 2022:

THAT Standing Order 76 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended for the duration of the 2022 Spring Sitting by deleting all instances of the words "Government Bill" and substituting in their place the words "appropriation bill"; and

THAT, following the 2022 Spring Sitting, the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges meet prior to the 2022 Fall Sitting to review Standing Order 76.

The committee reviewed the guillotine and the application of the 2022 Spring Sitting's provisional Standing Order 76 at its meetings on October 13 and 17, 2022.

Recommendation

Upon consideration of the matter, the committee recommends:

THAT Standing Order 76 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended for the duration of the 2022 Fall Sitting by deleting all instances of the words "Government Bill" and substituting in their place the words "appropriation bill".

Respectfully,



Hon. Richard Mostyn, Chair
Standing Committee on Rules,
Elections and Privileges

20/10/20
Date