



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

35th Yukon Legislative Assembly

MINUTES

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in camera this day at 1:30 p.m., the Chair, Currie Dixon, presiding.

Members present: Currie Dixon, Chair,
Scott Kent,
Hon. Richard Mostyn,
Hon. John Streicker (substituting for Hon. Jeanie McLean via videoconference), and
Emily Tredger (substituting for Kate White).

Also present: Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee

Approval of Agenda

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Kent, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Mostyn, THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 3 of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 2 (June 7, 2021)

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Mostyn, seconded by Mr. Kent, THAT the minutes of Meeting No. 2 (June 7, 2021) of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted as presented.

Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Yukon – Mental Health Services in Rural Yukon – Department of Health and Social Services

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(3), the Standing Committee on Public Accounts considered a report of the Auditor General.

The committee discussed a letter, dated June 10, 2021, from Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake, requesting that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts hold a public hearing in Watson Lake on the report of the Auditor General on mental health services in rural Yukon. The Chair will respond to Ms. McLeod to indicate that the committee does not have any plans to hold a hearing in Watson Lake at this time.

The committee reviewed and edited the draft public hearing questions submitted by committee members.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Kent, seconded by Ms. Tredger, THAT the list of questions for the public hearing on the *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Yukon – Mental Health Services in Rural Yukon – Department of Health and Social Services* be adopted as amended.

Committee members noted that the questions should be provided to the Department of Health and Social Services as soon as possible to facilitate the department's preparations for the public hearing.

The committee discussed changing the public hearing to a later date due to the current COVID-19 outbreak in Yukon and the challenges facing the Department of Health and Social Services.

It was agreed, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, seconded by Mr. Kent, THAT, notwithstanding the committee's decision on June 7, 2021, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts hold the public hearing on the *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Yukon – Mental Health Services in Rural Yukon – Department of Health and Social Services* on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Committee members noted their preference for holding the public hearing in person in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly. It was observed that the hearing could be held via videoconference in the event that COVID-19 protocols at the time require the hearing to be held remotely.

2021 Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors Conference

The committee will be represented by the Chair at the 2021 Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors Conference on September 8 and 9, 2021.

Next Meeting

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Kent, seconded by Ms. Tredger, THAT The Standing Committee on Public Accounts next meet on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

At 2:35 p.m. the committee adjourned.



Allison Lloyd
Clerk to the Committee