



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

35th Yukon Legislative Assembly

MINUTES

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in camera this day at 10:04 a.m., the Chair, Currie Dixon, presiding.

Members present: Currie Dixon, Chair,
Kate White, Vice-Chair,
Scott Kent,
Hon. Jeanie McLean, and
Hon. Richard Mostyn.

Also present: Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee

Approval of Agenda

It was agreed, on motion of Ms. White,
THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 4 of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 3 (June 30, 2021)

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Kent,
THAT the minutes of Meeting No. 3 (June 30, 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.

In preparation for the public hearing, the committee reviewed the Chair's opening and closing statements, the draft questions, and the documents submitted to the committee by the Office of the Auditor General and the Department of Health and Social Services.

It was agreed that the committee post a news release following the public hearing.

Work Plan

The committee considered its work plan.

The committee discussed conducting a follow-up study on the June 2019 *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Yukon – Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Education in Yukon – Department of Education*.

It was agreed, on motion of Ms. White, THAT the Standing Committee on Public Accounts send a letter to the Department of Education requesting a status update on recommendations from the June 2019 audit report by September 30, 2021.

The committee clerk was tasked with providing the committee with information on any potential outstanding recommendations from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the 34th Legislative Assembly's November 2019 status report (Fourth Report).

Committee members proposed meeting with officials from the Office of the Auditor General to discuss the timing of future performance audit reports as well as the committee's next steps following the public hearing on mental health services in rural Yukon.

The committee recessed at 10:31 a.m.

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

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* was held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from 1:32 p.m. to 3:16 p.m.

The following witnesses from the Department of Health and Social Services appeared:

- Stephen Samis, Deputy Minister
- Shehnaz Ali, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Services
- Cameron Grandy, Acting Director, Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services
- Sonya Parsons, Director, Human Resources

The committee reconvened at 3:22 p.m.

The committee approved a news release regarding the public hearing.

Other Business

The committee reviewed a draft letter to the Department of Education requesting a status update on past recommendations from the Auditor General. It was agreed that the final letter be approved by committee members by email.

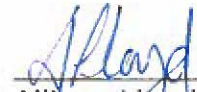
The committee clerk shared with committee members the recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the 34th Legislative Assembly. The relevant departments had all complied with the

committee's recommendations and had provided updated information on January 31, 2020. The committee in the 34th Legislative Assembly had sought further clarification from the Department of Health and Social Services and received a response on May 27, 2020.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts next meet on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in order to meet with officials from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada via videoconference.

At 3:35 p.m. the committee adjourned.



Allison Lloyd
Clerk to the Committee