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WHITEHORSE – The Select Committee Regarding the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing has released a progress report summarizing the Committee’s activities to date.

The Committee is currently publishing submissions from the public on the Committee’s webpage. If Yukoners would like to submit their comments they may do so at http://www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/rbhf.html Submissions may also be sent by email to rbhf@gov.yk.ca

In order to hear the opinions of Yukoners, the Committee will also be holding public hearings in Whitehorse, in addition to Watson Lake and Old Crow, the two communities most likely to be affected by oil and gas development. The Committee may choose to hold hearings in other communities if Yukoners submit expressions of interest for such hearings taking place. Individuals who would like to request a hearing in their community may submit their request in writing to the Committee or use the form on the Committee’s webpage, by May 1, 2014.

The all-party Committee was established on May 6th, 2013 by a motion in the Yukon Legislative Assembly and its membership is comprised of Patti McLeod (Chair), Lois Moorcroft (Vice-Chair), Hon. Currie Dixon, Darius Elias, Sandy Silver, and Jim Tredger. The Committee intends to request an extension of its reporting deadline when the Legislative Assembly resumes for the Spring Sitting.

More information on the Committee, including transcripts of the public proceedings and presentation materials, is available at http://www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/rbhf.html

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