



# Yukon Legislative Assembly

## Select Committee Regarding the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing

33<sup>rd</sup> Yukon Legislative Assembly

### NEWS RELEASE

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WHITEHORSE – The Select Committee Regarding the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing will be holding public proceedings May 27 and 28, 2014.

Part of the Committee's mandate is to develop a science-based understanding of hydraulic fracturing and also to allow for an informed public dialogue. To this end, the Committee would like to invite interested Yukoners to observe the proceedings from the public gallery. The public may also listen to the live audio broadcast on 93.5 FM or on the Legislative Assembly's website. The video and transcripts of the proceedings will be made available afterwards on the Committee's webpage.

Six expert presenters have been invited to share their knowledge and perspectives. Each presentation will be 50 minutes long, followed by a short break and then 45 minutes of questions. Visitors in the gallery may submit written questions for the presenters, and, after asking an initial round of questions, Committee members will select questions randomly from those submitted by the public.

The full agenda is available on the Committee's website but the following individuals will present:

**Dr. Mark Jaccard**, a professor with the School of Resource and Environmental Management at Simon Fraser University. Dr. Jaccard's principal research focus is the design and application of energy-economy models that assess the effectiveness of sustainable energy and climate policies.

**Dr. Lalita Bharadwaj**, a toxicologist with expertise in human and environmental health risk assessment and research involving indigenous communities. Dr. Bharadwaj is a member of the Council of Canadian Academies' Expert Panel on Harnessing Science and Technology to Understand the Environmental Impacts of Shale Gas Extraction.

**Dr. Brendan Hanley**, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, and **Dr. Eilish Cleary**, Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick, who will be presenting together as a panel focused on the health impacts of hydraulic fracturing.

**Dr. Donald Reid**, a conservation zoologist with the Wildlife Conservation Society Canada.

**John Hogg**, Vice President of Exploration and Operations at MGM Energy Corp. Mr. Hogg has experience with oil and gas development in northern climates.

After the public proceedings, the Committee has agreed to travel to 12 Yukon communities to hold hearings. The public hearings will be an opportunity for members of the public to express their opinions on hydraulic fracturing. The Committee has agreed to hold public hearings in Faro, Carmacks, Dawson City, Ross River, Haines Junction, Mayo, jointly in Carcross and Tagish, Pelly Crossing, Teslin, Whitehorse, Old Crow, and Watson Lake.

The all-party Committee was established on May 6, 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.

More information on the Committee is available at  
<http://www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/rbhf.html>

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### PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS SCHEDULE

May 27 and 28, 2014

Yukon Legislative Assembly, 2071 Second Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon

<b>Tuesday, May 27, 2014</b>	
8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Presentation by Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management, Simon Fraser University
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Questions
10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Presentation by Lalita Bharadwaj, Associate Professor, Toxicologist, School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Questions
<b>Wednesday, May 28, 2014</b>	
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Health Presentations Dr. Brendan Hanley, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Yukon Dr. Eilish Cleary, Chief Medical Officer of Health, New Brunswick
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Questions
1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	Presentation by Donald Reid, Associate Conservation Zoologist, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Questions
3:15 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.	Presentation by John Hogg, Vice President, MGM Energy Corp.
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Questions