

Yukon Legislative Assembly

Select Committee Regarding the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing

33rd Yukon Legislative Assembly

NEWS RELEASE

September 11, 2014

WHITEHORSE – The Select Committee Regarding the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing has scheduled its final public hearings for Haines Junction, Carcross/Tagish and Whitehorse.

The Haines Junction hearing will be held Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Elias Community Centre. The joint Carcross and Tagish hearing will be Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Carcross Community Club. The Whitehorse hearings will be held over two days, Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre Longhouse.

The Committee has previously held hearings in Watson Lake, Teslin, Old Crow, Dawson City, Faro, Ross River, Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, and Mayo. Old Crow and Watson Lake were identified as locations for public hearings in the motion establishing the Committee (Motion #433) and the additional communities were selected based on 290 requests submitted by Yukoners.

The goal of the public hearings is to gather input from the Yukon public. The time allotted for the hearings will, therefore, be devoted to hearing from as many Yukoners as possible, with individual presentations to the Committee limited to 5 minutes.

Individuals who would like to present their opinions to the Committee are encouraged to pre-register at http://legassembly.gov.yk.ca/rbhf_public_hearings.html or by calling the Legislative Assembly Office at (867) 667-5494. The Committee is also accepting written submissions until September 30, 2014.

The Committee will not be presenting information on the risks and benefits of hydraulic fracturing at the public hearings. The transcripts of the public proceedings and presentation materials the Committee has received to date are available on the Committee's webpage.

The all-party Committee was established on May 6, 2013 by a motion of 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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Tuesday, September 23, 2014	
5:00 p.m.	Haines Junction Public Hearing
	St. Elias Community Centre
	Haines Junction, YT
Wednesday, September 24, 2014	
5:00 p.m.	Carcross/Tagish Public Hearing
	Carcross Community Club
	Carcross, YT
Thursday, September 25, 2014	
5:00 p.m.	Whitehorse Public Hearing
	Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, Longhouse
	1171 Front Street
	Whitehorse, YT
Saturday, September 27, 2014	
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