



March 5, 2021

Liz Hanson, Chair
Special Committee on Civil Emergency Legislation
Yukon Legislative Assembly
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Dear Ms. Hanson,

I am writing in response to your January 18, 2021 request for information regarding YDC's experience with the Civil Emergency Measures Act. In your letter, you posed a number of questions which I have endeavored to respond to as fully as possible.

Our experience with the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic has primarily been as an agency that has received instruction from the responsible departments on how to maintain a safe work environment and maintain the safety and wellness of Yukoners. From the Yukon Development Corporation's perspective, the information received was clear and has been followed.

How was the Yukon Development Corporation hindered or helped by Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act when attempting to maintain the safety and wellness of Yukoners during an emergency?

With respect to the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic: While Yukon Development Corporation's direct involvement in maintaining the safety and wellness of Yukoners has most specifically related to YDC staff and clients to date, the *Civil Emergency Measures Act* has helped YDC through its clarification of responsibilities and accountabilities.

Have ministerial orders relating to the Yukon Development Corporation been used under Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act, and if so, how?

To date, Ministerial Orders specifically related to the Yukon Development Corporation have not been used under Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act*.

Relevant Ministerial orders that have had applicability to Yukon Development Corporation include:

- M.O. 2020/28 - electronic meetings of the Yukon Development Corporation Board of Directors
- M.O. 2020/50 - staff have followed self-isolation requirements where applicable
- M.O. 2020/71 - staff follow orders with respect to masks in public places and communal office spaces as required.

Are there any aspects of the current legislation that may have prevented the Yukon Development Corporation from reacting as it would have liked during an emergency?

From YDC's perspective, there are no aspects of the current legislation that may have prevented the Yukon Development Corporation from reacting as it would have liked during an emergency.

From the Yukon Development Corporation's perspective, are there currently any gaps in the legislation?

Within our experience and span of responsibility, we do not believe there are currently gaps in the legislation.

Does the Yukon Development Corporation has any suggestions for improvements to Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act?

The Yukon Development Corporation does not have any suggestions for improvements to Yukon's Civil Emergency Measures Act.

I trust that the information provided above includes information to inform your Committee work.

Sincerely,



Justin Ferbey
President and CEO, Yukon Development Corporation