

# **Yukon Legislative Assembly**

# **Special Committee on Electoral Reform**

35<sup>th</sup> Yukon Legislative Assembly

#### **MINUTES**

Meeting No. 6 Wednesday, September 29, 2021 Committee Meeting Room, Yukon Legislative Assembly, Whitehorse

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform met in camera this day at 2:36 p.m., the Chair, Kate White, presiding.

Members present: Kate White, Chair, and

Brad Cathers, Vice-Chair

Member absent: Hon. John Streicker

Also present: Dan Cable, Clerk of the Yukon Legislative Assembly,

Allison Lloyd, Clerk to the Committee

From the Yukon Bureau of Statistics:

Bishnu Saha, Director

#### **Approval of Agenda**

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cathers, THAT the agenda for Meeting No. 6 of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform be adopted as presented.

## Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 5 (September 17, 2021)

The approval of the minutes for Meeting No. 5 (September 17, 2021) was deferred to a future meeting.

### **Yukon Bureau of Statistics**

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cathers,

THAT Bishnu Saha, Director, Yukon Bureau of Statistics, appear before the Special Committee on Electoral Reform September 29, 2021 at 2:40 p.m. to brief the committee on matters related to services provided by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

Mr. Saha made a presentation and answered questions from the committee. Several options for public opinion research surveys were discussed.

Mr. Saha was excused from the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

#### **Work Plan**

The committee discussed the importance of transparency and members noted that there is public skepticism towards certain political processes.

The committee considered the timeframe for completing the committee's work before the March 31, 2022, reporting deadline. Discussion on whether to seek an extension to the committee's order of reference or to make other changes to the committee's work plan was deferred to a future meeting.

It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cathers,

THAT the committee extend the deadline for the committee researcher, Dr. Keith Archer, to submit his final report to the committee from October 21, 2021, to October 31, 2021, subject to the Hon. John Streicker's agreement by email.

Discussion on the draft letter to Yukon municipalities, local advisory councils and First Nations regarding public hearings was deferred to a future meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be to the call of the Chair.

At 3:54 p.m. the committee adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cathers.

Allison Lløyd

Clerk to the Committee