



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Select Committee on Human Rights

32nd Legislative Assembly

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News Release

On April 9, 2008, the Select Committee on Human Rights was established by the Yukon Legislative Assembly. On that day, Motion #374, moved by Steve Nordick (Klondike), was debated and carried, becoming an Order of the House. The mandate of the all-party Select Committee on Human Rights includes holding public hearings to receive the views and opinions of Yukon citizens and interested groups on legislative options for amending Yukon's *Human Rights Act*. The Committee members are Hon. Marian Horne (Pelly-Nisutlin), Don Inverarity (Porter Creek South), and Steve Cardiff (Mount Lorne). The Chair of the Committee is Hon. Marian Horne. Traveling with the Select Committee will be Advisor Brian MacDonald (Barrister and Solicitor), and Committee Clerk Linda Kolody (Deputy Clerk of the Assembly).

The Select Committee on Human Rights has held 7 meetings to date. The Committee's first meeting, held for organizational purposes, was on May 13th, 2008. The Committee also met 6 times during the summer intersession, most recently on August 26th, to plan for the Committee's public hearings. The Select Committee will be holding hearings in 16 communities this Fall. The hearings will commence on Monday, September 22, 2008, in Mayo, and will wrap up in Tagish on Friday, October 10th.

In addition to the public hearings, the Committee is also accepting written submissions. These submissions may be sent electronically to the Select Committee on Human Rights at schr@gov.yk.ca or in hard copy to:

The Select Committee on Human Rights
Yukon Legislative Assembly (A-9)
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Information about the committee's activities is posted on its webpage at:

<http://www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/429.html>

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Attachments: Motion #374, Schedule of public hearings

Motion #374 (carried on April 9, 2008):

THAT this House establish an all-party Select Committee on Human Rights,

THAT Hon. Marian Horne be the chair of the Committee,

THAT the honourable members Don Inverarity and Steve Cardiff be appointed to the Committee,

THAT Bill #102 entitled An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act be referred to the Committee,

THAT the Committee hold hearings for receiving the views and opinions of the Yukon Human Rights Commission, Yukon citizens and interested groups on legislative amendments to the *Human Rights Act*,

THAT decisions by the Committee require unanimous agreement by members of the Committee,

THAT the Committee report to the Legislative Assembly no later than the 15th sitting day of the next regular sitting of the Legislative Assembly:

- (1) its findings, if any, relating to public opinion for legislative change,
- (2) its recommendations, if any, regarding what form legislation implementing changes recommended by the Committee should take,

THAT in the event the Legislative Assembly is not sitting at the time the Committee is prepared to report, the Chair of the Committee forward copies of the report to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, thereafter make the report public, and subsequently present the report to the Legislative Assembly at the next regular sitting of the Legislative Assembly,

THAT during its review of public opinion on legislative options for amending the *Human Rights Act*, the Committee be empowered:

- (1) to invite the members of the Yukon Human Rights Commission to appear as witnesses,
- (2) to invite officials from the Government of Yukon to appear as witnesses on technical matters,
- (3) to engage a technical expert who is not a Member of the Legislative Assembly or an employee of the Government of Yukon to act as a facilitator in providing information at the public hearings,
- (4) to invite such other persons as it deems necessary to appear as witnesses on technical matters,
- (5) to hold public hearings,
- (6) to print such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.



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Public Hearing Schedule

Mayo	Monday, Sept. 22 7:00 p.m.	Curling Lounge
Old Crow	Tuesday, Sept. 23 6:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Dawson City	Wednesday, Sept. 24 7:00 p.m.	Downtown Hotel Meeting Room
Pelly Crossing	Thursday, Sept. 25 7:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Carmacks	Friday, Sept. 26 7:00 p.m.	Recreation Centre Meeting Room
Faro	Monday, Sept. 29 7:00 p.m.	Sportsman Lounge Recreation Centre
Ross River	Tuesday, Sept. 30 7:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Watson Lake	Wednesday, Oct. 1 7:00 p.m.	Recreation Centre
Marsh Lake	Thursday, Oct. 2 7:00 p.m.	Recreation Centre
Burwash Landing	Sunday, Oct. 5 1:00 p.m.	Jacquot Building
Beaver Creek	Sunday, Oct. 5 7:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Haines Junction	Monday, Oct. 6 7:00 p.m.	Atrium – Convention Centre
Teslin	Tuesday, Oct. 7 7:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Whitehorse	Wednesday, Oct. 8 7:00 p.m.	High Country Inn – Conf. Rm A
Carcross	Thursday, Oct. 9 7:00 p.m.	Community Hall
Tagish	Friday, Oct. 10 7:00 p.m.	Community Hall

For more information call 667-5499 or toll free 1-800-661-0408, ext 5499 or visit the Committee's web page via the link at www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca