



# Yukon Legislative Assembly

## Select Committee on Human Rights

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assembly

November 20, 2008

## News Release

This afternoon, the Report of the Select Committee on Human Rights will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly. The presentation of the Report brings to a conclusion the work of the Select Committee. The three members of the Select Committee are the Hon. Marian C. Horne (Pelly-Nisutlin), Donald Inverarity (Porter Creek South), and Steve Cardiff (Mount Lorne). The Chair of the Committee is Hon. Marian C. Horne.

This all-Party Committee, pursuant to the mandate in Motion #374 (the motion that on April 9, 2008 established the Committee), held public hearings to receive the views and opinions of Yukon citizens and interested groups on legislative options for amending Yukon's 21-year old *Human Rights Act*. While the Committee was not tasked with drafting legislation, it did seek opinions on Bill #102, which was referred to the Committee in the motion appointing the Committee. Bill #102, Act to Amend the *Human Rights Act*, is a Private Member's Bill that was introduced in the Yukon Legislative Assembly by Donald Inverarity on April 23, 2007. The bill received some second reading debate on May 23, 2007 (the debate was adjourned) and remains on the Order Paper.

From September 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Select Committee visited 16 communities throughout the territory to hold public hearings. Traveling with the Select Committee was the Committee's Advisor, Brian L. MacDonald (Barrister and Solicitor), Committee Clerk, Linda Kolody (Deputy Clerk of the Assembly), and Administrative Assistant to the Committee, Sue MacDonald (House and Committee Assistant).

In addition to holding public hearings, the Select Committee on Human Rights also accepted written submissions until October 17<sup>th</sup>. As well, the Committee held 15 meetings. The first meeting, held for planning and organizational purposes, took place on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The final meeting, to deliberate upon the Committee's recommendations and Report, took place on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Upon its presentation in the House, the Report of the Select Committee on Human Rights will be released on the Committee's webpage at:  
<http://www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/429.html>

Links to written submissions, to the motion appointing the Committee, and to the Committee's activities, also appear on this site.

For further information contact:

Hon. Marian C. Horne, MLA  
Committee Chair  
(867) 633-7973