



Yukon Legislative Assembly

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July 15, 2019

Hon. Sandy Silver
Premier
Government of Yukon
P.O. Box 2703
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Dear Premier Silver,

Re: Electoral Reform Commission Applicants

Thank you for your response to my July 11th letter about applicants to the electoral reform commission.

As an initial note, our office has been open throughout the summer so I question why it would take almost a month for us to receive a response to our letter. Perhaps in the future you will consider simply sending an electronic copy if you believe time is of the essence.

It is unfortunate that you still refuse to formally put your request in writing so that there is a clear and unambiguous record that would be subject to Access to Information legislation. We believe that the questions we have asked are legitimate and that Yukoners expect that, if you are sincere in wanting to work with opposition parties, you would be willing to put the specifics of what you are asking in writing.

Without answers and detailed specifics, in writing, on what exactly it is you are asking of us it is impossible for us to provide any meaningful input. Any process that may change the way Yukoners vote will have long lasting impacts so a written record is necessary so that no one party can misrepresent another party's input. Further, your refusal to even tell us how our input will be used or to provide a timeline in writing is concerning.

Your unwillingness to provide any details in writing, answer simple questions, and to try and conduct these discussions off-the-record informally only reinforces the view that you are stacking the electoral reform process in your favour through a one-party-decides-all approach while trying to create the façade of a consultation.

As I mentioned prior, I originally wrote to you with a number of questions about this process over a month ago and you have still not provided any answers to those questions. However, we remain open to working with you if you choose to put your request in writing while answering our questions so that the electoral reform process is conducted in an open, transparent, and fair manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Hassard', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stacey Hassard
Leader of the Official Opposition

cc: Kate White, Leader of the Third Party