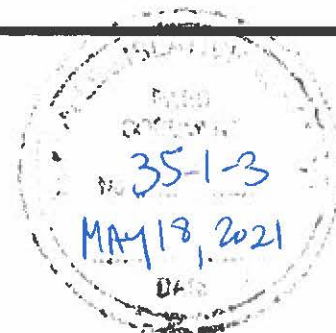


## Ted Laking

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**From:** Currie.Dixon  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 4:29 PM  
**To:** Kate.White  
**Cc:** Ted Laking; Francois Picard  
**Subject:** RE: CASA



Hi Kate,

To clarify, my proposal was to start a conversation about the makeup and design of the committees of the legislature. I thought us meeting and discussing would be more collaborative than making an announcement of an agreement that references our MLAs without ever having spoken to us.

Our hope is to create a committee structure that offers a proportional representation of the actual make-up of the Assembly.

For example, your current proposal suggests a cumulative membership of 25. With 10 from the Liberal caucus, 10 from the Yukon Party caucus, and 5 from the NDP caucus. Further, 4 of the 5 Chair positions are going to members of the Liberal caucus. This means that your proposal offers Liberal MLAs 80% of committee chair positions and 60% of the total membership would come from the Liberal-NDP caucuses. For reference I have included below a comparison of the two proposals and a comparison to the current make-up of the Assembly.

In our view this is unfair and I would be interested to understand why you think it is fair or democratic to negotiate the structure of the Legislative Committees without talking to our caucus? Setting up committees in this way and giving less representation to one party than is warranted by their membership seems unfair to me.

That said, we are genuinely interested in coming to a solution that is agreeable to all three parties as we believe Yukoners have sent the message that they would like us to work together collaboratively. I believe compromise is possible and I would be willing to meet at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Currie

### **Current representation in the House: 19 total seats**

Liberal – 42.1%

Yukon Party – 42.1%

NDP – 15.8%

### **Current Liberal-NDP proposal: 25 total seats**

#### **Membership on committees**

Liberal – 40%

Yukon Party – 40%

NDP – 20%

#### **Chairs of committees**

Liberal – 80%

Yukon Party – 20%

NDP – 0%

**New Yukon Party proposal: 26 total seats**

**Membership on committees**

Liberal – 42.3%

Yukon Party – 42.3%

NDP – 15.4%

**Chairs of committees**

Liberal – 40%

Yukon Party – 40%

NDP – 20%

**From:** Kate.White <Kate.White@yla.gov.yk.ca>

**Sent:** May 6, 2021 3:05 PM

**To:** Currie.Dixon <Currie.Dixon@yla.gov.yk.ca>; Ted Laking <Ted.Laking@yla.gov.yk.ca>

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**Subject:** CASA

Hello Currie,

I would like to clarify that the CASA agreement doesn't actually commit the Yukon Party to anything — it simply says that your party will be asked to participate. This part of the agreement is an open door that we chose to include in the agreement in the spirit of collaboration. This would have given the Yukon Party the opportunity to partake in the management of the affairs of the Assembly. It's unfortunate that, in your letter, you have chosen to close that door but it is ultimately your decision.

We are satisfied that the making of the committees in the CASA reflects what Yukoners voiced through their vote — no party will have a majority on any committee. This represents a major breakthrough that we'd hoped would foster further cooperation. The alternative you suggested implies that the Yukon NDP would have no representation on one of the committees, which would be unprecedented and undemocratic. I'm curious as to why you would think this would be more democratic?

Kate

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