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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 10, 2021

To: Hon. Sandy Silver, Premier, and House Leaders (Hon. Tracy- Anne McPhee, Scott Kent, Emily Tredger)

From: Dan Cable, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Re: Information regarding the 2021 Special Sitting of the First Session of the 35th Legislative Assembly

You may find the following information useful in regard to the upcoming Sitting.

Note: The information in this memorandum is neither privileged nor confidential. Feel free to distribute it at your discretion.

2021 Special Sitting

Government Bills

Unless a motion is passed to have Chapter 14 of the Standing Orders apply, Chapter 14 does not apply to a Special Sitting, pursuant to 75(7) of the Standing Orders.

Length of the Sitting

On May 4, 2021, Commissioner Bernard, by way of Proclamation, summoned the House to meet on at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 11, 2021.

Standing Order 75(8), regarding the maximum number of sitting days for a Sitting following a general election is also contained in Chapter 14 and not applicable to the current Special Sitting.

Note: The Legislative Assembly will not sit on Victoria Day, Monday May 24, 2021, nor will it sit on Monday, June 21, 2021 National Aboriginal Day. Also, the House may, by adopting a motion, decide to not sit on a day when it would otherwise normally meet.

Private Members' Business

Standing Order 14(1) says, "After the Daily Routine, on the first Wednesday of a Session that private members' business is to be considered, and every second Wednesday thereafter, the order of business shall be as follows:

Opposition private members' business:

- (a) Motions for the Production of Papers
- (b) Motions other than Government Motions
- (c) Bills other than Government Bills

Motions Respecting Committee Reports

Government Designated Business

Government private members' business:

- (a) Motions for the Production of Papers
- (b) Motions other than Government Motions

(c) Bills other than Government Bills”

Pursuant to Standing Order 14(2) “After the Daily Routine, on the second Wednesday of a Session that private members' business is to be considered, and every second Wednesday thereafter, the order of business shall be as follows:

Government private members' business:

- (a) Motions for the Production of Papers
- (b) Motions other than Government Motions
- (c) Bills other than Government Bills

Government Designated Business

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Opposition private members' business:

- (a) Motions for the Production of Papers
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- (c) Bills other than Government Bills”

The “first Wednesday of a Session that private members' business is to be considered” will be May 19, 2021 and opposition private members’ business will have precedence on that day and each subsequent second Wednesday.

The “second Wednesday of a Session that private members' business is to be considered” will be May 26, 2021. Government private members’ business will have precedence on that day and every subsequent second Wednesday. If there are no Government Private Members then the Orders of the Day pursuant to Standing Order 14(2) will revert to the next item which is Government Designated Business.

The House will not sit on Victoria Day Monday (May 24, 2021). Any motion to be debated on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 will have to be on the Notice Paper on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. This means that notice of the motion will have to be given to the House, either orally (during the Daily Routine) or in writing (to the Clerk’s Table before 5:00 p.m.), by Thursday, May 20, 2021.

The House will not sit on National Aboriginal Day Monday (June 21, 2021). Any motion to be debated on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 will have to be on the Notice Paper on Tuesday, June 22, 2021. This means that notice of the motion will have to be given to the House, either orally (during the Daily Routine) or in writing (to the Clerk’s Table before 5:00 p.m.), by Thursday, June 17, 2021.

Opposition Private Members' Business

Standing Order 14.2(2) says, “At the beginning of each Session a roster shall be established for the purpose of determining the order of business on Wednesdays when Opposition private members' business has precedence. The roster shall be set in the following manner:

- (a) the Official Opposition shall have the first, second and fifth positions on the roster;
- (b) a party or group in opposition to the government, other than the Official Opposition, shall have the third, fourth and sixth positions on the roster...”

The order for Opposition Private Members’ Business for the 2021 Special Sitting will be:

- **Position 1: Official Opposition (Yukon Party)**

- Position 2: Official Opposition (Yukon Party)
- Position 3: Third Party (NDP)
- Position 4: Third Party (NDP)
- Position 5: Official Opposition (Yukon Party)
- Position 6: Third Party (NDP)

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information about these, or other, matters.

Dan Cable, Clerk
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