

**Report on Subsistence,  
Travel & Accommodations  
of  
Members  
of the  
Yukon Legislative Assembly  
2013 - 2014**

**April, 2014**

# SUBSISTENCE, TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## REPORT FOR 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR

This report is made under direction of the Members' Services Board of the Yukon Legislative Assembly. The following extract is from the Minutes of the Members' Services Board meeting of February 2, 1999:

AGREED, THAT the Clerk prepare an annual report outlining expenditures made on MLA travel paid for from the Legislative Assembly budget including a breakdown, by Member, of the travel costs incurred in the following categories:

- (1) attending sittings of the Assembly and its committees (subsection 45(1) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, R.S.Y. 2002, c.136);
- (2) business as an MLA (subsection 45(2));
- (3) Ministers' travel to their electoral districts (subsection 47(1));
- (4) Leaders' travel (section 51); and
- (5) other travel paid for from the budget of the Legislative Assembly (for example, attendance at CPA conferences).

FURTHER AGREED, THAT this report be prepared on a fiscal year basis and identify, for each Member, the number of trips, the costs of transportation and the combined costs of meals, incidentals and accommodation [excepting where MLAs claim reimbursement pursuant to section 46 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, in which cases those payments (to cover the cost of renting or leasing accommodation) be identified separately].

FURTHER AGREED, THAT this report be transmitted to all Members and to the Speaker for tabling in the Legislative Assembly.

Accordingly, tables are attached which provide information on expenditures made from the Legislative Assembly budget on subsistence, travel and accommodations by Members of the Legislative Assembly during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Explanations, including section references from the *Legislative Assembly Act*, for each category of travel and expense appearing on these tables, are as follows:

(1) **Rent**

Members who represent electoral districts outside Whitehorse and who reside outside Whitehorse and Ministers who represent electoral districts outside Whitehorse may claim reimbursement for renting accommodation in Whitehorse. In 2007, the Legislature amended the *Legislative Assembly Act* to provide that as of June 1, 2007, Members who represent electoral districts outside Whitehorse and who reside in Whitehorse may claim reimbursement for renting accommodation in the electoral district they represent. Costs include monthly rent and other living expenses such as utilities. The maximum that could be claimed during the 2013-2014 fiscal year was \$1345.00 per month. [Section 46]

(2) **MLA Travel**

Each Member who represents an electoral district outside Whitehorse and who resides outside Whitehorse and who is not in Cabinet qualifies for payment of expenses when absent from the Member's normal place of residence to attend:

- (a) a meeting of a caucus of a party, or
- (b) a meeting or event, in the capacity of a Member, when the Legislative Assembly is not sitting.

Claims under this provision are restricted to a maximum of 48 return trips and \$14,600 in accommodation and living expenses per fiscal year. The maximum for accommodation and living expenses is reduced to \$7,300 per year if a Member is being reimbursed for expenditures incurred in renting or leasing accommodation. [Subsections 45(2) - (7)] A Member has the option of claiming for more than 48 trips. When that option is chosen, the cost of the excess trips is deducted from the maximum funding provided for accommodation and living expenses. [Section 48]

(3) **Ministers' MLA Travel**

Each Member who represents an electoral district outside Whitehorse and who is a Cabinet Minister qualifies for payment of expenses when visiting that electoral district in the capacity of a Member. Claims under this provision are restricted to a maximum of 24 return trips and \$7,300 in accommodation and living expenses per fiscal year. [Section 47] A Minister has the option of claiming for more than 24 trips. When that option is chosen, the cost of the excess trips is deducted from the maximum funding provided for accommodation and living expenses. [Section 48]

**Note: The travel expenses of Ministers, when travelling in the capacity of a Minister, are not reimbursed from the Legislative Assembly appropriation and such amounts are not included in this report.**

(4) **Recognized Leader Travel**

Each recognized leader (i.e., Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, Leader of a Third Party) qualifies for payment of expenses when travelling within Yukon in the performance of parliamentary duties. Claims under this provision are restricted to a maximum of 12 return trips and \$3,600 in accommodation and living expenses per fiscal year. [Section 51]

**Note: The travel expenses of the Premier, when travelling in the capacity of a Minister, are not reimbursed from the Legislative Assembly appropriation and such amounts are not included in this report.**

(5) **Sessional Travel**

Every Member qualifies for payment of expenses when absent from the Member's normal place of residence to attend a sitting of the Legislative Assembly. Members who reside in Whitehorse are not deemed to be absent from their normal place of residence when attending a function taking place within the City of Whitehorse. [Subsections 45(1), (6) and (7)]

(6) **Other Travel**

This category includes travel costs incurred in attending events such as: (1) meetings, seminars and conferences of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, (2) orientation sessions for new MLAs, (3) meetings as a representative of a caucus, (4) meetings of committees of the Legislative Assembly and (5) legislative exchanges with the Alaska State Legislature. [Subsection 45(1)]



**TOTALS FOR 2013 - 2014**  
**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATION ON SUBSISTENCE, TRAVEL**  
**AND ACCOMMODATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

RENT	82,028.00
MLA TRAVEL	61,538.22
MINISTERS' MLA TRAVEL	20,310.08
RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	6,465.54
SESSIONAL TRAVEL	49,600.21
OTHER TRAVEL	69,250.05

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$289,192.10</u></u></b>
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**OTHER TRAVEL CONSISTS OF:**

COMMITTEE TRAVEL	26,429.88
CPA TRAVEL	28,177.13
CAUCUS REP. / CONFERENCE TRAVEL	10,840.92
SPEAKER TRAVEL	3,802.12

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>\$69,250.05</u></u></b>
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**MLA EXPENSES**  
April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014

**RENT**

May	1,345.00
June	1,345.00
July	1,345.00
August	1,345.00
September	1,345.00
October	1,345.00
November	1,345.00
December	1,345.00
January	1,345.00
February	1,345.00
March	1,345.00
April	1,345.00
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>16,140.00</b>

**MLA TRAVEL**

# of Trips	Transportation	Other
1	420.00	0.00
0.5	328.18	0.00
1	656.36	0.00
1	656.36	616.20
0.5	328.18	924.30
1.5	984.54	513.50
1	460.00	0.00
1	1,312.72	205.40
0.5	328.18	153.10
0	0.00	1,745.90
0	0.00	633.50
0.5	328.18	0.00
2	1,312.72	1,232.40
10.5	7,115.42	6,024.30

Total of Transp. & Other 13,139.72

\$ 48,725.58

**SESSIONAL TRAVEL**

# of Trips	Transportation	Other
0	0.00	1,540.50
0	0.00	1,437.80
0	0.00	1,418.65
0.5	328.18	0.00
1	656.36	1,232.40
0	0.00	1,848.60
1	656.36	0.00
0.5	328.18	1,745.90

Total of Transp. & Other 13,049.54

**OTHER TRAVEL**

# of Trips	Transportation	Other
1	505.08	555.52
TIA AGM in Haines AK as Cau. Rep. May/13		
1	328.18	102.70
RBHF Citee mtgs in Whitehorse July/13		
1	656.36	205.40
RBHF Citee mtgs in Whitehorse Sept./13		
1	460.00	102.70
RBHF Citee mtgs in Whitehorse Sept. & Oct./13		
1	0.00	410.80
RBHF Citee mtgs in Whitehorse Oct./13		
1	1,355.32	354.85
RBHF Citee Alberta Site Tours Jan./14		
0.5	328.18	86.85
RBHF Public mtgs in Whitehorse Jan./14		
0.5	328.18	0.00
RBHF Citee mtg in Whitehorse Feb./14		
0	0.00	616.20
RBHF Citee mtg / MSB mtg in Whitehorse Feb./14		
7	3,961.30	2,435.0

Total of Transp. & Other 6,396.32

**RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL**

# of Trips	Transportation	Other
1	325.74	591.60
mtgs. with Chiefs in Haines Jct & D-Bay as Rec. Leader Aug./13		
1	553.88	321.95
mtgs in Watson Lake as Rec. Leader Oct./13		
0	63.44	0.00
Visit with students in Mayo as Rec. Leader Feb./14		
2	943.06	913.55

Total of Transp. & Other 13,139.72

**SANDY SILVER**  
Electoral District:  
Klondike  
Place of Residence:  
Dawson City

**TOTALS**

Electoral District: Klondike

Sandy Silver

March 31, 2014











