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#### **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #69)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work collaboratively with the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Porcupine Caribou Management Board, all affected First Nations in Yukon and the Northwest Territories, and stakeholders, to develop a Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Strategy that ensures to the greatest extent possible, the conservation and protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

# **GOVERNMENT BILLS**

#### (Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #8 Second Appropriation Act 2007-08 -Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 2. Bill #36 Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act -Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 3. Bill #37 Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 2007 -Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 4. Bill #44 Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (2007) -Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 5. Bill #7 Fourth Appropriation Act 2006-07 -Hon. Mr. Fentie

# **BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS**

# (Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #101 Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right Mr. Nordick
- 2. Bill #102 Act to Amend the Yukon Human Rights Act -Mr. Inversity

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Cathers

3. Bill #103 - Apology Act -Mr. Inverarity

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# **BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS**

1. Bill #104 - Smoke-free Places Act -Mr. Hardy

## **NOTICE PAPER**

# NOTICES OF MOTION GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #167)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, the Government of Canada and Yukon First Nation governments to develop a timely, inclusive process through the re-instated Intergovernmental Forum to implement the recommendations of the Nine Year Review of the Yukon Final Land Claims Agreements in order to ensure the spirit and intent of the land claims agreements are fulfilled.

2. Hon. Mr. Hart (Motion #168)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to modernize Yukon's overall emergency response structure by:

- (1) transferring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) which provides ambulance services to Yukoners from the Department of Health and Social Services to the Protective Services Branch of the Department of Community Services,
- (2) recruiting for full-time primary care paramedics for Watson Lake, Dawson City and other communities where necessary,
- (3) concluding an agreement on appropriate remuneration with EMS volunteers that recognizes the valuable contribution they make in providing ambulance services to Yukoners,
- (4) upgrading emergency response facilities, equipment, maintenance and training needs,
- (5) meeting with key stakeholders, including staff and volunteers in the communities to obtain their advice, ideas and views on how to best manage the specific needs of each Yukon community under the newly combined emergency response structure; and
- (6) examining the feasibility of providing 911 service in all communities.
- 3. Hon. Mr. Hart (Motion #169)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon through the Department of Community Services to establish an Infrastructure Fund to address the immediate infrastructure needs of Yukon communities.

4. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #170)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to utilize the review of social assistance rates currently underway to increase social assistance rates for those in need, and to provide incentives for those on social assistance who want to enter the work force.

# **MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #171)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to invest in the reconstruction and upgrading of Front Street in Dawson City.

## 2. Nr. Nordick (Motion #172)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to invest in the reconstruction and upgrading of the Klondike Highway and the Dempster Highway as these highways are included as part of Canada's national highway system.

# 3. Mr. Nordick (Motion #173)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to invest in the reconstruction and upgrading of the Watson Lake to Ross River section of the Robert Campbell Highway as well as the application of Bitumen Surface Treatment (BST) to the 36 kilometre section of the Robert Campbell Highway between Faro and Carmacks.

# 4. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #174)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to:

- (1) work co-operatively with the Whitehorse Youth Coalition, First Nations, and all stakeholders, to assist the Whitehorse Youth Coalition in establishing for this winter, an emergency youth shelter to provide a temporary and safe place for youth at risk in the City of Whitehorse, and
- (2) work co-operatively with the Whitehorse Youth Coalition, and other stakeholders and after consulting with First Nations, the general public, and all non-governmental organizations who currently provide services to youth to implement a permanent youth shelter in the City of Whitehorse.

#### 5. Mr. Elias (Motion #175)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to immediately conduct a formal legal review of the Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement to determine if the agreement recognizes and reflects the respective authority and jurisdictions of the north Yukon Self Governing First Nations, the Inuvialuit and the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

# 6. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #176)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to table the final draft of the Education Reform Project report, so that all Yukoners can have an opportunity to review and study an official version of the report rather than relying on other available editions.

# 7. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #177)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government, prior to entering into a trade and labour mobility agreement with any other province or territory to:

- (1) disclose all terms of the agreement, including all Yukon specific exemptions,
- (2) have a full and open debate on the proposed agreement in this Legislative Assembly; and
- (3) permit all Yukoners an opportunity to respond in an open and transparent forum.

#### 8. Mr. Hardy (Motion #178)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, in conjunction with the leadership of self-governing Yukon First Nations, to adopt a new protocol for government-to-government relationships which would allow all Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to engage in open, transparent dialogue with First Nations leaders, to promote mutual understanding and foster collaborative approaches to governance for the benefit of all Yukon people in the future; and

THAT the *Co-operation in Governance Act* be amended to provide for formal meetings between First Nations leadership and Members of the Legislative Assembly on an annual basis, with the proceedings of such meetings being open to the public and forming part of the public record of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

## 9. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #179)

THAT this House adopt more open and responsible approaches to dealing with the public business of Yukon, by allowing delegations from the public to make presentations and answer questions from Members of the Legislative Assembly on specific issues from time to time; and

THAT as a first step toward meeting this objective, Committee of the Whole schedule two evening meetings during the current sitting for the following purposes:

- (1) to allow leaders of self-governing Yukon First Nations to inform the Assembly of their concerns and priorities on matters that directly affect the relationship between their governments and the Government of Yukon, and
- (2) to allow Yukon residents who are living in conditions of poverty or homelessness to inform Members about the challenges they face and to propose measures that the Government of Yukon should adopt that would improve their quality of life.

# 10. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #180)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to:

- (1) ensure immediately that effective government programs and services are in place to assist homeless youth to find suitable housing options and appropriate support services this winter; and
- (2) guarantee financial support of non-government organizations that operate, or plan to operate, shelter and supported living facilities so that emergency housing and supervision for homeless youth is available this winter.

# 11. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #181)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to:

- (1) make it an immediate priority to achieve a negotiated settlement with volunteer Emergency Medical Services staff that assures public safety and respects the skills and long-term commitment of these volunteers; and
- (2) set aside an amount of funding at least equal to the amount being spent on temporary solutions and studies of the ongoing rural volunteer ambulance crisis to compensate Yukon Emergency Medical Services volunteers for their hours on-call and while training.

#### 12. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #182)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to finally act with compassion and common sense on numerous recommendations, by immediately raising all social assistance rates to meet the increase in the cost of living since the rates were last raised.