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ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Moved by Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake:

THAT the following Address be presented to the Commissioner of Yukon:

MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONER:

We, the Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, beg leave to offer our humble thanks for the gracious Speech which you have addressed to the House.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Nixon

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

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

THAT the honourable Members Stacey Hassard, Hon. Brad Cathers, Hon. Currie Dixon, Patti McLeod, Jan Stick, Kate White and Darius Elias be appointed to the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees, established pursuant to Standing Order 45; and

THAT the Committee elect its Chair from the Government Caucus Members appointed to it.

2. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #5)

THAT the Honourable Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45(2), be appointed Chair of the Members' Services Board,

THAT Hon. Currie Dixon, Hon. Brad Cathers, Liz Hanson and Sandy Silver be appointed to the Members' Services Board,

THAT the Board have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during intersessional periods,

THAT the Board consider:

- (1) budget submissions for the following Votes:
 - (a) Vote 01 - Yukon Legislative Assembly, including the Conflict of Interest Commission,
 - (b) Vote 23 - Office of the Ombudsman, including Information and Privacy Commissioner,
 - (c) Vote 24 - Elections Office; and
 - (d) Vote 26 - Child & Youth Advocate Office,

and

- (2) policy questions concerning matters such as:
 - (a) space allocation,
 - (b) staffing,
 - (c) caucus funding,
 - (d) Media Gallery House rules, and
 - (e) Hansard,

and

THAT the Board fulfill its statutory responsibilities including those in the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the *Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 2007*, the *Elections Act*, the *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, the *Ombudsman Act*, the *Cabinet and Caucus Employees Act*, and the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*;

and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

3. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #6)

THAT the honourable Members Patti McLeod, Hon. Scott Kent, Hon. Brad Cathers, Jim Tredger, Lois Moorcroft and Sandy Silver be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1),

THAT the Committee elect its Chair from the government caucus members appointed to it,

THAT the Chair of the Committee be required to participate in all votes before the committee,

THAT the Committee review, as necessary, such Standing Orders as it may decide upon,

THAT the said Committee, following the conduct of any review, report any recommendations for amendment to the Assembly,

THAT the said Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during intersessional periods; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

4. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #7)

THAT the honourable Members Patti McLeod, Hon. Scott Kent, Hon. Mike Nixon, Stacey Hassard, Liz Hanson, Jan Stick and Darius Elias be appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts established pursuant to Standing Order 45(3),

THAT the said Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during intersessional periods; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

5. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #8)

THAT the honourable Members Patti McLeod, Stacey Hassard, Hon. Wade Istchenko, Hon. Elaine Taylor, Lois Moorcroft, Kevin Barr and Darius Elias be appointed to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1),

THAT the said Committee have the power to call for persons, papers and records and to sit during intersessional periods,

THAT the said Committee review such regulations made following the date of its appointment as it may decide upon,

THAT the said Committee review such other existing or proposed regulations as are referred to it by the Legislative Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the Committee.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #2 - Fourth Appropriation Act, 2010 - 11
-Hon. Mr. Pasloski
- 2. Bill #3 - Second Appropriation Act, 2011 - 12
-Hon. Mr. Pasloski

BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #1 - Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right
- Ms. McLeod

NOTICE PAPER

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #25)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to support development of the agriculture sector with actions including:

- (1) working with farmers and industry associations including Yukon Agriculture Association and the Grower's of Organic Food Yukon to implement the Agriculture Multi-Year Development Plan,
- (2) developing a "Yukon-Grown Food Policy" aimed at significantly increasing the production and use of locally-grown vegetables, meat and food products,
- (3) supporting the development of agriculture infrastructure that improves food security, facilitates access to market, and encourages local production of food,
- (4) supporting the development of local markets for Yukon agriculture products through measures including increasing the annual funding for the Fireweed Community Market; and
- (5) working with Yukon farmers to conduct agricultural research.

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Ms. Hanson (Motion #9)

THAT it is the opinion of this House, that the Members of this House should make good government and democratic reform a priority by:

- (1) working collaboratively within the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges to improve legislative processes; and
- (2) working through other means, such as new select committees, in order to advance democratic reform.

2. Ms. Moorcroft (Motion #10)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that

- (1) housing is a human right; and
- (2) in keeping with the principles of Yukon's current *Human Rights Act* and the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which Canada is a party, Yukon's *Human Rights Act* should be amended to recognize housing as a human right by adding the following to the Bill of Rights contained in the Act: "Every individual is entitled to adequate and affordable housing and to protection from eviction without cause, particularly in cases where eviction will result in homelessness."

3. Ms. White (Motion #11)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with all governments, including First Nations governments, as well as non-profit and private housing providers to develop a Yukon Housing Strategy and policy framework that will:

- (1) include all Yukon communities,
- (2) have performance and risk-management measures,
- (3) be comprehensive, innovative, practical and achievable,
- (4) increase the housing supply,
- (5) improve housing affordability; and
- (6) support individuals and families in greatest housing need.

4. Mr. Barr (Motion #12)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to introduce to this House a Residential Tenancy Act in response to the recommendations of the Select Committee on the *Landlord and Tenant Act* in order to:

- (1) provide a legal framework for rental homes,
- (2) outline the rights and responsibilities of both landlords and tenants,
- (3) set basic health and safety standards to be met in all rental units,
- (4) provide education to help tenants understand their rights and responsibilities; and
- (5) provide a dispute resolution process which is easily accessible and avoids the use of courts to resolve conflicts.

5. Mr. Tredger (Motion #13)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to accept and act on the recommendations of the Final Recommended Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan in order to:

- (1) protect one of the last remaining pristine wilderness watersheds in North America,
- (2) respect the time and commitment of the parties – the First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun, the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the Gwich'in Tribal Council and countless Yukoners and local businesses who have invested their efforts to reach a fair balance between preservation and development; and
- (3) respect and validate the processes of the Yukon Land Use Planning Council and First Nation Final Agreements.

6. Mr. Tredger (Motion #14)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to implement an immediate moratorium and conduct a full and rigorous scientific review and public consultation on the effects and desirability of hydraulic fracturing, a non-conventional form of natural gas extraction also known as “fracking”, before any regulatory approvals or permitting is allowed in Yukon.

7. Ms. Stick (Motion #15)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to take immediate steps to complete and implement its social inclusion strategy in view of previous work done in this regard in order to achieve a Territory in which everyone lives with purpose, dignity, and satisfaction, and to ensure that the strategy:

- (1) is based on consultations with stakeholders and the public,
- (2) demonstrates evidence-based policies,
- (3) responds to the recommendations in the Task Force on Acutely Intoxicated Persons at Risk; and
- (4) applies across all Government departments.

8. Mr. Elias (Motion #16)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Justice to undertake a full review of the territory's family, child and property laws with a view to introducing amendments to this legislation by the fall of 2013; and that the review address the issues of:

- (1) custody and access,
- (2) property,
- (3) spousal support,
- (4) same sex couples; and

(5) the definition of a common law relationship.

9. Mr. Elias (Motion #17)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to move quickly to:

- (1) articulate, negotiate and implement a clear definition of the role and jurisdiction of the Yukon Water Board in the context of Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) assessments and Government of Yukon Decision Documents on projects, in order that the role and jurisdiction of both the Yukon Water Board and YESAB be made explicitly clear and unambiguous; and
- (2) investigate the concept of a process charter, which sets out how the overall assessment and regulatory process works, including the roles of all relevant bodies.

10. Mr. Elias (Motion #18)

THAT this House urges the Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation to explain, by way of a Ministerial Statement, the Government's commitment to 'planning the construction of large-scale hydro-electric projects to meet medium to long-term needs.'

11. Mr. Silver (Motion #19)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with health professionals and key stakeholders in Dawson City to transition the Dawson City Hospital into a collaborative primary healthcare facility that supports community nurses and meets the needs of the community.

12. Mr. Silver (Motion #20)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to introduce to this House amendments to the *Elections Act* to address concerns raised by voters with regard to rules for enumeration and voter identification.

13. Mr. Silver (Motion #21)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Finance to reach a settlement, without going to court, with the owners of the Top of the World Golf Course to ensure the facility is available to the public for the 2012 tourism season.

14. Mr. Silver (Motion #22)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to live up to commitments made during the 2011 election campaign and build a new recreation centre in Dawson City.

15. Mr. Hassard (Motion #23)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to improve Yukoners' access to doctors, nurses, medical specialists, and other health professionals by implementing a New Health Human Resources Strategy with components including:

- (1) doubling the Family Physician Incentive Program to \$100,000 over five years for physicians who have recently graduated, in exchange for working in Yukon,
- (2) creating a new Family Physician Recruitment Incentive to help medical clinics with the cost of recruiting and supporting new doctors,
- (3) increasing the Medical Education Bursary by 50% to \$15,000 per year for Yukon students attending medical school,
- (4) doubling the incentive for students who enter medical residency in a Yukon family practice after graduation to \$30,000 per year,

- (5) increasing the Nursing Education Bursary by 50% to \$7,500 per year,
- (6) increasing the Health Professions Education Bursary by 50% to \$7,500 per year for Yukoners training for other health professions,
- (7) increasing funding supporting multidisciplinary collaboration including offering medical practices new funding to add Nurse Practitioners and RNs to their clinics,
- (8) piloting a collaborative primary care clinic in cooperation with the health care community; and
- (9) offering the Yukon Medical Association funding to expand supports to visiting specialists and medical graduates in residency.

16. Ms. McLeod (Motion #24)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide new supports for people looking after sick or disabled family members, including adults and seniors needing extra care and children with severe disabilities, by taking steps including:

- (1) establishing a new Caregiver Tax Credit for families caring for a relative with a disability - including seniors and adults and children with severe disabilities,
- (2) providing additional funding for therapies as well as money for specialized equipment, ramps and lifts to assist disabled children through an expanded Family Support for Children with Disabilities Program,
- (3) helping seniors stay in their own homes longer by assisting with minor home repairs and upgrades; and
- (4) enhancing the home care program, including providing more help for respite care of children and dependent relatives.