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- 2. Bill No. 202, Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2020-21
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- 3. Bill No. 203, First Appropriation Act 2020-21
  - Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

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# PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS Bills other than Government Bills

# Second Reading

1. Bill No. 1, Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Rig
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- Mr. Adel, Member for Copperbelt North
- 2. Bill No. 300, Act to Eliminate Daylight Saving Time
  - Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane
- 3. Bill No. 301, Act to Amend the Taxpayer Protection Act
  - Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

# WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. Written Question No. 2 (October 31, 2019)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

Will the Premier please explain how Yukon farmers who heat with propane can get either a carbon tax rebate or a carbon tax exemption, instead of being penalized for increasing the production of locally grown food?

2. Written Question No. 5 (November 27, 2019)

Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

Addressed to the Hon. Ms. Dendys, Minister responsible for the Women's

Directorate

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Women's Directorate since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?
- 3. Written Question No. 6 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources With respect to compensation for individuals whose placer and quartz mining claims are negatively affected by government decisions, can the minister:

- (1) provide further detail on the government's plan on using compensation as a tool to negotiate with placer and quartz claim holders;
- (2) provide the details of its plan to address current and future expropriation of placer and quartz mining claims in the territory, including:
  - (a) what tools will be used to ensure that all parties are treated fairly in the negotiation process; and
  - (b) what the projected costs will be and who will cover them in regard to:
    - i. negotiations;
    - ii. compensation; and
    - administrative and legal fees;

- (3) provide updates on current negotiations with placer claim holders within the municipality of Dawson City who have been negatively affected by government decisions; and
- (4) provide updates on any expropriations that may have occurred since January 1, 2017?
- 4. Written Question No. 7 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources With regard to the Yukon Resource Gateway announced by the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada on September 2, 2017, can the minister provide:

- (1) confirmation on how much of the \$468,845,000 has been spent to date;
- (2) a breakdown of where that money has been spent; and
- (3) timelines for the remainder to be spent, broken down by:
  - (a) road;
  - (b) project; and
  - (c) type of work?
- 5. Written Question No. 8 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

Addressed to the Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Education

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Department of Education since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?
- 6. Written Question No. 9 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;

- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 7. Written Question No. 10 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources
With regard to the land withdrawals and staking bans within Yukon, could the
minister provide a table listing all current land withdrawals and staking bans
that includes the following information:

- (1) name or title of the land withdrawal or staking ban;
- (2) location of the land withdrawal or staking ban;
- (3) total area of the land withdrawal or staking ban;
- (4) expiry date of the land withdrawal or staking ban; and
- (5) date of initial withdrawal and all subsequent renewals?

#### 8. Written Question No. 11 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Department of Finance since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 9. Written Question No. 12 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

Addressed to the Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Department of Justice since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 10. Written Question No. 13 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

Addressed to the Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister of Environment

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Department of Environment since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

#### 11. Written Question No. 14 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Economic Development

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Department of Economic Development since planning and implementation began, including:

(1) capital costs;

- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 12. Written Question No. 15 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Yukon Development Corporation since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

#### 13. Written Question No. 16 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation and the Yukon Lottery Commission

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Yukon Liquor Corporation since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);

- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 14. Written Question No. 17 (November 27, 2019)

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Community Services

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Department of Community Services since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 15. Written Question No. 18 (November 27, 2019)

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

Addressed to the Hon. Ms. Dendys, Minister of Tourism and Culture

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Department of Tourism and Culture since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 16. Written Question No. 19 (November 27, 2019)

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

Addressed to the Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Yukon Housing Corporation since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 17. Written Question No. 20 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of the Public Service Commission With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Public Service Commission since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

#### 18. Written Question No. 21 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Highways and Public Works With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to

the Department of Highways and Public Works since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 19. Written Question No. 22 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the Executive Council Office since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;
- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# 20. Written Question No. 23 (November 27, 2019)

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

Addressed to the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate

With regard to the Government of Yukon's new website and visual identity initiative announced on February 19, 2018, what are the total costs to date to the French Language Services Directorate since planning and implementation began, including:

- (1) capital costs;
- (2) operations costs;
- (3) maintenance costs;
- (4) staffing costs;

- (5) costs associated with all office supply replacement (letterhead, envelopes, business cards, etc.);
- (6) costs associated with signage;
- (7) costs associated with rebranding of government vehicles;
- (8) costs associated with design work;
- (9) costs associated with consulting;
- (10) costs associated with translation; and
- (11) costs associated with printing?

# **Notice Paper**

#### Government Motions

1. Motion No. 184

Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

THAT a Special Committee on Electoral Reform be established;

THAT the Hon. Jeanie Dendys, the Hon. John Streicker, and Paolo Gallina be appointed to the Committee;

THAT the membership of the Committee also be comprised of two MLAs from the Official Opposition caucus selected by the Leader of the Official Opposition and one MLA from the Third Party caucus selected by the Leader of the Third Party;

THAT the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party inform the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the names of the selected MLAs from their respective caucuses no later than seven calendar days after the adoption of this motion by the Assembly;

THAT the Chair of the Committee have a deliberative vote on each matter before the Committee;

THAT the Committee be mandated to:

- (1) consider and identify and option or options for Yukon's territorial electoral voting system;
- (2) make recommendations on what question or questions would be placed on a referendum ballot to obtain Yukoners' views on the option or options identified for Yukon's territorial electoral voting system; and
- (3) make recommendations on the thresholds for voter turnout and for the identified option or options that would need to be achieved to make changes to the electoral system;

THAT the Committee conduct public hearings for the purpose of receiving the views and opinions of Yukoners;

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

THAT minutes of Committee meetings be made public within 48 hours after each meeting;

THAT, during the drafting of its final report, the Committee should conduct its business in a consensus decision-making manner to the greatest extent possible, and that should unanimity not be achieved, the report will show the majority and minority views of the Committee members;

THAT the Committee report to the Legislative Assembly on its findings no later than August 31, 2020;

THAT, if the House is not sitting at such time as the Committee is prepared to present its report, the Committee Chair shall transmit the Committee's report to the Speaker, who shall transmit the report to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and then, not more than one day later, release the report to the public; and

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

# Motions other than Government Motions

#### 1. Motion No. 168

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

THAT this House acknowledges that the Yukon government has become the first-ever territorial government to win the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's annual government waste award for its decision to spend taxpayers' money to pay Instagram celebrities to fly to Yukon, go horseback riding, and pan for gold.

#### 2. Motion No. 169

Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition

THAT this House urges the Yukon government to provide a detailed accounting of how much money went to out-of-territory consultants, public relations representatives, and photographers to support their decision to spend taxpayers' money to pay Instagram celebrities to fly to Yukon, go horseback riding, and pan for gold.

#### 3. Motion No. 171

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

THAT this House urges the Minister of Highways and Public Works to initiate upgrades to the two Alaska Highway crosswalks in Porter Creek to include pedestrian-activated flashing lights to address safety and visibility for both pedestrians and motorists.

#### 4. Motion No. 172

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Yukon government to improve communications infrastructure in rural Yukon, including partnering with the private sector to expand cellular phone coverage to people without service in areas including Grizzly Valley, Deep Creek, Fox Lake, Ibex Valley, Junction 37, Champagne, Mendenhall, and the north Alaska Highway and improve service in areas with coverage gaps.

## 5. Motion No. 173

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Yukon government to improve highway safety at the intersection of the Mayo Road and the Alaska Highway by moving forward with the project that was to include widening two kilometres of the Alaska Highway on either side of the intersection, lengthening the turning lane, and adding a through lane.

#### 6. Motion No. 174

# Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Minister of Education to ensure that parents who choose to home-school their children have the option of using paper-based curriculum instead of being forced to use online video courses from the Aurora Virtual School.

# 7. Motion No. 175

# Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

THAT this House urges the Yukon government to upgrade Takhini River Road by taking actions including improving the road surface and the ditches.

#### 8. Motion No. 176

# Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to take action to reduce the wait times Yukoners are currently facing for appointments with visiting and local specialists, surgeries, and other medical procedures.

#### 9. Motion No. 177

# Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

THAT this House urges the Minister of Highways and Public Works to initiate upgrades to the two Alaska Highway crosswalks in Watson Lake to include pedestrian-activated flashing lights to address safety and visibility for both pedestrians and motorists.

#### 10. Motion No. 178

## Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with First Nations, municipalities, local advisory councils, and the tourism industry to ensure a coordinated approach to minimizing the risk of a coronavirus outbreak in Yukon and prepare for appropriate actions if a suspected case is detected.

#### 11. Motion No. 179

### Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to alert the travelling public of unsafe road conditions between kilometre 1491 and 1502 of the Alaska Highway by ensuring proper placement of the portable electric sign and installing proper signage.

#### 12. Motion No. 180

## Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to tender seasonally dependent contracts by March 31 of each year.

#### 13. Motion No. 181

# Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to use its 2020-21 budget to build turning lanes at the entrances to the Takhini and Mendenhall subdivisions.

#### 14. Motion No. 182

#### Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon listen to the views of Yukon hunters and take action by:

- (1) cancelling the Minister of Environment's proposed adaptive moose management regulations; and
- (2) using the Yukon government's 2020-21 budget to conduct moose surveys in areas of reported concern, especially in areas where the most recent data being used is outdated.

#### 15. Motion No. 183

# Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to follow the recommendations made in 2018 by the Yukon Employment Standards Board by increasing the minimum wage to over \$15 per hour by April 2021.