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# ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **GOVERNMENT DESIGNATED BUSINESS**

# **Government Motions**

1. Motion No. 219

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services

THAT this House supports the supervised consumption site operating at 6189 6th Avenue in downtown Whitehorse.

2. Motion No. 301

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation THAT this House commends the City of Whitehorse for its work on a request for proposals for a master plan to develop the Tank Farm property.

3. Motion No. 311

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services
THAT this House supports the Government of Yukon's January 20, 2022
declaration of a substance use health emergency.

4. Motion No. 316

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

THAT this House congratulates Yukoner Graham Nishikawa on his guiding of Canadian Paralympian Brian McKeever during the 2022 Beijing Paralympics.

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation

THAT this House supports the Yukon Energy Corporation's 10-year renewable electricity plan.

# 6. Motion No. 321

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation THAT this House commends the private sector for major increases in the amount of money being spent on residential building construction.

# 7. Motion No. 322

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services
THAT this House congratulates the United States Senate on voting
unanimously to make daylight saving time permanent as of November 2023.

# 8. Motion No. 323

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Highways and Public Works
THAT this House supports the continued transition away from fossil fuels by
electrifying the Government of Yukon's fleet vehicles.

# 9. Motion No. 332

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources
THAT this House supports the continued transition away from fossil fuels
towards zero emissions vehicles, including rebates and charging stations.

#### 10. Motion No. 333

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources THAT this House supports the work of the Dawson Regional Planning Commission.

# 11. Motion No. 338

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education THAT this House supports the Yukon First Nation School Board.

# 12. Motion No. 342

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Highways and Public Works
THAT this House supports creating Internet redundancy in Yukon.

# 13. Motion No. 354

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services
THAT this House congratulates the Canadian men's national soccer team for qualifying to participate in the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

# 14. Motion No. 356

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Highways and Public Works
THAT this House supports the construction of the Whistle Bend elementary school.

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

THAT this House condemns the actions of Hockey Canada in response to allegations of sexual abuse.

# 16. Motion No. 483

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

THAT this House urges the Yukon RCMP to implement all of the recommendations of the independent officer's review of the 2019 Hidden Valley investigation.

#### 17. Motion No. 521

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

THAT this House congratulates Shadelle Chambers, Erin Pauls, Dana Tizya-Tramm, Jocelyn Joe-Strack, and Gillian Staveley on their election as trustees to the first-ever Yukon First Nation School Board.

# 18. Motion No. 524

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Economic Development

THAT this House congratulates Yukon on leading the country in real GDP growth in 2021, with a growth rate of 10 percent.

#### 19. Motion No. 527

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

THAT this House congratulates Tia Campbell, Cassandra Malach, Brian Laird, Andrea Oldridge, and Rebecca Hutchings-Archibald on their acclamation to the first-ever Whistle Bend Elementary School Council.

#### 20. Motion No. 533

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Highways and Public Works

THAT this House expresses support for the people of Iran who are fighting for their rights and freedoms.

# 21. Motion No. 580

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

THAT this House congratulates the organizers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Yukon African Music Festival.

# 22. Motion No. 581

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

THAT this House congratulates the Law Society of Yukon for mandating Indigenous cultural competency training for all of the society's members.

# 23. Motion No. 582

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Environment

THAT this House congratulates Dylan Cozens on his new contract with the Buffalo Sabres of the National Hockey League.

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

THAT this House congratulates all Yukon athletes who participated in the 2023 Arctic Winter Games and Canada Winter Games.

# 25. Motion No. 589

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Tourism and Culture

THAT this House congratulates the organizers of the Yukon Rendezvous on another successful event.

# 26. Motion No. 590

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services

THAT this House supports the creation of a Yukon health authority and the transformation of Yukon's health care and social services system, as described in *Putting People First – the final report of the comprehensive review of Yukon's health and social programs and services*.

# 27. Motion No. 591

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

THAT this House congratulates Yukon University and Yukon Women in Trades and Technology for their work to offer a free welding program for women and non-binary people interested in welding or related trades as a career option.

# 28. Motion No. 592

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

THAT this House congratulates the municipalities throughout Yukon on the implementation of the Better Buildings program.

# 29. Motion No. 593

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Environment

THAT this House congratulates the Yukon Conservation Data Centre and the Yukon Research Centre at Yukon University on the successful delivery of the 2023 Yukon Biodiversity Forum and for their work to:

- (1) foster partnerships and networking, including coordinated contribution to national and local initiatives relative to the Canadian biodiversity strategy;
- (2) deliver public education on biodiversity issues;
- (3) provide coordination among field researchers promoting long-term data on key species; and
- (4) integrate local traditional knowledge into ongoing field data gathering processes.

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

THAT this House urges all Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to take the introduction to gender-inclusive diversity analysis training course that assists in:

- (1) identifying how personal and systemic biases can impact different stages of decision making;
- (2) implementing a gender-inclusive diversity analysis lens during decisionmaking processes at work to enhance the inclusivity of programs, policies, and services; and
- (3) evaluating the different impacts of an initiative and considerations to take into account when addressing how people are impacted.

#### 31. Motion No. 604

Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of the Public Service Commission

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue the implementation of gender-inclusive diversity analysis on key initiatives across government by providing training, research support, and analysis.

#### 32. Motion No. 606

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

THAT this House congratulates the Yukon Human Rights Commission on the successful delivery of the Y(OUR) PART conference as part of its work to educate the public and build capacity in collaboration with stakeholders to effectively and responsibly address sexual harassment in Yukon workplaces.

# 33. Motion No. 607

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

THAT this House supports the Canadian national women's soccer team in their continued fight to seek equal pay with the Canadian national men's soccer team.

# 34. Motion No. 612

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

THAT this House supports equality, diversity, and gender parity within the Yukon government.

# 35. Motion No. 613

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

THAT this House supports the Government of Yukon's efforts to ensure that the port of Skagway remains accessible as an export option for the Yukon mining industry.

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

THAT this House supports the development of resource road regulations that will provide a modem framework for managing and enforcing resource roads in Yukon.

#### 37. Motion No. 636

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Environment

THAT this House supports the people of Ukraine in their defence of their homeland against the Russian invasion.

# 38. Motion No. 643

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

THAT this House supports the Government of Yukon working with the private sector to help meet its labour needs by utilizing all 430 Yukon nominee allocations under the 2023 provincial nominee program.

# 39. Motion No. 644

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

THAT this House adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of anti-Semitism: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

#### 40. Motion No. 647

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

THAT this House supports the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate's fourth annual First Nation education conference.

# 41. Motion No. 651

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

THAT this House supports the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's call to action 88: "We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel."

# 42. Motion No. 659

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

THAT this House supports the Government of Yukon's investment toward ColdAcre Food Systems' food processing facility to double its capacity to process goods and get its goods to market.

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

THAT this House supports the efforts of those who travelled to the Vatican to share their experiences and the lasting impacts of the residential school system, which resulted in the formal repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery.

# 44. Motion No. 684

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

THAT this House wishes the Jewish community in Yukon a happy Passover.

#### 45. Motion No. 685

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

THAT this House condemns the violence and intimidation of artists and performers in the drag community.

# 46. Motion No. 697

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

THAT this House acknowledges that Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a day of commemoration for the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution.

# 47. Motion No. 701

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services

THAT this House supports the work of the Referred Care Clinic in Whitehorse including opioid treatment services, which include opioid agonist therapies and safer supply medications for patients, as well as the expansion of those programs to serve Yukon communities.

# 48. Motion No. 714

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

THAT this House congratulates Sharon Nelson on her election as Chief of the Selkirk First Nation as well as new Crow councillors Samantha Dawson and Ashley Edzerza, Wolf councillors Cody Sims and Patrick McGinty, elder councillor Amy Johnson, and youth councillor Keyshawn Sawyer, on their election.

# 49. Motion No. 715

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

THAT this House congratulates Dawna Hope on her election as Chief of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun as well as Deputy Chief Roberta Hager and councillors Edward Brown, Helaina Moses, Geri-Lee Buyck, and Paul Profeit, on their election.

#### 50. Motion No. 716

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

THAT this House congratulates Sean Smith on his recent election as Chief of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation as well as the new councillors Charlene Charlie, Charles Chief, Linda Moen, Jesse Ryder, Jolene Smarch, and Ray Sydney, on their election.

# **Government Bills**

# Second Reading

- 1. Bill No. 210, Fourth Appropriation Act 2022-23
  - Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance
- 2. Bill No. 211, Second Appropriation Act 2023-24
  - Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

Adjourned debate: Mr. Cathers (October 4, 2023)

- 3. Bill No. 29, Act to amend the Elections Act (2023)
  - Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

# PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

# Bills other than Government Bills

# Second Reading

- 1. Bill No. 1, Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right
  - MLA Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre
- 2. Bill No. 301, Act to Amend the Taxpayer Protection Act
  - Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

# **Notice Paper**

# **Government Motions**

1. Motion No. 734

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation THAT this House supports the expansion of the Yukon home ownership loan program.

2. Motion No. 735

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

THAT this House congratulates the Honourable Adeline Webber on her appointment as the Commissioner of Yukon.

3. Motion No. 736

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation THAT this House supports the Government of Yukon's ongoing partnership with the Government of Canada to provide the Canada-Yukon housing benefit.

4. Motion No. 737

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

THAT this House supports protecting and respecting students' rights through the continual evaluation, modernization, and implementation of the sexual orientation and gender identity policy.

5. Motion No. 738

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to advance initiatives outlined in the LGBTQ2S+ *Inclusion Action Plan*.

6. Motion No. 739

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services

THAT this House acknowledges the importance of supporting low-income Yukoners affected by inflation by:

- (1) increasing the monthly payments of the Yukon seniors income supplement by 37.5 percent; and;
- (2) providing eligible social assistance recipients with an additional \$100 per month until a rate review is completed.

# 7. Motion No. 740

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

THAT this House condemns the use of the notwithstanding clause to challenge education policies that cause harm to vulnerable individuals.

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Environment

THAT this House supports the Government of Yukon working with the Government of Canada to support low-income homeowners' transition from home heating oil to low-emitting heating technologies.

# 9. Motion No. 742

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

THAT this House acknowledges the importance of supporting low-income workers by:

- (1) increasing the territory's minimum wage and tying future yearly increases to the consumer price index for Whitehorse; and
- (2) creating a paid sick leave rebate program for Yukoners earning less than the average private sector wage, including self-employed Yukoners.

# 10. Motion No. 743

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation

THAT this House supports the expansion and extension of the inflation relief rebate to reduce Yukoners' power bills.

# 11. Motion No. 744

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader

THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Fall Sitting, any Member of the Legislative Assembly who is unable to attend sittings of the House in person due to COVID-19 symptoms, illness or protocols may participate in the sittings of the House by video conference, notwithstanding Standing Order 8 or any other Standing Order, and by video conference shall:

- (1) be recognized to speak in debate, notwithstanding Standing Order 17;
- (2) be permitted to vote, notwithstanding Standing Order 25;
- (3) be permitted to participate in counts in Committee of the Whole, notwithstanding Standing Order 44 and Standing Order 44.1;
- (4) contribute to constituting quorum in the Legislative Assembly, under Standing Order 3 and the *Yukon Act*; and
- (5) be considered to have attended the sitting of the Legislative Assembly, with no deduction of indemnity required under subsection 39(5) of the Legislative Assembly Act.

#### 12. Motion No. 745

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader

THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Fall Sitting, if the Legislative Assembly stands adjourned for an indefinite period of time, the Government House Leader and at least one of the other House Leaders together may request that the Legislative Assembly meet virtually by video conference, with all the Members of the Legislative Assembly being able to participate remotely, notwithstanding any current Standing Orders regarding members' physical presence in the Chamber.

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader

THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Fall Sitting:

- (1) the Clerk shall keep a daily list of paired members, in which any member of the Government and any member of an opposition party may have their names entered together by noon on that date to indicate that they will not take part in any recorded division in the Legislative Assembly held on that date; and
- (2) following each such division held, the names of any members entered on the list of paired members for that date shall be printed in Hansard and the Votes and Proceedings.

# 14. Motion No. 747

Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

THAT this House supports the annual increase to the Yukon child benefit that matches the Whitehorse consumer price index.

# Motions other than Government Motions

1. Motion No. 748

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House congratulates Manitoba New Democratic Party Leader Wab Kinew on becoming the first First Nations Premier of a province in Canada and on forming government.

2. Motion No. 749

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to accept the recommendations contained in the 2023 comprehensive municipal grant review as conducted by the Association of Yukon Communities.

3. Motion No. 750

MLA Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to implement the recommendations from the 2023 report on the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter by the House of Wolf & Associates Inc., entitled *A Path Forward*.

4. Motion No. 751

MLA Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with the City of Whitehorse and the Council of Yukon First Nations in creating a downtown community safety officer program to:

- (1) provide safety and support to all citizens in the downtown area; and
- (2) address safety concerns of businesses, local residents, and people using the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter.

Ms. Blake, Member for Vuntut Gwitchin

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Manitoba to search the Prairie Green Landfill for Morgan Harris and Marcedes Myran.

# 6. Motion No. 753

Ms. Blake, Member for Vuntut Gwitchin

THAT this House congratulates the Kwanlin Dün First Nation on the completion of the Haeckel Hill wind project.