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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.

2. 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.

3. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #194)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon and the Yukon Registered Nurses Association to continue working together on the development of legislation that will allow Nurse Practitioners to work within their full scope of practice.

4. Hon. Mr. Kenyon (Motion #239)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work with the Government of Canada, First Nations, Yukon College, members of the business community and non-governmental organizations to:

- (1) enhance and develop labour market initiatives targeting First Nations, older workers, youth, persons with disabilities and immigrants through measures such as

- apprenticeship programs, the Youth Employment Program, the Yukon Nominee Program, the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and other programs,
- (2) develop a national recruiting campaign; and
- (3) assist in the development of retention incentives for employers.

5. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #357)

THAT this House urges the Department of Health and Social Services to launch a new health promotion initiative to:

- (1) further assist Yukoners who wish to quit smoking by funding a portion of the cost of nicotine replacement therapies; and
- (2) work in partnership with the Motor Vehicles Branch to provide drivers with information on the increased health impacts of smoking within the confined space of a motor vehicle.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #61 - Act to Amend the Municipal Act
-Hon. Mr. Lang
- 2. Bill #58 - Act to Amend the Quartz Mining Act
-Hon. Mr. Cathers
- 3. Bill #54 - Electoral District Boundaries Act
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
- 4. Bill #60 - Act to Amend the Judicature Act
-Hon. Ms. Horne

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. Inverarity
Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Cathers
- 3. Bill #105 - An Act to Amend the Cooperation in Governance Act
-Mr. Mitchell
Adjourned debate: Mr. Nordick
- 4. Bill #107 - Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act
-Mr. Hardy
- 5. Bill #108 - Legislative Renewal Act
-Mr. Hardy

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (November 29, 2007)

Addressed to: Hon. Mr. Fentie, Minister of Finance

On what date was the Yukon Government's public web site updated to make available the internal government audit, officially entitled "Report on the Audit of Contributions" dated January 2007, prepared by the Government Audit Services Branch? **(WQ#1)**

2. Mr. Elias (December 11, 2007)

Addressed to: Minister of Environment

Does the Government of Yukon support the Kyoto Protocol? **(WQ#2)**

3. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) plans for the Family Focus Housing project that include location, size, and total cost,
- (2) the type of programming and counseling support services to be offered to tenants in the Family Focus Housing,
- (3) the eligibility criteria for the project's tenancy; including family income, number of children, social conditions, criminal records, pet restrictions, and family history of violence,
- (4) the expected completion date for the Family Focus Housing; and
- (5) how the Directorate will assure tenants and the public that the project will not become a ghetto. **(WQ#5)**

4. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister please table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) a list of recipients, a breakdown of the amounts transferred, and the objectives of projects for funds transferred in the line item "Various Women's Groups",
- (2) the evaluation process used for the various women's groups for measuring success,
- (3) justification for the difference in amounts transferred to various women's groups and the amount transferred to the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre; and,
- (4) the guidelines for transfer payments. **(WQ#6)**

5. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) how the Directorate has met its program objectives over the past year, as listed on page 16-6; and

(2) how the Directorate measures its success in meeting its program objectives. (WQ#7)

6. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 08/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) a progress report on the Northern Strategy Emergency Shelter Feasibility Study,
- (2) the criteria for the evaluation of the Long Term Public Education Campaign on the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children,
- (3) the process for evaluation and the results of the evaluations of the projects initiated by Aboriginal women to address violence prevention in their communities in 2007-08; and,
- (4) the process for evaluation and the results of the evaluations of the projects funded in 2007-08 under the Women's Equality Fund. (WQ#8)

7. Mr. Hardy (April 30, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission

Will the Minister please provide responses to the following questions related to the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Public Service Commission:

- (1) what is the Public Service Commission doing to reduce workplace injuries and lower the Workers' Compensation assessment rate the Government pays,
- (2) does the Government believe it is on-track with respect to recruitment and succession planning, and that we will have enough well-trained employees to maintain excellent public services as the current employees reach retirement age,
- (3) how long is the project involving people with disabilities who look after the Government's document shredding and recycling scheduled to run, and what plans are there to provide opportunities for people with disabilities in the public service,
- (4) why has the Public Service Commission taken the position that the right to join unions doesn't extend to certain categories, such as teachers-on-call and emergency fire-fighters,
- (5) is the Minister prepared to re-visit that position - for example, if teachers-on-call make another attempt at union certification,
- (6) how many grievances are currently on the books, and what is being done to clear up any backlog? (WQ#9)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICES OF MOTION

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #491)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Government of Yukon initiate the following measures to manage local impacts of the global economic downturn:

- (1) continuing to maintain a prudent financial position so there is money available to invest where necessary,
- (2) hosting roundtable discussions with key stakeholders within Yukon to collect advice and input to aid and inform decisions,
- (3) focusing on key infrastructure investments to create jobs in the short term and provide an environment for long-term investment and growth,
- (4) promoting research and development opportunities in Yukon, such as the Cold Climate Innovation Centre and the Climate Change Centre of Excellence,
- (5) striking an internal committee of deputy ministers, chaired by the Premier, to monitor and assess economic trends and identify opportunities,
- (6) implementing labour mobility initiatives,
- (7) expanding trade opportunities with foreign partners,
- (8) encouraging the federal government to continue to make strategic investments in Canada's North meeting their commitment of unlocking vast potential in Yukon; and
- (9) continuing to work with First Nation governments to ensure an appropriate federal mandate is renewed to adequately resource First Nation governments.

2. Mr. Nordick (Motion #492)

THAT this House urges the Parliament of Canada to review the effects of recent changes to the Canada *Elections Act* regarding information voters are required to present to prove identity, to determine if identification requirements need to be adjusted to prevent Northern residents from being deprived of the ability to exercise their democratic right to vote.

3. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #493)

THAT, the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended by adding the following Standing Orders:

"45(3)(a) The Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of three Members from the Government Caucus to be identified by the Premier, two Members from the Official Opposition Caucus to be identified by the Leader of the Official Opposition, and two Members from the Third Party Caucus to be identified by the Leader of the Third Party"; and

"45(3)(b) In the event there is fewer than two members from the Third Party, the number of members needed to complete the compliment of seven members shall be identified by the Leader of the Official Opposition."

4. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #494)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to complete a thorough Healthcare Infrastructure Needs Assessment of all communities and to create a priority action list on expenditure of funds for new Healthcare Centres in all communities, including but not be limited to:

- (1) an assessment of existing infrastructure and service provision within every Yukon community,
- (2) an assessment of current healthcare provision demands and a projection of healthcare needs for the coming decade,
- (3) a plan for the provision of acute and continuing healthcare for each community and region; and
- (4) a prioritized capital expenditure plan for the improvement of healthcare infrastructure for the coming decade.

5. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #495)

THAT, the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended by adding the following Standing Order:

“45(4.1) A Special or Select Committee shall consist of Members from the Government Caucus to be identified by the Premier, Members from the Official Opposition Caucus to be identified by the Leader of the Official Opposition, and Members from the Third Party Caucus to be identified by the Leader of the Third Party.”

6. Mr. Hardy (Motion #496)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to allow the House the opportunity to formally apologize to the Yukon’s aboriginal people in the 2008 Fall Sitting of the Legislature for the great wrong perpetrated on them in the residential schools which were present in the Yukon, and further, to:

- (1) allow First Nations leaders in the legislature to hear and respond to the apology to help demonstrate our collective commitment to building a future based on fairness, equality and respect,
- (2) express our recognition of the fact that their children were stolen,
- (3) acknowledge the effect of residential schools on aboriginal culture, language and identity,
- (4) recognize the fact that we are losing our former residential school students at an alarming rate; and
- (5) start on this important process as soon as possible in order to move forward together in healing, reconciliation, and dignity.

7. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #497)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government, through collaboration of the Departments of Environment, Community Services, and Finance, to develop a Yukon-wide comprehensive strategy for waste disposal by the end of the 2008-09 fiscal year that includes:

- (1) the principles of the Three R’s: reduce, reuse, and recycle, in that order of priority,
- (2) composting as a necessary component of waste management,
- (3) strengthening of air emission regulations to ensure standards and monitoring are complied with,
- (4) the cessation of burning at community solid waste facilities,
- (5) the establishment of a Yukon-wide Recycling Council that is funded by government,
- (6) the equitable funding of all community solid waste facilities,
- (7) funding to receive and process non-refundable recyclables in Whitehorse from other communities,
- (8) funding for the transportation of non-refundable recyclables,
- (9) an increase in the refundable deposit for beverage containers; and
- (10) expanding the types of recyclable products for refunds.

8. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #498)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to regulate the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products in drug stores by making it an unlawful act to sell these items, in order to:

- (1) make tobacco less accessible to the public,
- (2) have products in drug stores more in line with the purpose of their establishments,
- (3) protect the health of Yukoners; and
- (4) prevent children from being influenced to use tobacco.