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MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

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NOTES

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Monday, November 27, 2006

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #10)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to increase social assistance rates immediately.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #11)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide funding to the Anti-poverty Coalition to start up a new permanent Whitehorse food bank.

3. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #12)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to expeditiously increase the childcare subsidy paid to parents by \$100.00 per child per month and the Direct Operating Grant paid to daycare and day home providers by 25%, and investigate additional options to encourage and reward the improvement of daycare and day home employees' professional and educational certifications.

4. Mr. McRobb (Motion #13)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to cease all efforts leading to the continued privatization of the ownership, operations and maintenance of our highways system and equipment.

5. Mr. McRobb (Motion #14)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to use comprehensive land use planning preceding the development of lands in the territory.

6. Mr. McRobb (Motion #15)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to develop affordable and practical incentive programs for Yukon small businesses to offset the high upfront costs of upgrading their water and sewer systems or cleaning up contaminated soils to meet government standards.

7. Mr. Elias (Motion #16)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to commit its considerable resources toward increasing the cultural awareness of all children in the teaching they receive and in the case of First Nations children, this cultural awareness take the form of experiential learning.

8. Mr. Elias (Motion #17)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to implement a no cost trap exchange program that allows trappers to comply with the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards.

9. Mr. Elias (Motion #18)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to immediately identify climate change as a priority item and that it engage the Government of Canada and formally request that Canada make available its full resources to combating this issue and that, since time is of the essence, this happen without any further delay.

10. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #19)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Community Services to have the Auditor General of Canada, upon completion of construction, investigate how the Government of Yukon turned the Athletes' Village from a \$3 million project into a \$33 million project.

11. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #20)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to prepare an annual report to the Yukon Legislative Assembly on the state of Yukon's emergency preparedness and that the Emergency Measures Organization appear annually before the legislature.

12. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #21)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to develop a strategy in consultation with other governments and stakeholders to complete all regional land use plans within ten years.

13. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #22)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to bring forward new omnibus animal protection legislation.

14. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #24)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to demonstrate its commitment to the construction of a new Whitehorse correctional facility and fulfill its election promise by:

- (1) identifying the location of the new correctional facility;
- (2) releasing information to the public regarding the cost of constructing the new correctional facility;
- (3) setting a date when construction on the correctional facility will resume; and
- (4) tabling a budget that includes the necessary funding to complete the construction of a new correctional facility.

15. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #25)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to provide bridge funding for Yukon literacy programs and to urge the Government of Canada to reinstate funding for adult literacy to at least the previous amount.

16. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #26)

THAT this House urge the Yukon Government to assign the highest possible priority to expediting the review of the *Children's Act* so that the recommendations from the working group can be embodied in a new Act that reflects Yukoners' concerns without any further delay.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Cathers

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #29)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to implement a multi-departmental approach and actions focusing on zero tolerance of violence against the family through the development of a long-term public education awareness campaign responding to and preventing family violence.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #30)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to construct a new elementary school in Copper Ridge as soon as possible to ensure there is sufficient school capacity to allow students to attend school near where they live and not have to be bussed to more distant neighborhoods.

3. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #31)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to commence construction of the Hamilton Boulevard extension during the 2007 construction season in order to provide a second access to alleviate traffic congestion and to help ensure that emergency medical and other services will be available to the residents of McIntyre, Granger, Arkell, Logan and Copper Ridge.

4. Mr. McRobb (Motion #32)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan containing the following elements:

- (1) targeted assistance for Yukoners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes,
- (2) improved efficiency and sustainability for Yukon government buildings and operations,
- (3) encouraging community energy management in Yukon communities to maximize efficient energy use, local employment and conservation,
- (4) developing biomass community heating systems through community partnerships,
- (5) reducing the waste associated with the use of diesel generators or replacing them with renewable options,
- (6) integration of energy conservation and renewable energy options into Yukon Energy's long-term plans, and
- (7) establishing targets for greenhouse gas emissions in collaboration with industry, governments and the public.

5. Mr. McRobb (Motion #33)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a comprehensive Energy Policy in consultation with stakeholders which:

- (1) ensures affordable energy is available for all Yukon residents and businesses,
- (2) identifies the effectiveness and long-term practicality of existing subsidies within and outside the current electricity rate structure (i.e. the Rate Stabilization Fund),
- (3) ensures that energy development and management decisions support the high quality of the natural environment and biodiversity of ecosystems, recognizing the absolute importance of the long-term protection of these natural systems to economic, social and cultural well-being of Yukon residents,
- (4) identifies new policies (e.g. net metering) and related implementation plans;
- (5) promotes uses of renewable energy that contribute to a lasting legacy of affordable and sustainable energy for the benefit of all Yukoners,
- (6) promotes and assists community energy management initiatives through local partnerships,
- (7) encourages First Nation equity positions in energy development projects and works in partnership with all stakeholders towards sustainable energy solutions for the benefit of all Yukoners,
- (8) updates the Non-Utility Generator Policy to allow for private investors to participate in the expansion of the territory's electrical system,

- (9) incorporates all issues related to oil and gas development, and
- (10) provides for the discussion of any other issue important to stakeholders or the public.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Lang

6. Mr. Elias (Motion #34)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to demonstrate its unequivocal support for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which is the calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, and immediately make representations to the appropriate American representatives and to lobby on behalf of Yukon for protection of this most valuable resource area.

7. Mr. Elias (Motion #35)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) the Government of Yukon has once again committed to the protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd,
- (2) the Vuntut Gwitchin people and all Yukoners recognize the importance of preserving this resource, and
- (3) the Vuntut Gwitchin people are very concerned over the overall health, size of the herd, hunting along the Dempster Highway and a lack of a harvest management strategy.

8. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #36)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to introduce a Teacher School Supply Tax Credit.

9. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #37)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to give priority to the completion of the *Children's Act* and bring it before the Yukon Legislative Assembly without further delay.

10. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #39)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to publicly state the amount of its financial commitment to the proposed cold climate research station and to demonstrate private sector interest in the project before proceeding with construction.

11. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #40)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately release the completed issue papers of the Education Reform process so that all Yukoners can consider and discuss the ramifications of proposed education governance, administration, and the language and cultural implications, and so that the mandatory review of the *Education Act* that should have been completed years ago can finally be concluded with appropriate amendments to make Yukon's public education system work to the benefit of all Yukon people.

12. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #41)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to develop and implement, as an urgent priority, an effective territory-wide Anti-Poverty Action Plan that will identify and correct the root causes of poverty in the Yukon and will make the need for food banks and soup kitchens in one of the most privileged societies in the world a shameful relic of the past.

13. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #42)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately release for public consideration the review of Yukon mental health services commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Services and presented to the Government in March, 2006, and take decisive action on the report's findings that the Yukon needs supported housing, in-patient facilities and services, an additional psychiatrist, crisis and after-hours services, and better mental health services in rural communities.

14. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #43)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately allocate the appropriate financial and human resources to implement an interim strategy to provide safe shelter and support services for Yukon youth who are homeless, especially during the winter months, until such time as a permanent youth shelter has been established.

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #44)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue utilizing the Integrated Resource Management regime for Yukon Government departments in responding to proposed resource development activities in order to ensure consistency and meeting established time lines for permitting.

2. Mr. Nordick (Motion #45)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon and the Yukon Housing Corporation to work together on implementing a priority housing policy for individuals leaving abusive relationships.

3. Mr. McRobb (Motion #46)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to protect the electrical ratepayers in the territory and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from diesel generation by discouraging the installation of electric heat as the primary heating source in new construction.

4. Mr. Elias (Motion #47)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to begin a client service assessment to determine the level of care required for our elders in Old Crow including infrastructure requirements, staffing levels, access to health services and the availability to the services that are enjoyed by other Yukon seniors and elders.

5. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #48)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to develop a comprehensive land use and development policy for the McIntyre Creek green space area, that is bordered by Yukon College, Rabbits Foot Canyon, Mountainview Drive and the electoral district of Porter Creek South by:

- (1) ensuring the public has been consulted before any decisions regarding this land are made,
- (2) addressing the concerns of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation Government, the Ta'an Kwach'an First Nation Government, Yukon College, the City of Whitehorse, and residents of the electoral district of Porter Creek South who represent major stakeholders in this issue, and

(3) protecting against the potential environmental impacts that may result from development in this area.

6. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #49)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the budget cutbacks to the Federal Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the removal of the words "women's equality" from its mandate will not jeopardize the efforts of the many women's organizations in the territory to support and advance the rights of women.

7. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #50)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to maintain the high quality of museums and cultural centres in the Yukon by implementing the Museums Strategy without further delay, to guarantee at least the current level of financial support for museums on an ongoing basis, and to pressure the Government of Canada to reinstate funding for the Museums Assistance program to its previous level, prior to being slashed by fifty percent by the current Government of Canada.

Thursday, November 30, 2006

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #51)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to make land available to Yukoners for community, residential, recreational, agricultural, commercial and industrial purposes while respecting the interests of existing land holders as one of the highest Yukon Government priorities by streamlining the land application process and ensuring that appropriate policies and administrative structures are put in place to manage Crown land in the territory.

2. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #52)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to table the report approved by the Executive Committee of the Education Reform Project following the conclusion of the public consultation process in the Fall of 2007.

Adjourned debate: Mr. Fairclough

3. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #53)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) the proposed climate change research centre promised by this Government has nothing to do with combating the looming problem of global warming,
- (2) the proposed centre is a research and development centre with the following objectives:
 - (a) to create a higher degree of economic self-sufficiency in Canada's North, and
 - (b) to increase private-sector growth by building capacity through investment in research, and
- (3) although the proposed centre may bring economic benefits to Canada and Yukon, it is wrong to portray it as anything other than a research vehicle for industry in the area of cold weather technology.

Monday, December 4, 2006

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #55)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "M" Division under the Substance Abuse Action Plan to increase police enforcement actions to deal with street crime in Yukon communities.

2. Mr. McRobb (Motion #56)

THAT this House urges all Yukon Government Ministers to uphold the need for greater accountability by expeditiously informing the House about any potential conflict of interest issue that could interfere with or prevent a Minister from speaking to any matter within the Minister's area of responsibility, to briefly explain the conflict, and to designate an alternate Minister who can speak to the matter in the Assembly.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #58)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately appoint a public commission, representative of Yukon's demographic makeup, to hold public hearings and recommend options for reform of Yukon's electoral system, to enable Yukon electors, if necessary, to participate in a referendum on electoral reform no later than December 31, 2008.

4. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #59)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to advise members of the Democratic Party majority in both Houses of the United States Congress of the urgent need to pass legislation that will provide permanent and inalienable protection of the Porcupine caribou herd and its habitat, which includes areas of calving, post-calving, migration, wintering, and insect relief as stated in the 1987 international agreement.

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #61)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to assist elders and seniors in Yukon by:

- (1) increasing the inventory of affordable housing in the territory,
- (2) continuing to ensure that elders and seniors are able to remain in their own homes as long as possible by increasing homecare and other services,
- (3) building elders and seniors housing that enable couples with different medical needs to continue living together as long as possible,
- (4) enabling elders and seniors to live in their own home communities as long as possible,
- (5) completing the construction of the multi-level care facilities in Watson Lake and Dawson City and the seniors facility in Haines Junction, and
- (6) consulting with elders and seniors on the need for senior facilities in Teslin and other communities.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #62)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation to develop a Yukon-specific definition of the term "affordable housing" that is based on what can be afforded by the consumer, rather than on its relation to prevailing market prices, and to take joint action immediately to address the shelter needs of the growing number of Yukon families who are on the Yukon Housing Corporation or Grey Mountain Housing Society waitlists for social housing.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #63)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately increase the food allowance paid to Social Assistance recipients by an amount representing no less than the increase in Yukon's cost of living since the allowance was last increased in the early 1990s, to index the new rate to the cost of living, and to make the increase retroactive to April 1 of this year.

Thursday, December 7, 2006

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #64)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with First Nations to implement the Corrections Action Plan that includes measures to address:

- (1) the construction of a new correctional facility or facilities to replace the Whitehorse Correctional Centre,
- (2) programs, services, treatment, case management,
- (3) human resource development, training and support,
- (4) community capacity development,
- (5) Victim and Family Services,
- (6) information and communications, and
- (7) legislation and policies.

Monday, December 11, 2006

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #67)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to implement the Yukon's Climate Change Strategy that includes a high-level vision, guiding principles and the four following goals:

- (1) enhance awareness and understanding of climate change on Yukon's environment, people and economy,
- (2) reduce greenhouse gas emissions through efficiency improvements within Yukon Government programs in the short-term and additional measures related to infrastructure development in the long-term,
- (3) build Yukon environmental, social and economic systems that are able to adapt to climate change impacts and are positioned to take advantage of opportunities presented by climate change, and
- (4) support efforts to establish Yukon as a northern leader for applied climate change research and innovation.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #68)

That this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with the Youth Directorate and with non-governmental organizations, including the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, the Youth Centre Society, and the Youth of Today Society -The Blue Feather Youth Centre, to establish a public youth shelter, to incorporate the following objectives:

- (1) to provide a safe public place for youth who may not have a safe environment in their family home to go for shelter,
- (2) to provide a safe public place for youth who may be at risk of sexual abuse and other violent behavior to go for shelter, and
- (3) to provide healthy living alternatives and career counselling to youth at risk.

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

1. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #71)

That this House urges the Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation to direct the Corporation to enforce the *Liquor Act* and regulations in full, in the interests of protecting the safety of the public.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #72)

THAT this House urges the Minister responsible for the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board to:

- (1) take immediate action on the submission titled "Moving Forward Together" which was developed jointly by stakeholders to address 88 issues identified in the *Workers' Compensation Act* review, and
- (2) involve all stakeholders in drafting amendments to the *Workers' Compensation Act*.

Thursday, April 19, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #75)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to commence each spring sitting prior to the March 31st end of the fiscal year to allow members the opportunity to review and pass an interim appropriation act instead of using special warrants without debate.

2. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #76)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that the Yukon Government should announce the schedule for the release of the Education Reform Project Report and further indicate the time frame within which all interested stake-holders will have an opportunity to have input into what they want their education system to be.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #77)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to join the many churches, MPs, MLAs, and aboriginal organizations in urging the Minister of Indian Affairs and the Prime Minister to offer an immediate public apology on behalf of all Canadians to all aboriginal peoples in Canada for the abuse that took place in residential schools in Yukon and the rest of Canada.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #78)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to move forward without delay to implement the Kyoto Accord in Yukon as a significant step in a more comprehensive strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Yukon.

5. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #79)

THAT this House urges the Minister responsible for the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board to bring forward *Workers' Compensation Act* amendments in the 2007 Fall legislative sitting that address the nine priority changes the stakeholders have identified, and to direct *Workers' Compensation Act* Review Panel to complete its work without incurring any additional costs and without any further delay.

Monday, April 23, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #80)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to collaborate with First Nations, community groups, and non-governmental organizations to provide an integrated child care system, including creating more available spaces for children of all ages, that better serves the educational and cultural needs of parents and their children in all Yukon communities.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #81)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, in conjunction with the Government of Canada, to provide more resources to combat the growing problem of aboriginal diabetes.

3. Mr. Elias (Motion #82)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide funding for Cultural Centres in order for First Nations people, non-First Nations Yukoners, visitors and future generations to have an opportunity to appreciate the unique culture, talents, history and traditional knowledge of Yukon's first inhabitants.

4. Mr. McRobb (Motion #83)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to provide the funds necessary to add the Ibex Valley region to the list of 17 other areas identified to receive cellular communication infrastructure in the Government of Yukon's budget for 2007-08 currently before the House.

5. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #85)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately act on recommendations made many times in the past to address the real needs of people living in poverty, by increasing social assistance rates significantly without delaying while another review takes place.

6. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #86)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to increase the direct funding given to Yukon child care facilities, as well as the child care subsidy paid to families, and to establish a permanent, stable funding source for all day care facilities in the Yukon so that wages of child care workers can be maintained at a level that is appropriate for the essential service they provide.

7. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #87)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to conduct public consultations on the outdated *Landlord and Tenant Act* and bring forward amendments to the Act and its regulations that outline minimum housing and health standards, as well as mechanisms to solve landlord and tenant disputes, and to do so in an expeditious manner.

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #88)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to take immediate action to ensure the uninterrupted provision of dental services in Yukon communities.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #89)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately begin a process to amend the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, including a review of the recommendations by the former Information and Privacy Commissioner, and to invite all persons who have used the Act to provide information in confidence regarding their experience with the Act and its administration.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #92)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to promote organ and tissue donations through a campaign of public awareness, including information about the organ and tissue donation option on their Yukon Health Care cards, and to give Yukoners the additional option of indicating on the drivers' licences that their organs or tissues may be used after death to help others who need them.

4. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #93)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to publicly report territorial statistics on alcohol consumption community-by-community, on a monthly basis, to determine what impact, if any, tourism has on such an unacceptably high rate of consumption.

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #94)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to consider the lead of the Province of British Columbia and implement several climate change initiatives to immediately cut-back on greenhouse gas emissions from industry, Government buildings, cars and homes, including the following twenty:

- (1) formation of a Climate Action Team,
- (2) new standards of energy efficiency in Government buildings,
- (3) working to develop a system for carbon offsets and credits,
- (4) becoming the first jurisdiction in the world to require carbon sequestration for coal-fired plants,
- (5) zero-flaring at producing gas wells,
- (6) a new Innovative Clean Energy Fund,
- (7) methane capture at landfills,
- (8) a low-carbon standard for vehicles and hydrogen fueling stations,
- (9) electrified truck stops to reduce idling,
- (10) a hybrid-cars-only policy for Government purchases and leases,
- (11) new incentives to retrofit existing homes and buildings,
- (12) helping homeowners undertake "energy audits",
- (13) helping homeowners install "real-time, in-home smart metering",
- (14) greening of colleges, hospitals, schools, prisons, and airports,
- (15) formation of a new Citizens' Conservation Council
- (16) integration of climate change awareness into the school curricula,
- (17) increasing tree-planting efforts,
- (18) eliminating conical beehive burners at lumbering operations,
- (19) strengthening forest stewardship and reducing forest fire risk; and
- (20) forging a new Pacific Coast Collaborative

2. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #95)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to provide stable, predictable, long-term funding for non-government organizations that provide programs on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Services so that:

- (1) non-government organizations will not continue to suffer from a lack of funding security; and
- (2) these organizations can continue to serve the Yukon people without having to spend much of their time looking for funding, operating with below-standard salaries, and without appropriate administrative and training opportunities.

Thursday, April 26, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #97)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to reduce the financial burden facing grandparents and other family members who want to care for their own grandchildren, nieces and nephews, without requiring them to go through the complete process of applying to be foster parents.

2. Mr. Elias (Motion #98)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to comply with the *Environment Act*, section 46, sub-section 1, and table the Annual Report of the Yukon Council on the Economy and the Environment where the Council reports on its annual review of the performance of the Government of Yukon in the implementation of the Yukon Conservation Strategy.

3. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #99)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to conduct public consultations on the *Human Rights Act* and bring forward amendments in the 2007 Fall Sitting that:

- (1) ensure the *Human Rights Act* is more consistent with Human Rights Acts in other jurisdictions in Canada,
- (2) extend the timeline for filing a Human Rights complaint; and
- (3) and make the existing legislation, that is 20 years old, more relevant when it comes to protecting an individual's human rights.

4. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #100)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to bring forward legislation in the 2007 Fall Sitting to amend the *Workers' Compensation Act* based on the recommendations provided by the Workers' Compensation Act Review Panel.

5. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #101)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to provide stable, predictable, long-term funding for non-governmental organizations that provide programs on behalf of the Department of Justice so that:

- (1) non-governmental organizations will not continue to suffer from a lack of funding security; and,
- (2) these organizations can continue to serve the Yukon people without having to spend much of their time looking for funding, operating with below-standard salaries, and without appropriate administrative and training opportunities.

Monday, April 30, 2007

1. Mr. Hardy (Motion #104)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to provide stable, predictable, long-term funding for non-governmental organizations that work in the Yukon arts community, so that:

- (1) non-governmental organizations will not continue to suffer from a lack of funding security; and,
- (2) these organizations can continue to serve the Yukon people without having to spend much of their time looking for funding, operating with below-standard salaries, and without appropriate administrative and training opportunities.

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

1. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #105)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to:

- (1) release all test results that have been conducted to determine mould levels in public buildings including Whitehorse General Hospital, both the old and new Carmacks schools and the Thomson Center; and
- (2) provide a list of the number of employees at these facilities who have taken long term disability, or are collecting Workers' Compensation benefits, as a result of mould related work place problems.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #106)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately consult with Humane Societies and animal protection personnel in and beyond the Yukon to develop and effective, enforceable *Animal Protection Act* and accompanying regulations that include a schedule of strict sanctions against the abuse, neglect or mistreatment of animals.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #107)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately begin negotiations with interested non-governmental organizations and First Nations to provide addictions and mental health treatment services in the form of treatment centres in Whitehorse and in the rural communities in order to:

- (1) activate the Substance Abuse Action Plan guiding principle of partnerships and integration of policies and programs,
- (2) bring badly needed treatment services to the clients living in communities outside of Whitehorse; and
- (3) respond to the Substance Abuse Action Plan treatment recommendations for expanded outreach, pre-treatment and aftercare services.

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

1. Mr. Elias (Motion #108)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to follow the law by actually producing the State of the Environment Report that is required under the *Environment Act*.

Thursday, May 3, 2007

1. Mr. Hardy (Motion #109)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately respond to the report from the Whitehorse Youth Coalition titled *More than a Roof: Call to Action for a Youth Emergency Shelter/Safe Home*, by:

- (1) directing the Minister of Health & Social Services and the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation to begin working immediately with the Coalition, as well as Yukon First Nations and the relevant federal agencies, to ensure that a suitable shelter is in place no later than two years from now;
- (2) setting aside capital funding for that purpose in the current fiscal year and the 2008-2009 fiscal year; and
- (3) working with other levels of government and stakeholder groups to design and implement youth counselling and other support services to assist Yukon youth who are homeless.

Monday, May 7, 2007

1. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #111)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Community Services to work with the City of Whitehorse and homeowners in Takhini North who are facing an exceptional cost burden to upgrade municipal water infrastructure on their properties, to identify ways in which the Government of Yukon can assist in reducing this unanticipated cost.

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #113)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue working towards the development of a territorial-wide electrical grid.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Ms. Horne

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #114)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to open the remaining 12 beds at the Copper Ridge facility without further delay and to move expeditiously to open the 44 bed Thomson Centre.

3. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #115)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to instruct the Education Reform Project executive committee that the Government has no objection to the release of all position papers and recommendations and that they may be used as the basis for future public consultations.

Monday, May 14, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #117)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to spend some of the \$85 million it has in the bank to provide the resources required to train and retain ambulance personnel in our rural communities.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #118)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to spend some of the \$85 million it has in the bank to increase the annual grant to Yukon municipalities.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #119)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to honour the requirement in section 17.7 of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in Self-Government Agreement to negotiate shared responsibility for education, as the First Nation has requested; and

To negotiate in good faith with any First Nation that has a similar provision in place, if requested to do so.

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #120)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a rural Yukon drinking water infrastructure strategy in keeping with its election commitment to ensure Yukoners have access to safe drinking water.

2. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #121)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to amend the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to include "practical obscurity" provisions in order to protect individuals' privacy interests from the potential misuse of personal information that is available through on-line court documents.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #122)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to honour the commitment in the 2001 Yukon Literacy Strategy to make literacy programming accessible to all Yukon people, to develop partnerships with First Nation communities, and to provide multi-year funding that would be relevant and accessible for communities at levels consistent with Community Training Funds.

4. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #123)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to work closely and co-operatively with the Association of Yukon Communities and to consider the long-term requirements of all Yukon communities in the promised review of the Comprehensive Municipal Grant; and

To move expeditiously, in conjunction with the Association of Yukon Communities, to review the *Municipal Act* with a view to amendments that will address the funding needs of both urban and rural communities, regardless of size or organizational status.

5. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #124)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to evaluate the social and financial services it provides to women in rural Yukon, and to respond to their needs in an appropriate fashion.

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #126)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to ensure its House Leader will abide by the standing agreement between House Leaders that all parties should not misuse tributes presented in the Assembly by transforming them into political broadcasts, as exemplified on May 17, 2007.

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #127)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to delay no further in providing important budget briefing information to the Opposition parties such as it has done with material produced by the Department of Highways and Public Works.

Thursday, May 24, 2007

1. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #128)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon not to use its majority to adjourn debate on issues it does not want to discuss, such as amendments to the *Human Rights Act*.

Monday, May 28, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #129)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, in collaboration with the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Nunavut, to pursue the pan-northern vision for the three territories outlined in the document entitled "A Northern Vision: A Stronger North and a Better Canada".

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #130)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to accept its legal obligations to engage in meaningful consultations with First Nations on decisions affecting them.

3. Mr. McRobb (Motion #131)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to continue funding the Rate Stabilization Fund for the protection of Yukon electrical consumers and to re-introduce the conservation incentive aspect of the program that it axed in 2003.

4. Mr. McRobb (Motion #132)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to ensure its House Leader abides by the long-standing agreement between all House Leaders to identify the topic and department related to the day's Ministerial Statements during the morning meeting of the House Leaders.

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #133)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with the Government of the Northwest Territories, interested First Nation governments, and the Government of Canada to develop a strategy for the upgrading and reconstruction of the Dempster Highway.

Thursday, May 31, 2007

1. Mr. Hardy (Motion #134)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop and implement a Homeowner Protection Act that includes mandatory licencing for home builders and contractors and an effective warranty program for new home construction and home renovations.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Kenyon

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #135)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that all legislation dealing with domestic relationships conforms to the guarantees of equal protection and equal benefits of the law contained in section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #136)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to establish a rape crisis centre with basic medical staff and trained counsellors accessible twenty-four hours a day for immediate help for victims of sexual assault, and to provide long-term counselling for victims who endure psychological stress for many years following sexualized violence.

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

1. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #137)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to develop a territorial safety standard that promotes the safe use of all-terrain vehicles.

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

1. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #138)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to conduct air quality tests of the new Carmacks school and that the results be released to the public prior to children and staff taking occupancy of the facility.

2. Mr. McRobb (Motion #139)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to abide by its election promises and follow its own objectives with respect to contracting policy and benefits to Yukoners by scaling contracts to encourage bids from Yukon contractors instead of issuing high-scaled contract tenders of unprecedented proportion in the territory, as it did with contract number FMB-07-001, in order that local forestry contractors not be disqualified from the bidding process.

Thursday, June 7, 2007

1. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #140)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to adopt and implement policies to protect workers from acts of violence or the threat of violence on all work premises or at work-sponsored activities, and to ensure that management and supervisory personnel adhere to both the spirit and the letter of such policies, including the requirements to report any incidents of a threatening or violent nature.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #141)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to honour its legal obligation to consult with First Nations governments in a meaningful way on issues that affect both levels of government, and to work diligently to resolve disputes that arise from time to time in a respectful government-to-government manner, in order to minimize the need for either party to resort to a litigation process that is costly, time-consuming and often acrimonious.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #142)

THAT this House opposes the permitting of uranium extraction anywhere in the Territory before Yukon people have been fully consulted on the acceptability of such activity, or before a comprehensive regulatory regime is in place to safeguard Yukon's people, wildlife and natural environment from the negative impacts of uranium mining, including safe and effective means of dealing with what has been described as the most dangerous toxic industrial waste on Earth.

Monday, June 11, 2007

1. Mr. Hardy (Motion #144)

THAT this House opposes the development of coalbed methane anywhere within Yukon.

2. Mr. Hardy (Motion #145)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government, under its Substance Abuse Action Plan, to convene a Yukon-wide summit for addictions counselors and related professionals and para-professionals, as well as First Nations governments and members of the Yukon public, to respond to the urgent need for action on addictions treatment, including options for detoxification, assessment, pre-treatment, treatment for aftercare that is both culturally relevant and accessible for persons of all age groups and their families.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #146)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to act on the shortage of dental therapists in the Yukon Children's Dental Program by reviewing the program's recruitment and retention practices, particularly its salary ranges, which are the lowest in Canada.

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #147)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government by accurately representing the positions of the other parties or Members of this Assembly.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #148)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government by ensuring its Ministers are available to respond fully to questions asked by reporters.

3. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #149)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government by avoiding the repetitive practice of finger-pointing at previous government that no longer exist.

4. Mr. McRobb (Motion #150)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government and uphold the tradition of this House by not refusing to respond to the essence of questions during Question Period.

5. Mr. McRobb (Motion #151)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government and uphold the tradition of this House by not refusing to provide contracts and agreements involving the Yukon Government when requested to do so.

6. Mr. McRobb (Motion #152)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government by not refusing to consider the position of Yukoners who sign a Petition presented in this Assembly before making a final decision on matters identified in the Petition.

7. Mr. Elias (Motion #153)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government by ensuring its Ministers do not engage in unnecessary repetition of speeches during budget debate in order to allow all Members to make more productive use of the limited time available.

8. Mr. Elias (Motion #154)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government and uphold the tradition of this House by not refusing to comment on issues asked by the media or by deferring the questions to public servants.

9. Mr. Elias (Motion #155)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to abide by the long-standing agreement between House Leaders that Tributes presented in the Assembly should be respected as Tributes and not transformed into political statements, as exemplified again on June 5, 2007.

10. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #156)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government and uphold the tradition of this House by providing a breakdown for a budget line item when requested during the line-item examination of the budget in Committee of the Whole.

11. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #157)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government and uphold the tradition of this House by not refusing to answer questions during the examination of the budget in Committee of the Whole.

12. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #158)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government by respecting the service of the Assembly to the public and by availing itself to questioning from other Members of the House until 5:30 p.m. each sitting day.

13. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #159)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government and uphold the tradition of this House by not refusing to table documents and reports that are under its jurisdiction and are in the public interest.

14. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #160)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government by ensuring the Opposition parties are first provided with all budget briefing material requests made during departmental briefing meetings before calling that department for budget debate, as it failed to do with the departments of Highways and Public Works and Economic Development.

15. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #161)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to its commitment to be an open and accountable government by not invoking closure of debate on Private Members' Bills.

16. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #162)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Justice to work with her counterpart in the Government of Canada to ensure that sufficient financial and human resources are available on a stable and predictable basis to meet the needs of Yukon people for Legal Aid services.

17. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #163)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to evaluate the Department of Education's home tutoring program and, if the result of the evaluation warrants, to continue the program with assured and expanded funding.

Thursday, June 14, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #164)

THAT this House urges the Chair of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, or SCREP, who is currently the Member for Klondike, to convene a meeting soon after the conclusion of the 2007 Spring Sitting of the Assembly, with follow-up meetings as required, to enable the Committee to examine legislative reform measures without further delay and to consider near-term improvements for implementation in time for the 2007 Fall Sitting, such as amending the Standing Orders of the Assembly, if necessary, to achieve the following improvements, in the interests of the public, to uphold greater accountability and in the name of good governance:

- (1) extending the number of sitting days each year to better reflect present-day circumstances,
- (2) using fixed starting dates for sittings of the Assembly,
- (3) commencing Spring Sittings before March 31st to avoid using Special Warrants,
- (4) avoiding the announcement of budget items before the budget is tabled in this Assembly.
- (5) requiring the disclosure of whether spending announcements made after the budget is tabled are included in the budget or in some future supplementary budget,
- (6) requiring the identification of Government Bills to be brought forward in a sitting before the start of a sitting,
- (7) re-instituting the practice of providing departmental budget material when briefings are held,

- (8) re-instituting the practice of providing community breakdowns of the budget at the budget lock-up meeting,
- (9) re-instituting the practice of providing briefings for supplementary budgets, if requested,
- (10) avoiding the practice of calling departments for debate before responses to information requests have been provided at least a day in advance,
- (11) avoiding the practice of refusing to give breakdowns for budget items during budget debate,
- (12) avoiding the practice of refusing to answer budget-related questions during budget debate,
- (13) avoiding the practice of switching the order of debate without prior notice,
- (14) avoiding the practice of not tabling reports by the required dates,
- (15) avoiding the practice of refusing to table reports that are in the public interest,
- (16) avoiding the practice of refusing to provide cost estimates for Government projects,
- (17) avoiding the practice of refusing to disclose expenditures for Government contracts,
- (18) avoiding the practice of invoking closure on Private Members' Bills,
- (19) avoiding the practice of politicizing Tributes and responses to Petitions,
- (20) avoiding the practice of refusing to provide Legislative Returns when questions cannot be answered,
- (21) requiring responses to budget questions to be relevant to the question and informative,
- (22) requiring the disclosure of the topic of a Ministerial Statement at the day's House Leader's meeting,
- (23) requiring the Government to first respond to Petitions presented on behalf of the public before the decision is made on the matter identified in the Petition,
- (24) avoiding the inaccurate representation of the position of other parties in this Assembly,
- (25) avoiding the repetitive practice of finger-pointing instead of assuming responsibility,
- (26) avoiding the practice of failing to respond to the essence of questions,
- (27) avoiding the practice of not informing the House when a Minister has a conflict of interest on any matters falling within the jurisdiction of that Minister; and
- (28) providing greater clarification of language and terminology disallowed in this Assembly.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #165)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately release the report of the North Yukon Land Use Planning Commission as presented to the Government, prior to announcing the Government's response to its recommendations, and in all future reports commissioned at public expense, to adopt a policy of immediately releasing the report as presented by the author, and then providing the Government's response.

3. Mr. Hardy (Motion #166)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take a step toward making the Yukon a carbon-neutral territory, by working to become a government that is carbon neutral and to offset greenhouse gas emissions in all Government programs and projects by creating an inventory of emissions, reducing those emissions wherever possible, purchasing carbon offsets to mitigate any emissions that remain, and, establishing a non-government organization that manages and monitors the Yukon's carbon-banking system.

Thursday, October 25, 2007

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. Mr. 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. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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, and

THAT such a protocol 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 Cooperation 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.

Moved in amendment by Hon. Ms. Horne:

THAT Motion #178 be amended by deleting all words following “self-governing Yukon First Nations”, and by inserting the following:

“to continue to implement its protocol for government to government relationships, known as the Co-operation in Governance Act, in order to promote mutual understanding and foster collaborative approaches to governance for the benefit of all Yukon people in the future.”

Adjourned debate: Mr. Nordick

8. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #179)

THAT this House adopt more open and responsible approaches to dealing with the public business of the 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

Monday, October 29, 2007

1. Mr. Hardy (Motion #184)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Finance to use whatever portion of the Yukon Government's \$100-million financial surplus is necessary to ensure:

- (1) that social assistance rates will be raised significantly to reflect the increase in the cost of living since the last time the rates were adjusted, without triggering an unwarranted increase in rental costs for those on the lower rungs of the economic ladder,
- (2) that Yukoners afflicted with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder will finally receive the level of housing and support services they require,
- (3) that safe, clean housing is available for all Yukon people who need it, regardless of their ability to pay; and
- (4) that Yukon youth who need a safe place to live will have access to emergency shelter and support programs this winter.

2. Mr. Hardy (Motion #185)

THAT this House urges the Minister of the Environment to immediately release the interim State of the Environment reports from 2003 and 2004, which have been in the Minister's possession for more than a year, and to table the 2005 State of the Environment Report, as he is required to do, during the 2007 Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #186)

THAT this House urges the Minister responsible for the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board to:

- (1) immediately introduce amendments to the *Workers' Compensation Act* that enshrine the nine issues that both stakeholder groups and the YWCH&SB directors jointly identified as priorities in April, 2007; and
- (2) bring forward a legislative response to the remainder of the recommendations that arose from the extensive consultation on amendments to the Act.

4. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #187)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to review the staffing complement at the Whitehorse Correctional Centre with a particular view to medical services, to assure that:

- (1) inmates have access to full-time nursing staff on a regular basis to facilitate their appointments to appropriate medical treatment,
- (2) all medications are dispensed and managed by properly-qualified staff; and
- (3) all correctional staff at the Centre have first aid training that meets the requirements of a large institution dealing with possible emergencies.

5. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #188)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to exercise caution in its approach to the moose tick infestation affecting wild elk in the territory, by exploring all other reasonable

means of controlling the infestation before considering any large-scale cull of the animals affected.

6. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #189)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to end its silence on the results of the *Children's Act* Review without further delay, by making its position clear on recommendations that have been discussed at various consultations, and to come forward with legislation that responds to the needs of Yukon children, especially First Nations children who are the majority of children in the care of this Government.

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #190)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada, in partnership with the Government of Yukon, the Government of British Columbia and First Nation governments, to comply with the unanimous request of the western Premiers to recognize the spruce bark beetle and pine beetle infestations in southern Yukon and in central and northern British Columbia as natural disasters and provide adequate funding to address these serious problems.

2. Mr. Nordick (Motion #191)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States to give due consideration of the findings of the Alaska-Canada Rail Link Phase 1 Feasibility Study that was jointly funded by the Government of Yukon and the Government of Alaska.

3. Mr. Nordick (Motion #192)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work cooperatively with the State of Alaska to continue the early spring opening and maintenance of the Top of the World Highway in Yukon and the Taylor Highway in Alaska in order to better accommodate the tourism and mining industries within both Yukon and Alaska.

4. Mr. Nordick (Motion #193)

THAT this House urges the Parliament of Canada to delete the requirement in the *Canada Elections Act* that will disenfranchise approximately one million rural voters by stipulating that voters now need a residential address with a street name and number before casting a ballot.

5. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #195)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to live up to the promises in its 2006 election platform, in the Substance Abuse Action Plan, and in establishing the Community Court, to work with First Nations to establish long-term land-based addictions treatment centres, so that:

- (1) this neglected service can be brought to addictions clients living in rural Yukon; and,
- (2) the Yukon Government can respond to the guiding principle of partnerships and integration of policies and programs that is outlined in the Substance Abuse Action Plan.

6. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #196)

THAT this House urges the Minister responsible for the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board to publicly report the names of businesses operating in the Yukon that possess the worst safety records in terms of occupational injury.

7. Mr. Hardy (Motion #197)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to refuse to permit any individual or company that has been convicted of serious violations of Yukon's environmental regulations to engage in any new resource-extraction operation in the territory until suitable financial compensation has been made to Yukon and Canadian taxpayers for any environmental cleanup arising from their previous operations within the territory's boundaries.

8. Mr. Hardy (Motion #198)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to demonstrate its support for Canadian men and women serving in Afghanistan by removing them from a dangerous mission with little likelihood of long-term success, and re-assigning them to peacekeeping and community development tasks they can attain and which most Canadians support; and

THAT this House further urges the Government of Canada to adopt an independent foreign policy with respect to the deployment of Canadian Forces that emphasizes peacekeeping, community development and national sovereignty, in keeping with traditional Canadian values.

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

1. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #199)

THAT the Chair of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and the President of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board appear as witnesses in Committee of the Whole during the 2007 Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

2. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #200)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately recognize the need for follow-up to the scarce addictions treatment available in the Territory by financially supporting communities, NGOs, and individuals to develop and implement aftercare programs in all of the Yukon, with particular emphasis on youth and family supports.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #201)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately release the draft final report of the Education Reform consultation and to respond publicly to its recommendations so that all Yukoners can become aware of the report's contents and this Government's position on responsibilities shared with First Nations within the education system.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #202)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government not to enter into bilateral talks with any other Canadian jurisdiction with respect to the Yukon signing onto the Trade, Investment and Labor Mobility Agreement that currently exists between the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia without first conducting broadly-based consultation with Yukon people

about the implications of such an agreement and without seeking the consent of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to engage in such talks.

Thursday, November 1, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #203)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon in partnership with the Yukon Energy Corporation, the Government of Canada and Yukon First Nation governments to consider increasing the hydro generation capacity of the Mayo Dam in order to provide electric power to potential mines in the area, as well continue to provide hydro power to Dawson City.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #204)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to

- (1) consult with First Nations, municipal governments, non-governmental organizations, and stakeholders including business groups to develop a Yukoners with Disability Act,
- (2) establish a Government funded and sponsored program, in partnership with other governments to enhance the accessibility of our communities; and
- (3) develop a pilot "Return to Work" program to assist people with disabilities in returning to work.

3. Mr. Hardy (Motion #205)

THAT this House express its displeasure to the Government of Canada that recent tax measures announced by the Minister of Finance did not include any adjustment in the Northern Residents Tax Deduction to reflect the increase in the cost of living in Canada's northern territories in the 20 years since the deduction came into effect.

4. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #206)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to work in conjunction with Yukon First Nations to develop legislation that recognizes and legalizes First Nation and other aboriginal custom adoptions in the Yukon, similar to legislation in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

5. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #207)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to set aside an appropriate portion of its current surplus of nearly \$100 million to create a permanent Emergency Measures Relief Fund to provide immediate assistance to Yukon residents and communities in the event of a catastrophic emergency, whether directly related to climate change or otherwise.

Monday, November 5, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #209)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to invest now to build a diversified economy, one that will ensure responsible resource development while recognizing its cyclical nature and the need to promote other economic opportunities in existing and new sectors; new tourism initiatives, secondary manufacture with a value added component for Yukon resources, knowledge based industries and arts and culture development that:

- (1) ensures the Government of Yukon remains debt free,
- (2) ensures a strong, diversified economy,
- (3) recognizes the inherent and economic value of our natural environment,

- (4) ensures development will not compromise the natural environment that sustains us and enhances our quality of life,
- (5) ensures government has a role to play to foster developing industries; and
- (6) supports the full participation in the economy by all Yukoners, including First Nations, communities and those excluded from enjoying the benefits of the recent national upswing in the economy.

2. Mr. McRobb (Motion #210)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to uphold the principle of ensuring our roads and highways are safe for the traveling public by doing the work necessary during the summer months to enable our snow plowing equipment to be in-service and ready for bad weather conditions by September 1st each year.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #211)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to act without delay to find temporary accommodations for clients of the Children's Receiving Home in Whitehorse, and to replace the existing receiving home no later than 2008 with a safe, hospitable facility, or facilities, that will meet the needs of children who are in temporary care of the Government, as well as the needs of the professional staff who provide such care.

4. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #212)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to recognize the urgent need for better mental health services for Yukon people, and to take immediate action to provide suitable resources for:

- (1) medical and residential care for children, youth, and adults with mental disabilities or mental health problems,
- (2) incarcerated offenders,
- (3) clients of the Community Wellness Court,
- (4) medical detoxification, aftercare treatment, and social supports for clients with alcohol and drug addictions,
- (5) full psychological assessments and referrals where needed throughout the Territory; and
- (6) culturally-appropriate, land-based treatment programs.

5. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #213)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to immediately raise the minimum wage for all workers in the Yukon to ten dollars per hour and indexed to the cost of living.

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #214)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) the Yukon Government be congratulated for implementing the Yukon Liberal Party's campaign position on increasing child-care subsidy rates,
- (2) Yukon child-care workers are drastically underpaid and are deserving of a fair and reasonable remuneration for their valued services; and
- (3) it would be a positive and constructive move if Yukon College explored the possibility of offering a degree program in early childhood education.

2. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #215)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to recognize and acknowledge that teachers, like other professionals, want and need the availability of ongoing professional development opportunities to promote excellence in the teaching profession by:

- (1) in conjunction with Yukon College and other educational partners, offering expanded teacher training for both pre-service teachers and those already actively employed in the Yukon, to ensure our teachers are able to maintain the highest level of qualifications, benefiting our children and the whole education system; and
- (2) in conjunction with Yukon College and other educational partners, offering post graduate level programs, based in the Yukon so that teachers already employed in the education system can take advantage of and benefit from advanced educational opportunities.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #216)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to assign a high priority to the development of a Yukon *Species at Risk Act*, so that legislation to protect threatened plant and animal species in the Yukon can be brought forward for debate and adoption during the Spring 2008 sitting of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #217)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to develop and adopt a Yukon-wide training and employment strategy that ensures that Yukon people who live in rural communities are able to participate as fully as possible in current and future economic activity in the territory, and that their families and communities will be able to enjoy the benefits of such activity.

5. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #218)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to act without further delay to modernize animal-protection legislation by providing steeper penalties for those who abuse animals, and to provide appropriate funding and other resources to ensure that the law is properly applied and enforced.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #219)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to review its investment procedures to ensure it does not put taxpayer's dollars at risk.

3. Mr. McRobb (Motion #220)

THAT this House urges the Public Accounts Committee to investigate the Government of Yukon's decision to risk \$36.5 million in Asset Backed Commercial Paper (ABCP).

4. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #221)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to put an end to the practice of burning garbage in Yukon dumps and to adequately fund rural dumps to be able to employ full-time attendants.

5. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #222)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to implement the recommendations in the draft final report of the Education Reform Project which ask for a Yukon school nutrition program for every school, to combat the growing obesity problem with Yukon children, and specifically to:

- (1) eliminate junk food sales and promotions that require children to sell junk food,
- (2) involve community businesses in investing in nutritional and traditional foods in schools,
- (3) consult with and involve the Yukon Food for Learning project; and
- (4) establish nutrition curricula for all grades.

6. Mr. Hardy (Motion #223)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to increase cigarette taxes by at least \$15.60 per carton and close the tobacco tax loophole that allows roll-your-own tobacco to be taxed at a lower rate, as recommended by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Thursday, November 8, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #224)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to immediately request the Auditor General of Canada to review the two recent investments of this government which the Auditor General cited in her annual report of the Public Account 2006-2007 and totaling \$36.5 million in order to determine:

- (1) the appropriateness of the investments in light of the market conditions prevalent at the time,
- (2) the likelihood of recovering the investment in total, or a part thereof or taking a total loss on the \$36.5 million; and
- (3) if the investments complied with the Yukon's *Financial Administration Act*.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #225)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to establish a Yukon-wide ban on the sale and use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers that are known to be toxic to humans and animals.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #226)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop and adopt an ethical-investment policy that will ensure that a significant ratio of the investments it makes on behalf of Yukon taxpayers are in funds or other financial instruments with a demonstrated commitment to promoting and protecting human rights, fair labour standards and sound environmental practices.

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #227)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to develop a Strategic Action Team within the Executive Council Office comprised of a team of professionals with expertise in preparing business proposals, establishing joint training initiatives, establishing financial systems and information technology links to assist Yukon First Nation governments in capacity development upon request.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #228)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to make representations to the Government of Canada on behalf of Yukon consumers that reflects:

- (1) that value of the Canadian dollar has increased dramatically in recent months and that prices in the marketplace have not reflected that change; and
- (2) that the Yukon Government will review its purchasing policy to reflect and acknowledge companies that are adjusting their prices to reflect the increased value of the Canadian dollar and encourages Canada to do likewise.

3. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #229)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to make representation to the Government of Canada on behalf of Yukon employers and workers that reflects:

- (1) the current surplus in the Employment Insurance Fund is now some \$51 billion,
- (2) that this represents a deterrent to employers against job creation,
- (3) that this represents an excessive job tax for workers; and
- (4) that employment insurance rates should be reduced immediately.

4. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #230)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to encourage and support the youth of the Yukon to become strong capable adults, by approaching education of the whole person and providing career counselling, employment opportunities, training, and social education that promotes both personal and spiritual development.

5. Mr. Hardy (Motion #231)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to increase funding and establish long-term contribution agreements with non-governmental organizations dealing with women's issues so that:

- (1) the availability of shelter and support programs for women in domestic violence situations is assured,
- (2) the effects of Federal Government cutbacks in funding for Status of Women Canada and the elimination of its advocacy mandate can be offset,
- (3) effective advocacy is available to Yukon women dealing with legal, support, and custody questions; and
- (4) concerns of First Nation women including cultural identity rights are recognized and supported.

6. Mr. Hardy (Motion #232)

THAT this House calls upon the Government of Canada to express its disapproval of the imposition of martial law in Pakistan by immediately imposing an economic embargo on that country and by supporting the immediate expulsion of Pakistan from the Commonwealth of Nations until the current crisis is resolved and a freely-elected democratic government is in place.

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #234)

THAT this House urges Fisheries and Oceans Canada in conjunction with the Government of Yukon to support the implementation of the new regime for managing placer mining activity through operation of the Yukon Placer Secretariat that will:

- (1) provide ongoing oversight to the new placer mining regulatory regime,
 - (2) resolve disputes,
 - (3) coordinate the adaptive management process; and
 - (4) provide a means for stakeholders and interested parties to continue to participate in habitat management decisions related to placer mining.
2. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #235)
 THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to publicly release all taxpayer funded studies related to the feasibility of a float plane manufacturing plant in Watson Lake.
 3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #236)
 THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to supplement the Spring Litter Campaign, which allows non-profit groups to earn money by picking up and recycling litter found along highways, by extending the programs to include the clean-up of shoreline areas along main Yukon rivers.
 4. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #237)
 THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to consult with persons who have used the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to provide information in confidence regarding their experience with the Act and its administration and to institute the recommendations of both the previous and present Information and Privacy Commissioners to amend the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to make it more accessible and affordable for Yukon people who are seeking information held by the Government of Yukon.
 5. Mr. Hardy (Motion #238)
 THAT this House urges the Public Accounts Committee to convene as soon as possible after December 14, 2007, for the purpose of conducting public hearings into the investment policies and procedures of the Department of Finance, including a specific examination of the recent investment of \$36.5 million in asset-backed commercial papers.

Monday, November 19, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #241)
 THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to offer assistance to Bangladesh for humanitarian relief for the thousands of victims of the recent cyclone suffered by that country.
2. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #242)
 THAT this House urges the Minister of Health and Social Services to honour the commitment he made on August 24, 2006 to re-open the Thomson Centre, which he referred to at that time as a pressing need, and to stop blaming previous governments for the delay in re-opening this facility, which has been in limbo for five years under this Government.
3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #243)
 THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to act immediately on the need for supportive housing for mental patients, in-patient services for individuals with acute mental illnesses, and increased mental health services to rural Yukon as identified in the Goldner Report in March 2006, and in accordance with announcements made by the Minister of Health and Social Services on August 30, 2006.

4. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #244)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Community Services to fast-track the development of a high-tech Yukon drivers' licence that meets international security standards and can be used in lieu of a passport for Yukon residents crossing the border between Canada and the United States.

5. Mr. Hardy (Motion #245)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to impose a moratorium on any uranium exploration or development activity, including the development of roads or other infrastructure to facilitate exploration, until Yukon people have been fully informed about the environmental, social and health impacts of uranium mining, and have been properly consulted about whether or not uranium mining should be permitted in the territory.

6. Mr. Hardy (Motion #246)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to end its practice of turning prisoners captured by Canadian military personnel over to Afghanistan authorities until there are effective safeguards in place to ensure that these prisoners will not be mistreated in Afghani custody.

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #247)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to continue funding and enhance, where applicable, the Aboriginal Justice Strategy.

2. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #248)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to provide our children with the skills and knowledge to successfully move on to the next phase of their lives by funding Yukon College to allow it to eliminate tuition fees for Yukoners taking three Developmental Studies Programs: Adult Basic Education, Apprenticeship Preparation Program and College and Career Preparation.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #249)

THAT this House calls upon the Minister of Justice to direct the RCMP and Corrections staff in the Yukon to suspend the use of Tasers in the territory until there has been an independent national review of the safety and appropriateness of this weapon in law enforcement.

4. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #250)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to recognize and act on the values inherent in the Federal New Democratic Party's Private Member's Bill, C-303, the Early Learning and Child Care Act, which:

- (1) sets out the terms, criteria and conditions of Federal funding for child care services,
- (2) requires provinces and territories to establish programs that adhere to principles of high quality care and emotional and social development of children,;
- (3) ensures accessibility to all children, including those with special needs; and,
- (4) establishes a process for accountability of programs of child care.

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

1. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #252)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to disclose any Ministerial conflicts of interest, as required by the *Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #253)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to recognize the value of restorative justice programs for Yukon offenders and victims by implementing long-term, stable funding for all existing and future restorative justice programs in the Yukon.

3. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #254)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to implement universal prescription drug coverage as proposed by the federal New Democratic Party, as one part of a strategy to control health care costs.

Thursday, November 22, 2007

1. Mr. Hardy (Motion #255)

THAT this House respond to the clear expression of support from Yukon people for comprehensive legislation to protect workers, children and others from the toxic effects of second-hand smoke by resuming its consideration of Bill #104, the Smoke-free Places Act, at the earliest opportunity, with the intent of having legislation adopted before the end of the 2007 Fall Sitting of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

2. Mr. Hardy (Motion #256)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to release its plan for ensuring that the Yukon public service has an appropriate number of well-trained employees to continue providing excellent public services as older workers near retirement age.

Monday, November 26, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #258)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to respond immediately to the request of the Yukon Utilities Board for a full public hearing early in 2008, as promised by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, or alternatively, provide the Board with the authority to reduce rates effective January 1, 2008 for the benefit of electrical consumers in the territory.

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

1. Mr. Hardy (Motion #259)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to respond to the 2007 Report Card on Child and Family Poverty in Canada by urging the Government of Canada to set minimum targets of a 25% reduction in the child poverty rate over the next five years, and a 50% reduction over ten years through improving federal income programs for the poor and working poor, in order to:

- (1) act on the unanimous House of Commons resolution in 1989 to reduce child poverty by the year 2000, which has consistently been ignored by both Liberal and Conservative governments,
- (2) lift hundreds of thousands of children out of poverty, benefiting our whole society; and

(3) allow all Canadian children and families to enjoy our prosperous economy.

2. Mr. Hardy (Motion #260)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to do its share in taking up the challenge of climate change, as outlined by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #261)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue providing a geoscience base for industry that is second to none in Canada and develop the Biophysical Land Classification and Mapping project that will have benefits for land use planners, wildlife and forest managers, mining companies, Renewable Resource Councils, the agriculture industry and the many federal, territorial and First Nation government agencies that have to make land use and resource management decisions.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #262)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately address the chronically long wait times for Yukoners awaiting services of an orthopaedic surgeon in order that:

- (1) patients will be able to return to work sooner and thus lessen personal financial burden,
- (2) patients will spend less time at home awaiting a procedure and will result in less stress to family members; and
- (3) patients will lessen the likelihood of other health related issues as a result of prolonged periods of stress and inactivity.

3. Mr. Elias (Motion #263)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to make the results of community water testing available on line.

4. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #264)

THAT this House calls upon the Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation to advise his officials that serving free samples of alcoholic beverages in its sales outlets is not appropriate in a government building accessible to the public, that it conveys an inappropriate message that driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol is acceptable, and that the practice should be discontinued immediately.

5. Mr. Hardy (Motion #265)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to research and develop a policy on a guaranteed annual income, as recommended by the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, the Macdonald Commission, the National Council of Welfare, the Special Senate Committee on Poverty, and the Federal Working Paper on Social Security, that would:

- (1) be a simple non-taxable basic income available to all adults,
- (2) be recoverable through the personal income tax system for those earning over a certain amount,
- (3) eliminate, or significantly reduce the social assistance system,
- (4) simplify administration and reduce administrative costs,
- (5) maintain consumer demand in the face of unemployment, part-time employment, and inadequate wages,

- (6) deal with long-term structural unemployment, underemployment and the demand for a flexible workforce; and
- (7) stimulate the growth of a variety of useful non-market work such as literacy and artistic pursuits, volunteer service work, study and research, which will benefit society immensely in the long term.

Thursday, November 29, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #266)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to:

- (1) expedite implementation of proposed Social Assistance reforms; and
- (2) accelerate the process to have new Social Assistance rates in place to benefit those Yukoners in need before the Christmas season of 2007.

2. Mr. McRobb (Motion #267)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government, in the interest of public accountability, to make publicly available within two weeks of completion, all future internal government audits, such as the one only made available in November 2007 officially entitled "Report on the Audit of Contributions" dated January 2007, prepared by the Government Audit Services Branch.

3. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #268)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately establish a mine training school in the community of Mayo in order that:

- (1) workers will be properly trained thus receiving the full financial benefits of their training,
- (2) Yukon will have well trained workers to meet the needs of the mining industry; and
- (3) workers will be properly trained in safety procedures thus lessening the likelihood of work related accidents.

4. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #269)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to introduce amendments to the *Family Property and Support Act* to conform to the guarantees of equal protection and equal benefits of the law as contained in Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom.

5. Mr. Hardy (Motion #270)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon not to permit the development of a winter road into the Wind River/Bonnet Plume area for purposes of uranium exploration until Yukon people have had an opportunity to engage in a full public discussion of the question of whether or not uranium exploration and development should be permitted in the territory, and

THAT this House urges the Premier to direct the Yukon Council on the Economy and the Environment to conduct research into the risks and benefits associated with uranium exploration and development, and to make its findings public; and

THAT a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, consisting of equal representation from all parties in the Assembly, be established to conduct comprehensive public consultations on the environmental, health and social impacts of uranium exploration and

development, using the research provided by the Yukon Council on the Economy and the Environment as a public information tool in the course of those consultations.

Monday, December 3, 2007

1. Mr. Hardy (Motion #272)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to end the needless delay in introducing effective Whistleblower Protection legislation, so that government employees who act in good conscience to report unethical or possibly illegal activity within the workplace will be protected from discipline or retribution for doing so.

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

1. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #273)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately begin an information campaign directed at youth and non-government services and agencies involved in assisting the homeless, to advise them on the services available for homeless youth who are not able to take advantage of the usual services.

2. Mr. Hardy (Motion #274)

THAT this House establish a Select Committee with equal representation from all three parties, with the Speaker acting as a neutral, non-voting chair, to conduct public consultations throughout the Yukon about a Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of the Legislative Assembly, as well as other potential measures to renew and reform the legislative process to make it more relevant, accessible and accountable to Yukon people.

3. Mr. Hardy (Motion #275)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to put in place a ten-year moratorium on the planting of any genetically engineered (GE) seed in the Yukon, and to use that time period to consult with the Yukon people and study the implications of GE crops from a health, environmental and socio-economic perspective.

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #276)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue expanding education and training programs in areas of particular relevance to the North, such as First Nation governance, mining, tourism, resource management, construction north of 60, health care professionals, care providers and teachers.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #277)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to expedite implementation of proposed Whistleblower Legislation that would protect Yukon Government employees who feel compelled to bring forward concerns about political interference in the performance of their jobs.

3. Mr. Elias (Motion #278)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to:

- (1) table the letter signed by the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party to the Federal Government on the Kyoto Accord showing if the Government of Yukon has signed off on this letter as well,
- (2) table the Yukon Government's draft Action Plan on Climate Change; and
- (3) table the Government of Yukon's position on the Kyoto Accord.

4. Mr. Elias (Motion #279)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to work with affected Yukon First Nations and conduct proper snow removal on the existing access roads into the bison harvesting sub zones to help Yukoners reach the bison harvesting targets.

5. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #280)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by increasing the inspection of licensed operations.

6. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #281)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by replacing the current drivers' licence with identity cards with security features.

7. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #282)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by reducing bootlegging.

8. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #283)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by implementing a communications campaign for citizens to assist the RCMP.

9. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #284)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by accessing the BC 24-hour substance abuse crisis line.

10. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #285)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by adding addiction counseling positions to the Telehealth Network.

11. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #286)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by expanding the outreach of Alcohol and Drug Services to the communities.

12. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #287)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by increasing the availability of addictions counselors for students.

13. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #288)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by printing the substance abuse resource directory for Yukon communities.

14. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #289)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by expanding the training on addiction issues offered to communities.

15. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #290)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by increasing counseling for children for substance abuse.

16. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #291)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by establishing community planning and development, and funding for substance abuse reduction plans.

17. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #292)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by improving alcohol and drug education in public schools.

18. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #293)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by mounting the public education campaign targeted at youth.

19. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #294)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by increasing support for high risk young women.

20. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #295)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to take long overdue action to implement the Yukon Substance Abuse Action Plan, in particular by establishing the Community Harm Reduction Fund.

Thursday, December 6, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #298)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to satisfy requests from its own officials who feel uncomfortable with the nature of political instructions and request them in writing.

2. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #299)

THAT this House urges the Premier to task the Yukon Bureau of Statistics with developing a Yukon Genuine Progress Indicator (YGPI) based on the model used for Alberta by the

Pembina Institute, that looks more holistically at our social, environmental, economic well-being, and provides yearly YGPI updates to the public.

MOTIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS

Monday, May 7, 2007

1. Mr. Cardiff (MPP #1)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of:

- (1) all reports, position papers and recommendations developed as part of the Education Reform process that are in the possession of the Government of Yukon; and
- (2) all correspondence from the Minister to members of the Education Reform Project Team from the inception of the Education Reform process.

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (MPP#2)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of budget documents known as the community breakdowns.

Thursday, May 24, 2007

1. Mr. McRobb (MPP#3)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of a copy of the annual report to the Minister about the activities of the Rate Stabilization Fund, as set out by Order in Council, for each of the past 4 years.

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

1. Mr. Edzerza (MPP #4)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of the following documents:

- (1) Review of Services to Children in Care by the Child Welfare League of Canada, 2002;
- (2) Their Future Today: Yukon Residential Care Review by J. Anglin, 2001.

Thursday, November 15, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (MPP #5)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of copies of any correspondence from the office of the Auditor General that confirms she has investigated the circumstances surrounding the Government of Yukon's decision to re-invest \$36.5 million in asset backed commercial paper in July and August of 2007.

2. Mr. Mitchell (MPP #6)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of copies of bank guarantees, that the Government of Yukon says it has, relating to the investment of \$36.5 million of taxpayers money in asset backed commercial paper.

3. Mr. Fairclough (MPP #7)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of

- (1) statistics relating to the use of tasers in the Yukon,
- (2) a copy of the policy that governs the use of tasers in the Yukon; and

(3) any research into the use of tasers that has been completed by the Government of Yukon.

Monday, November 19, 2007

1. Mr. Mitchell (MPP #8)

THAT this House do issue an order for the Government of Yukon's investment policy, particularly any section that deals with what percentage of investment can be put into any one category or individual investment.