



Department of Justice
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Memorandum

Date: August 28, 2018

To: Allan Lucier
Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Justice and Public Safety

From: Lesley McCullough
Deputy Minister of Justice

RE: Establishing an Implementation Working Group to Support the
Fulfillment of the Whitehorse Correctional Centre Inspection Report
Recommendations

After consultation with the Minister of Justice, I am directing you to establish an implementation working group to support implementation of the recommendations in the Whitehorse Correctional Centre Inspection Report provided to us by David Loukidelis.

The implementation working group will be chaired by you in your capacity as the Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Justice and Public Safety. Membership shall include a senior official from the departments of Justice and Health and Social Services, and one from the Investigations and Standards Office. I understand that you have had the opportunity to discuss this implementation working group with the Council of Yukon First Nations and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and they have each agreed to provide a senior representative to sit on it, and that an additional First Nation representative is to be sought.

The implementation working group, while made up of representatives of governments and departments which have actual authority in respect of the matters addressed in the recommendations provided by Mr. Loukidelis can and definitely should engage with and

consider the views of other interested First Nations governments, statutory bodies, community groups and experts as deemed appropriate to fulfil certain recommendations. While the actual implementation working group will be relatively small as to ensure that it is able to operate expeditiously, it must be open to and consider a broad range of voices.

In the interest of moving this work forward immediately, I suggest a meeting of the implementation working group before the end of September 2018. Formal terms of reference are not required, but I recommend the following instructions to the group:

- Consider the recommendations set out in Mr. Loukidelis' report
- Prioritize those that have not already been addressed
- Develop a work plan to action the report's recommendations
- Beginning in early November 2018, provide regular progress updates to the Deputy Minister of Justice, and quarterly thereafter.

The Department of Justice will supply secretariat services for the group and will financially support member participation expenses.

The group shall meet as required to complete the work as outlined in the developed work plan. The group will be deemed to have concluded its work when the implementation of the recommendations is complete to the extent that the government is able.

It goes without saying that the present steps being taken by the Corrections Branch and the Whitehorse Correctional centre to address Mr. Loukidelis' intentions should continue unless and until they are specifically identified by the implementation working group as needing to be modified.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley McCullough". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lesley McCullough