

2020 Resolutions

20-AT-01 Yukon Advisory Council Strategy on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S+)

WHEREAS: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was released in June 2019; and

WHEREAS: a key teaching, repeated through the Truth-Gathering Process in the Final Report, is about the power and responsibility of relationships; and

WHEREAS: the Yukon Advisory Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S+) has identified Yukon priorities and developed a draft “Yukon Strategy on MMIWG2S+: Changing the Story”; and

WHEREAS: the vision statement of the draft Yukon Strategy on MMIWG2S+ affirms “to build communities where indigenous women, girls and LGBTQ2S+ Yukoners are safe, respected and empowered to choose and walk their own path;” and

WHEREAS: there is an unacceptable risk of violence that threatens Indigenous women, girls and LGBTQ2S+ face living in the Yukon; and

WHEREAS: to change the story for indigenous women, girls and LGBTQ2S+ persons, all partners must work collaboratively, and in doing so, there is a role for the Association of Yukon Communities and all Yukoners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Association of Yukon Communities and its members recognize the importance of the draft Yukon Strategy on MMIWG2S+;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Association of Yukon Communities and its members uphold their responsibility as partners and stakeholders in the strategy through dialogue, education, and commitment to change the culture that creates an unacceptable risk of violence toward Indigenous women, girls and LGBTQ2S+ living in the Yukon.

20-AT-02 Engaging Municipalities on Environmental Health Regulations

WHEREAS: Municipal governments are required to comply with Yukon Government Environmental Health regulations for many different aspects of operations in order to deliver safe services and programs to Yukon residents.

WHEREAS: On occasion, Environmental Health has made changes to regulations based on best practices without seeking input from program operators or service deliverers, and without considering implications to municipal operations.

WHEREAS: Municipal governments are well-positioned to make recommendations or find improvements to Environmental Health regulations that result in safer programs and services, including reasonable changes to operations.

WHEREAS: Yukoners are best served by territorial and municipal governments working cooperatively to deliver safe, enjoyable services and programs.

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED: The AYC petition Yukon Government's Environmental Health Services to engage municipalities when considering changes to regulations or enforcement, so that the implications for municipalities are understood and factored into decision making.

20-AT-03 YG/Municipal Working Group on COVID-19

WHEREAS: COVID-19 has brought financial hardships to many Yukoners who have lost income and/or business opportunities, which effects are expected to continue throughout 2020.

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is anticipated to bring financial hardships to municipalities, such as reduced revenues from property taxes, service fees, and other areas.

WHEREAS: Municipal property tax deadline extensions are a partial response to the challenges facing property owners, but may create cash-flow issues for our communities.

WHEREAS: The cumulative effects of reduced revenues and facility closures pose real threats to short- and long-term community sustainability.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The AYC petition the Yukon Government to form a municipally focused working group whose purpose is devising reasonable financial and social solutions for sustaining our communities throughout and after the COVID-19 pandemic.
