



Yuutu?it?ath

SPECIAL HITACU ASSEMBLY

April 17, 2023 | 6:00pm | Cix^watin Centre / Zoom

Meeting Record

Participants

Chairperson: Shana Thomas

Citizens: Marilyn Touchie; Gordon Taylor; Cindy Clutesi; Richard Mundy Sr.; Vi Mundy; Bob Mundy; Nick Touchie; Crystal Mundy; Jack Touchie; Marjorie Touchie; Kenneth Miller; Brenda Jack; Clayton Jack; Darren Williams Sr.; Geraldine Touchie; Savannah McCarthy; Sheila Touchie; Pearl Touchie; Karen Severinson; Larry Baird Jr.; Marlene Tomren; Wilson Jack; Gloria Valentine; Kimberly Baines; Bunny (Ida) Baines; Gert Touchie;

Members of Legislature: Chuck McCarthy (President, Lands & Resources Executive Portfolio); Lorri Touchie (Community Services Executive Portfolio); Jeneva Touchie (Culture, Language & Heritage Portfolio); Jenny Touchie (Asset Management Portfolio); Asya Touchie; Jay Millar, Ha'wiih Representative; Richard Mundy (Finance);

Support Staff/other: Suzanne Williams, Director of Operations; Tamara Nelson, Chief Financial Officer; Jill Hamilton, Law Clerk; Melissa Boucha, Manager of Communications and Public Relations; Frances Ankenman, Legal Counsel; Mike Watts, A/V Support; Debbie Touchie (Kitchen); Evelyn Charlie;

1. **Call to order** at 6:01pm.
2. **Opening prayer** by Jeneva Touchie. The Chair noted that the all candidates meeting will be held on April 26, and that the purpose of this special assembly is to provide information on and seek feedback on the proposed amendments.
3. **Review and adoption of the agenda**

Motion (2023.04.17-01): to adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by Bob Mundy. Seconded by Vi Mundy.

Majority in favour. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. Constitutional Amendments

Presentation by Legal Counsel, Frances Ankenman on the proposed amendments and the process for amending the constitution. Legal Counsel paused for questions throughout the presentation.

Clarification was sought by Marylin Touchie on the proposal to remove deadlines from the Constitution. Legal Counsel explained that the proposed change is for deadlines to be set “in accordance with Yuułu?i?ath Law” (i.e. set out in Acts). The intention is to remove deadlines from the Constitution but leave the deadlines in the laws.

Clarification was sought by Marylin Touchie on the proposed addition regarding the Legislature delegating any of its law-making authorities. Legal Counsel explained that this addition recognizes the principle that legislative bodies can delegate their law-making authorities and regulatory functions. For example, the YG Legislature often delegates its law-making authority and regulatory functions to the Executive body, which has the authority to make regulations.

5. Christmas Payments to Citizens

Director of Operations provided information on the referendum question being put to citizens regarding options for payments to citizens.

Marylin Touchie expressed concern with the \$2,500 option.

Evelyn Touchie questioned, if the payment were to change to a one-time payment of \$2,500, whether an additional payment would be revisited in the future after 10 years. The Director of Operations explained that she can't answer that question as it would be a decision of future leadership as to when a how payments are made.

Evelyn Touchie expressed support for the \$250 annual option.

Gordon Taylor suggested looking at other options for the investment of the funds, such as bonds or pensions.

Marilyn Touchie inquired about what canvassed ballot voting is, to which the law clerk responded.

6. Other: n/a

7. Adjournment

The Chair advised that this would be the last assembly before the election. Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.