

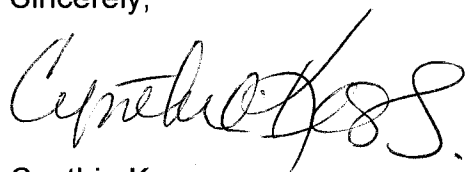
November 16, 2005

Jean-Francois Des Lauriers
Regional Executive Vice-president, North
PSAC
#201 - 2285 Second Avenue
Whitehorse
Yukon

Dear Mr. Des Lauriers:

Please find enclosed my responses to your questionnaire to candidates in the
Copperbelt riding by-election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Kearns', written in a cursive style.

Cynthia Kearns
Yukon Party candidate

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Responses to YEU-PSAC Questionnaire

1. This is an operational matter between the employer and the employees, where information is being provided so that employees are aware of emerging issues such as network demands, privacy, guidelines for using computers, and records management. The union was provided with the draft guidelines in January, 2005, however did not provide comments.
2. The Yukon Government was approached by both the college and the hospital to help them address some serious deficits in their pension funding. Premier Fentie has assured employees that the government will work closely with both organizations to preserve the integrity of their respective pension plans.
3. The doctor shortage is a problem across Canada. The Yukon Government has been working with the Yukon Medical Association on strategies to retain existing physicians and recruit new ones. It has been successful in recruiting new specialists to reduce the need for out of territory travel.
4. The Yukon Party government has undertaken extensive public consultations with individuals, community leaders, First Nations and other organizations with initiatives such as the Corrections Consultation, the Education Reform process, the Child Act review and the annual Premier's Community Tour, to name but a few.
5. The Yukon Party government is currently working with the opposition parties to develop a joint motion which would see the formation of a select committee of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to develop recommendations for new whistleblower legislation.
6. The Minister is waiting to receive a series of recommendations that have been reviewed by an outside expert and we are hopeful that carefully researched changes will be available in the near future.
7. Public-private partnerships are utilized in larger jurisdictions throughout Canada and the rest of the world. Public-private partnerships have proven successful at creating greater value for taxpayers' money. There are currently no P3 projects in Yukon and they will not be used for facilities such as schools.
8. The Yukon Party government has undertaken an important initiative, called *Investing in Public Service*, which provides a strategy to implement a range of new initiatives to address succession planning, safe and healthy workplaces, public sector excellence and our organizational framework.
9. The Yukon Party government has undertaken a Correctional Reform consultative process in order to reduce recidivism and develop programming and training opportunities for inmates, rather than simply incarcerating them in warehouse-like facilities.