

24 October 2019

Mr. Richard Mostyn  
Minister, Highways and Public Works  
2121 Second Avenue,  
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Dear Mr. Mostyn (Richard);

**Re: The Yukon Government announcement to privatize the Yukon Queen's Printer Agency**

In its 2018/19 budget delivered on 1 March 2018, the Government of Yukon declared that it "needs to get out of the business of business." The Yukon government further noted that "there are opportunities to consider how our government can stop doing work that elsewhere in Canada is done by the private sector."

The Yukon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to read that the Yukon Government has taken these words to heart, and acted on one of the recommendations provided to your department in November of 2018, specifically to privatize the Queen's Printer Agency. As we had noted in past years, the very mandate of Queens Printer Agency, as stated in its Charter, was to "solely offering services "...which are not easily provided by the private sector..." (page 8 of the QPA Charter) and to ensure that "the QPA does not compete with the private sector and will not provide services... that the private sector could provide," (page 10 of the QPA Charter).

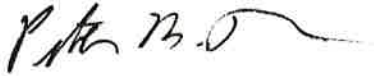
Further consultation with the Yukon Chamber, or a "heads up" and briefing on what was coming, would have allowed us to provide input and be prepared to answer the questions / manage concerns that we are now hearing from the business community. We would ask that the basis and/or analysis for the anticipated savings be provided to us, as we do not readily understand how the quoted savings will be realized, with no net job losses.

The Yukon Chamber fully supports the decision of your ministry with regard to the Queen's Printer Agency and, coming on the heels of other Yukon Government announcements, such as the privatization of Cannabis Sales (also recommended by the Yukon Chamber of Commerce), we view these announcements as a heartening trend in the right direction.

The Yukon Chamber and its Trade and Procurement Committee look forward to continued engagement with the department of Highways and Public Works to address other areas of government activity that should, in the view of the business community, be delivered by the private sector; including, but not limited to: travel bookings, car fleet services, and IT support.

We hope that this forward progress will serve as the basis for further discussion, and provide paths to help take the government in its desired direction of "get(ting) out of the business of business," while creating new opportunities to grow the private sector of the Yukon. This is a discussion that, if done correctly, will be to the benefit of all Yukoners.

Most sincerely,



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Yukon Chamber of Commerce

Cc.: Mr. Sandy Silver - Premier – Government of the Yukon  
Mr. Jaime Pitfield - Deputy Minister - Department of Highways and Public Works  
Ms. Tammy Beese - Chair, Yukon Chamber of Commerce