



# Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) Board of Trustees Additional Meeting MINUTES

August 29, 2023 @ 12:00PM  
Video Conference due to Wildfires

Trustees Present: Allan Shortt, Barbara Bell, David Wasylciw, Jason Snaggs, Michelle Peters, Terry Brookes and Tina Drew

Absent: none

Administration Present: Jameel Aziz, Tram Do, Shirley Zouboules, Landon Kowalzik, Jordan Martin, and Pat Thagard

Guests present: none

Meeting Chairperson: Chairperson Wasylciw

1. Meeting called to order at 12:04PM. Seven (7) Trustees were present, quorum was met.
2. Chairperson Wasylciw respectfully acknowledged that given the current evacuation we live, work and, learn on Chief Drygeese Territory in the Akaitcho region, the traditional territory of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and on the sacred land of many other first nations across Canada.
3. Chairperson Wasylciw thanked everyone for being able to join the meeting.
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – none
5. Adoption of Agenda

### **Motion #: 01/08-29/2023**

*I move that the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No 1 adopt the agenda as presented with the removal of items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.1 and 12 from the agenda.*

Moved by: Trustee Brookes; Seconded by: Trustee Peters

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**Carried**

~~6. Delegations and Presentations~~

~~7. Review & Approval of Minutes~~

~~8. Business Arising from the Minutes~~

~~9. Trustee Statements~~

10. Unfinished Business

~~10.1. Bussing Update~~

10.2. Wildfire & Evacuation Update

Administration indicated many meetings have occurred since the last Board meeting. Those included meetings with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), Superintendents, and District leadership. ECE has cancelled all September training and professional learning. ECE is still hoping to do the Principals conference in October. YK1 has been asked by the Deputy Minister to submit a letter requesting an extension to the audit

Submission deadline. It is still too early to engage in calendar discussions. This will take place once we know how much time has been lost. We will have to be very mindful of how changes to the calendar will impact union members such as the NWTTA and USW. The Mayor has made some positive statements about the fire being held and thinking about the staged return. Key staff have been identified for return and have been provided with contact information for Shauna Coleman at ECE. Return details will be provided as they become available. We will want to get critical staff back to inspect our sites and grounds and determine the work that needs to be done. We hope to have some cautiously worded accurate information out tomorrow. We have staff all over Canada which will impact the amount of time needed for their return. GNWT and City press conferences are being watched for the most up to date information as well as daily communication with the Deputy Minister of ECE. We do not have any dates as of yet and ask that people stay tuned for more information.

Chairperson Wasyłciw called for questions

Trustees thanked Administration for the update.

When essential staff return will their family be able to return with them?

Administration has been asked to indicate the number of family members, suitcases and any pets as part of the information provided for keys staff.

Can essential workers refuse to return when they are called back?

Workers always have the right to refuse unsafe work/instructions. This would also apply if roads are not safe to traverse. The return will be complex. How the City gets things in order affects our timelines but we have to wait as things get worked out.

Chairperson Wasyłciw called for questions – no further questions

11. New Business - none

~~12. Reports~~

13. Announcements

Chairperson Wasyłciw is planning for the Organizational Meeting. More info to follow.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 12:00 PM

15. Chairperson's Closing Remarks

Chairperson Wasyłciw thanked everyone for attending and for their patience. Hopefully everyone can get home soon, especially those that live in the South Slave.

16. Adjournment

**Motion #: 03/08-29/2023**

*I move that this board meeting of the Yellowknife Education District No.1 Board of Trustees be adjourned*

Moved by: Trustee Brookes; Seconded by: Trustee Snaggs

The meeting adjourned at 12:25PM

Patrizia Thagard, Secretary

**Signed after update, as required and approval:**

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**Chairperson Wasyłciw**

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**Secretary Treasurer Do**