



I would like to start off saying thank you to Yellowknife South for placing your trust in me. I began to carry that trust with me the morning after the election, and I promise that every day I'm going to use my judgement and best efforts to advance the work of the Assembly on behalf of you, Yellowknife South, and the people of the Northwest Territories.

The first 75 days of being your Member have been busy ones. The 19th Assembly started their work on developing how we wanted to see our Assembly structured. It was a goal of the Members to ensure that the 19th Assembly would be one built on relationships and shared priorities. We are of the mindset that we will approach this Assembly thinking critically, looking for new and innovative ways to do things. We also elected a Cabinet who have promised to work with the Regular Members. I was lucky to be chosen to be a part of that Cabinet; I have taken on the additional responsibilities of being the Minister for Finance and for Justice. This does present its challenges when dealing with Constituency issues, but I want to reassure you that Yellowknife South will continue to be my priority.

In order to keep the lines of communication open to me, part of the first 75 days was spent building up a Constituency Office at the Legislative Assembly, where you are always welcome to come, visit, and most importantly, bring us your concerns and ideas. Sarah Kalnay-Watson is your first point of contact for Yellowknife South and she is ready to help. We've also made it easier for you to get a hold of us or see what we are up to, with multiple email addresses, website submissions, phone numbers, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We will also have Constituency Meetings and this newsletter. We're currently planning to have our first Constituency Meeting near the end of January, just before the Budget Session starts. Make sure to sign up on our website or like us a Facebook so you don't miss out on notifications.

This will be the first of many constituency newsletters, as a priority of mine is to keep you informed and know that I am listening and here for you. Starting with our next issue these letters will be sent electronically. To sign up for the Yellowknife South Newsletter, you can either opt in via our website submission form or you can contact our office with your email address. If you still wish to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter, please let Sarah know and she will ensure that you receive a copy. We would also love to hear from you as to what you would like to see in YOUR Constituency Newsletter. I am going to have sections on 'Major Issues' that we are seeing in the riding, Legislation Under Consideration, Budget Considerations, and General Update.

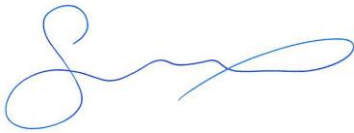
A glimpse into what I've been doing these first 75 days:

- Yellowknife MLAs have begun meeting in order to work together to better serve the people of Yellowknife, who share many of the same issues, and to develop better relationships as a whole with community groups and organisations;
- Sarah and I met with YK1 and Commission scolaire francophone TNO, to discuss their needs and concerns, and have plans to meet with the Yellowknife Catholic School Board early in the new year;
- Spoke at the Stanton Territorial Hospital Foundation Gala;
- Spoke at the Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women conference hosted by Status of Women Council of the NWT;

- Traveled to the South Slave (Hay River and Fort Smith) combining introductions to both Justice and Finance to better serve the region and afford the ability to use all my time efficiently;
- Meeting staff throughout the divisions within Justice and Finance, and will be continuing this into the New Year; and
- Traveling to Ottawa to represent the GNWT at a meeting with all Finance Ministers.

Finally, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and yours this holiday season, and I look forward to serving you now and in the New Year. Please do not ever hesitate to contact us.

Happy Holidays,



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