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Health Care Review Preliminary Report Tabled

WHITEHORSE – Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart today tabled the “What We Heard” preliminary report from the health care review steering committee.

In the fall sitting of 2008, the Yukon Legislative Assembly passed a motion by all parties to engage Yukoners in a dialogue on the findings and recommendations of the Yukon health care review which looked at the current and long-term sustainability over the next 10 years.

The steering committee comprised of: Dr. Allon Reddoch, past president of the Canadian Medical Association; Colleen Wirth, a registered nurse; Violet van Hees, a Health and Social Services policy analyst; Craig Tuton, chair of the Yukon Hospital Corporation; Donna Hogan, a First Nations representative; and Elaine Carlyle finance officer to the committee.

The steering committee invited Yukoners, Yukon communities, First Nations and health care stakeholders to engage in health care discussions through meetings, a questionnaire, website and phone calls.

“I would like to thank the steering committee for their hard work and long hours they put into this public dialogue so the preliminary report could be tabled during this sitting,” Premier Dennis Fentie said. “I look forward to reviewing the final report as we move forward improving health care for Yukoners.”

“I would also like to thank the committee for their work. I am pleased that a number of people took the time to participate in this public dialogue and offered their input about the future of Yukon’s health care system,” Hart said.

“It was a privilege and pleasure to work on this project,” Dr. Allon Reddoch, chair of the steering committee, said. “We heard that Yukoners value and appreciate their health care system and want to see it maintained.”

The steering committee will be finalizing the “What We Heard” report over the coming weeks. The preliminary report from the steering committee can be accessed online at www.yukonhealthcarediscussions.ca.

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