

## **WHITEHORSE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE INSPECTION TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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### **1. Independent Inspection**

In accordance with section 36 of the *Corrections Act, 2009*<sup>1</sup>, the Honourable Minister of Justice Tracy-Anne McPhee is providing for the inspection of the Whitehorse Correctional Centre (the Inspection).

An independent Inspector will be procured by the Government of Yukon (Department of Justice) to carry out the Inspection.

### **2. Mandate**

The Inspector will inspect the policies and practices of the Whitehorse Correctional Centre which involve, affect or may impact the mental health of inmates; the Inspection shall include but is not limited to the use by the Whitehorse Correctional Centre of separate confinement and segregation of inmates with mental illnesses.

The Inspector will conduct the Inspection pursuant to section 36 of the *Corrections Act, 2009*, and as such the Inspector may at any time enter and access the Whitehorse Correctional Centre and examine any thing or any record, except a medical record of an inmate.

The Inspector may conduct interviews of Government of Yukon employees to give clarity to policies and practices subject to Inspection. The Inspector may also seek input from First Nation governments, community members, including First Nation citizens and other stakeholders to give context to the issues that arise from the Inspection.

The Inspector may not make any findings about the actions or conduct of any individual relating to any particular inmate.

The Inspector will commence the Inspection on or before January 1, 2018, and will report their findings, along with any recommendations, in writing to the Deputy Minister by March 29, 2018.

### **3. Relationship with the Department of Justice**

The Inspector will report progress to the Deputy Minister of Justice on a regular basis.

The Department of Justice will provide administrative and other support to the Inspector as agreed to in advance with the Inspector.

The Inspector may, at any time prior to final reporting, propose amendments to these Terms of Reference.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/acts/corrections2009\\_c.pdf](http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/acts/corrections2009_c.pdf)