

**Mid-term Review Committee of the 18th Legislative Assembly  
Yellowknife South MLA Julie Green to Premier Bob McLeod  
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**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I find the Premier's answer is somewhat disingenuous. We elected him with a secret ballot in the TLC, and the motion was confirmation of the TLC work. I don't follow his reasoning that if the Minister or Ministers lost confidence of the House, that he would not then act on the advice of the House as it were, so I am not appreciating the distinction that the Premier is making there. Why would the Premier want to keep a Minister in whom the House generally doesn't have confidence? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Masi. The Honourable Premier.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are in Committee of the Whole. Motions are made on the floor of the Legislative Assembly. In the 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly, it was the first time in the history of Assembly where we didn't lose a Minister, so there were no motions in House to remove Ministers. In previous governments, when a Minister was removed, that was done through a motion of the House, and that has been the case and I have not seen the rules change.

The rules committee met many times and those rules were not changed, and it is still the case. In the past, when a government was in session and the Premier and Cabinet, when a Minister was removed by on the floor of the House through a motion, then the Premier would take action. It has always been the Legislative Assembly that approves the Ministers and the Premiers, so if the Legislative Assembly moves to remove a Minister, then I would take the appropriate action if I was still Premier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, the City of Yellowknife is the second largest government in the Northwest Territories. It provides services to the largest Aboriginal community in the Northwest Territories to a population that comes from every community. Many of the issues that exist in Yellowknife are territorial issues. They are not City of Yellowknife issues. To that end, I'm wondering what the Premier has done to develop a government-to-government relationship with the City of Yellowknife to address territorial issues. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Lafferty):** The Honourable Premier.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The government has been operating on an as and when basis with regards to committees. We do have interactions with the city at different departmental levels. Yellowknife MLAs meet regularly with city council before session.

I think it's come to a point where a more significant interaction is required. Just recently, we had received a letter from the mayor and council outlining a whole host of areas in which the city is operating where it appears to be territorial issues as the Member indicates. We're very prepared to sit down with the city as a Cabinet and the appropriate Ministers because we take responsibility for those areas that are the responsibility of the Government of the Northwest Territories. We don't shirk our responsibilities, so we would be prepared to meet with them. If we can set up a process to work together, to improve and make most of these difficult issues to improve, we would be quite prepared to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.