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Government of Yukon tables Bill to amend the Hospital Act

The Government of Yukon today tabled Bill No. 12, the Act to Amend the Hospital Act (2017), which will reduce the size of the Yukon Hospital Corporation's Board of Trustees.

As a result of the change, the board will be reduced from 15 to nine members. Future appointments to the board will be made based on a competency assessment that examines the skills and experience of each candidate.

Once the Bill has passed, the board will consist of three people to be nominated by Yukon First Nations or the Council of Yukon First Nations, one person nominated by the hospital corporation's medical staff, four people from the public at large and one member from the Yukon public service.

Quotes:

"These changes will lead the Yukon Hospital Corporation through the challenges and opportunities it faces in the future while providing modern, safe and accessible health-care services to Yukoners. The changes will also enable us to ensure that the membership of the board reflects Yukon's cultural and gender diversity."

–Minister of Health and Social Services Pauline Frost

Quick facts

- Yukon First Nation representation on the board will increase proportionally to three out of the nine (33 per cent) members in the new structure, as opposed to four of fifteen (27 per cent) in the previous composition.
- Future appointees to the board will be assessed on their competency in strategic planning, financial leadership, issues management and other areas.
- Upon assent of the Act, the terms of all current board members will end and a transitional board will be appointed.
- As positions are filled through the new process, the terms of those on the transitional board will end.

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