**FIRST NATION EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**DRAFT BRIEFING NOTE**

**TOPIC: YUKON GOVERNMENT’S - YFNEAC (YUKON FIRST NATION EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE)**

**PREPARED BY:** First Nations Education Commission (FNEC)

**PREPARED FOR: Leadership Meeting January 21-23, 2015**

**BACKGROUND**

FNEC presented to Leadership on November 27th, 2014 the issue with too many committees in education as well as the lack of resources for FNEC to fulfill its mandate as directed by YFN Leadership in the FNEC Terms of Reference approved in April 2013.

FNEC requested approval from YFN Leadership to dissolve the Yukon Government’s, Yukon First Nation Education Advisory Committee and further, to have all funding and resources (including staff positions supporting the committee) to be transferred to FNEC. The resources would be used to support FNEC, CELCs, ESWs and EOCs with CYFN coordinating and providing the technical services.

**Leadership made the following decision on November 27, 2014:**

**Draft Motion -** Leadership moves that the Yukon Department of Education’s YFNEAC be dissolved and that all funding and resources supporting the committee be transferred to FNEC. The approved process is for FNEC to immediately begin a dialogue with the Department of Education on the transfer of the funds and resources that support the YFNEAC, including staff supports. Once completed, the YFNEAC can then be dissolved, but not until there is commitment from the Yukon Department of Education to transfer the funding and resources.

Moved by: Chief Matheiya Alatini

Seconded by: Chief Steve Smith

**UPDATE:**

Tosh Southwick, Co-Chair for FNEC, met with Deputy Minister, Val Royle and Assistant Deputy Minister, Albert Trask on January 8th, 2015. The outcomes from the meeting were as follows:

* Both Yukon education officials were receptive to the recommendation.
* Yukon education will provide the dollar figures for funding within a month’s time frame.
* Yukon education is open to meeting directly with the FNEC.
* Discussions also included initial ideas concerning Yukon’s needs for First Nation input and involvement.