



## **Motions from Annual General Meetings**

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### **2005**

#### **Second-Hand Smoke**

The YMA encourages parents and other child care givers to seriously attempt smoking cessation, to reduce children's exposure to second hand smoke at home and in vehicles.

#### **Active Living**

The YMA will lobby the Government of Yukon to encourage changes in the school curriculum that would result in at least 30 minutes of physical education per school day in all grades.

#### **Nutrition**

The YMA advocates that the Yukon Government Department of Education restrict the sale of food and beverage items in school vending machines and cafeterias to those that are healthy and nutritious.

#### **Whitehorse General Hospital**

The YMA encourages the Government of Yukon to provide capital funding for the renovation and/or expansion of the Whitehorse General Hospital emergency department, radiology department, operating rooms and intensive care unit.

#### **Acute Cardiac Care**

The YMA supports the use of thrombolytics by nurses in Community Health Centres in all Yukon communities, after consultation with a physician.

#### **Pharmanet**

The YMA encourages the Government of Yukon to develop a Pharmanet program in the Yukon that will help physicians and pharmacists provide better care to their patients.

#### **Active Living**

The YMA will contribute \$1000 toward the building of a pedestrian bridge over the Yukon River below the Whitehorse dam.

### **2006**

#### **Children's Health**

The YMA supports the Canadian Medical Association's goal to develop a National Children's Health Strategy.

**Tobacco**

The YMA supports programs that de-normalize tobacco use and promote smoking cessation and urges the Government of Yukon to introduce legislation that would ban smoking in all public places. The YMA also urges the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board to establish regulations that would ban smoking at places of work.

**Wait Lists**

The YMA will work with the Canadian Medical Association and the Wait Time Alliance to establish pan-Canadian medically determined wait-times benchmarks for all major diagnostic, therapeutic, surgical and emergency services by Dec 31, 2007.

**2007****Youth Shelter**

The YMA encourages a collaborative effort by all levels of government and other stakeholders to pursue the provision of a youth emergency shelter/safe home in Whitehorse to meet the needs of our homeless youth.

**Tobacco**

The YMA endorses Bill 104, the Smoke Free Places Act, which will ban smoking in all public places in Yukon.

**Potable Water**

The YMA calls on the Government of Yukon to participate in an all-government plan to adopt an integrated water stewardship approach to ensure that all Canadians have access to adequate supplies of clean, safe and reliable drinking water.

**Climate change**

The YMA urges the federal government to put in place measures to mitigate the impact of climate change on the health of Aboriginal populations in remote northern regions, as traditional subsistence practices are disrupted due to adverse changes in water resources, fisheries, forests, wildlife and ecosystems.

**Uranium Mining**

The YMA urges the Government of Yukon to review the health, environmental and social impacts of uranium mining in Yukon.

**Mental Health Services**

The YMA strongly endorses the restoration of psychiatric nursing staff to a minimum of two full-time qualified psychiatric nurses at Whitehorse General Hospital.

**Cycle to Walk**

The YMA endorses in principle the Ramesh Ferris Cycle to Walk Society's project to assist in the eradication of polio through support for global vaccination programs.

**2008**

**Physician Assistants**

The YMA will explore the possibility of Physician Assistants working with physicians as one model of collaborative care.

**PharmAlert**

The Yukon Medical Association endorses the implementation of a PharmAlert system.