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NDP ASSURANCES RESOLVE UNION'S COMPUTER INVESTIGATION CONCERNS

(WHITEHORSE, Yukon) – Yukon Employees' Union president Laurie Butterworth met with NDP leader Todd Hardy on Sunday to discuss recent comments made by candidate John Edzerza regarding the computer use investigation undertaken by Premier Fentie's government.

Mr. Hardy assured the Union that the New Democratic Party values and respects the public service, and would never utilize such a contentious means to resolve an issue with its workforce. He agreed that the issues relating to computer use could have been resolved jointly by the Union and the government in a collaborative, constructive manner – without a punitive and ultimately destruction response.

YEU received assurances that Mr. Edzerza accepts the NDP position that the investigation was unnecessary and unreasonable, and supports the NDP's strong statements opposing the former government's actions.

While the fallout from the Fentie government's investigation remains unresolved, Mr. Hardy advised that a New Democratic Party government would initiate steps to address the outstanding issues. These steps would include removing all mention of the investigation and subsequent disciplinary action from individual employee's personnel files, job references and applications for advancement.

The Yukon Employees' Union is gratified by the unequivocal position put forward by the New Democratic Party leader. We are satisfied with Mr. Hardy's assurances, and consider the matter of Mr. Edzerza's comments resolved.

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