

**Question 7:**

What measures will you take to support survivors of gender-based violence through restorative justice, long-term counseling, and other healing services?

**Yukon Liberal Party Response:**

The Yukon is leading the way when it comes to our approaches to restorative justice, and this has been done under the Yukon Liberal Government. We will maintain this focus going forward as we know that it is a critical component in healing efforts for a community as a whole. Through investments in trauma-informed, culturally grounded, and community-led healing services, the Yukon Liberal government has improved care for victims of gender-based violence over the last nine years. As part of the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, we signed a bilateral agreement worth \$16.4 million, increased access to free or inexpensive counselling, and provided funding to women's and Indigenous-led groups that provide restorative justice and culturally appropriate healing programs. In order to strengthen community-based justice and wellness programs, we have also worked with First Nations governments and expanded funding for the Victim Services Branch. In order to foster healing, accountability, and safer communities for all Yukoners, a re-elected Liberal government will continue to expand long-term counselling services, peer and family support programs, and restorative justice options, led by survivors and Indigenous partners, to promote healing, accountability, and safer communities for all Yukoners.

**Yukon New Democratic Party Response:**

The Yukon NDP will be investing in local support line services to make sure that when a person needs to talk, there is someone available on that support line for them. When a person is in crisis, they need to be heard- not in a few days or in a week, but right away. We will also be expanding virtual access to the Car 867 program to communities to respond to mental health emergencies. We will work to expand free counselling services so that more individuals have access to it when they need it. Cost should never be the reason that someone is denied access to care. Some of our specific commitments are to build a new outreach trauma treatment program, expand rapid access to psychiatric care, and work with local organizations to offer supportive housing for people with complex mental health concerns. As mentioned above, we will act on

the recommendations of the MMIWG2S+ report, but we will also take action to implement every one of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions' calls to action that fall under the responsibility of the Yukon Government.

Thank you again for all the work that you do to provide shelter, safety, and care to so many. We deeply appreciate and respect the effort that this work takes, and we recognize the incredible importance this has for Yukoners.

**Yukon Party Response:**

The Yukon Party is committed to ensuring victims of gender-based violence receive the supports they need in a timely, respectful and efficient manner. In recognition that such supports should be tailored to individuals, we commit to working to diversify and bolster supports if required