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To the Members of the Yellowknife Press:

It is our collective wish to respect the conduct review process outlined in Yellowknife City Council's Ethical Principles and Rules of Conduct Policy and to allow the soon-to-be-appointed Conduct Review Committee to complete its investigation into the complaints against Mayor Heyck and Councillor Konge without any undue influence that might result from our expression of opinions through local media. We do, however, feel compelled to clear up some possible confusion which could result from Mayor Heyck's comments as quoted in this morning's CBC article entitled, "Visibly shaken mayor says he will not be intimidated by 'vexatious' complaint from Yellowknife councillor." We were not made aware of the Mayor's press conference and were therefore not present to hear his comments directly, but in the CBC article Mayor Heyck is quoted as referring to an external investigation and he suggests that Council chose not to act on the investigation report's findings. We feel that the Mayor's comments call into question Council's decision and therefore we wish to provide clarification.

In an in-camera meeting several months ago, Mayor Heyck presented Council with a report that was the result of an external investigation he had commissioned regarding interactions between Councillor Konge and City staff in 2015. Before Council had an opportunity to discuss the merits of the original complaint or the findings of the investigator, several Councillors raised concerns regarding the legitimacy of the investigation in relation to Council's Ethical Principles and Rules of Conduct Policy. Council ultimately concluded that the investigation process was conducted outside of the jurisdiction of the Policy, and suggested that Mayor Heyck consider submitting a complaint through the established process for such matters, which is outlined in the Policy.

It is our view that the correct process is now being followed. We look forward to participating in the committee's process and to bringing these events to a fair and transparent conclusion.

Sincerely,

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