

Disability, Assistive Animals and the Law

THURSDAY, JULY 18

KWANLIN DÜN CULTURAL CENTRE

9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks	
9:30 a.m.	Disability, Assistive Animals and the Yukon <i>Human Rights Act</i>	Bali Epoch, Human Rights Officer
10:30 a.m.	Wellness Break	
11:00 a.m.	My Service Dog Max: How he taught me to be late deafened	John Coyne, Manager, Health and Social Services
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break - Catering Provided	
1:00 p.m.	Leah: A Yukon Solution	Bill VanFleet, Elder from Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation
1:30 p.m.	Balancing the Rights of All Transit Users	Cheri Malo, Manager, Transit Services
2:00 p.m.	Wellness Break	
2:30 p.m.	Next Steps	Facilitated by YHRC Staff
3:30 p.m.	Wellness Break	
3:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks	
4:00 p.m.	End of Symposium	

Tips for Holding an Accessible and Inclusive Conference:

Make an active offer to all attendees that you are willing to accommodate their needs.

Provide water bowls for assistive animals. Do not distract or interact with an assistive animal. Ensure you have ASL Interpreters if requested and describe any images shown to the audience.

Make sure the venue is fully accessible and has no physical barriers.

Start later in the morning and provide longer breaks.

For a helpful checklist on how to host accessible and inclusive events, please contact the YHRC.



Yukon Human Rights Commission

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Yukon Human Rights Commission is an independent statutory agency that promotes equality and protects individuals and groups from discrimination, under the *Yukon Human Rights Act*.

How can the Yukon Human Rights Commission help me?

The Yukon Human Rights Commission can:

- provide accessible public education and training for individuals or organisations
- answer human rights questions and/or direct you to the appropriate resource
- assist all parties involved in the human rights complaint process
- research and share information about human rights topics
- provide information to proactively help prevent discrimination, including harassment
- lend you a book from the Human Rights Library

Where is the Yukon Human Rights Commission office?

The address is 305 Main Street, Suite #215. The accessible entrance is on 3rd Avenue.

I have a human rights issue that I need help with. Who can I speak with?

There is a Duty Officer to respond to new inquiries. Appointments are recommended to ensure the Duty Officer is available at the time that works best for you.

Can the Yukon Human Rights Commission act as my lawyer?

No. The Yukon Human Rights Commission does not represent parties and is not an advocacy organisation. The Yukon Human Rights Commission can give out free, confidential legal information, but does not provide legal advice.

You can contact the Yukon Human Rights Commission by phone, email, fax, letter, chatbot, or in person.

