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President
RASC: Yukon Centre (Yukon Astronomical Society)

I am responding to your recent thoughtful and informative letters about various matters of interest to the Yukon Astronomical Society.

There is no question that we all have things to learn, and I thank you for sharing research concerning our night-sky heritage and LED lighting. This adds to an important conversation, as for example, LED technology is considered a highly energy efficient lighting technology that is now being deployed by municipalities for street lighting and traffic control lighting based on safety, visibility, reliability and financial cost-saving along with climate change considerations. It has been increasingly adopted by design engineers, architects and builders.

As politicians we don't tend to be involved in technical design, engineering or architectural matters, as that's better handled by people competent in those matters. Nonetheless, we do spell out objectives and expect results. We would encourage you to share the research you have identified with Yukon engineers, architects and contractors. We will help out with that.

Our platform includes commitments to the Yukon Government taking leadership on the development of greener buildings and subdivisions, and making the Green Shift to renewable energy and integrated solutions.

Yukon's astronomical viewing opportunities definitely have real potential to contribute to the growth and development of Yukon's tourism industry as part

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of outdoor recreation and wilderness attractions. So many international travelers are inspired by viewing the “Northern Lights”, hence without doubt our Yukon night-sky is an attraction. And it offers so much more!

Many thanks for getting in touch with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Hanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

Liz Hanson
Leader, Yukon NDP