

Yukon Coroner's Service

INQUEST REPORT

AN INQUEST was held at 4220 4th Avenue in the City of Whitehorse, Yukon, from the 24th to the 27th of October, 2023 before Presiding Coroner Matthew Brown, who was appointed by Chief Coroner Heather Jones under Section 11 of the *Coroners Act* and who acted under Section 48 of that Act.

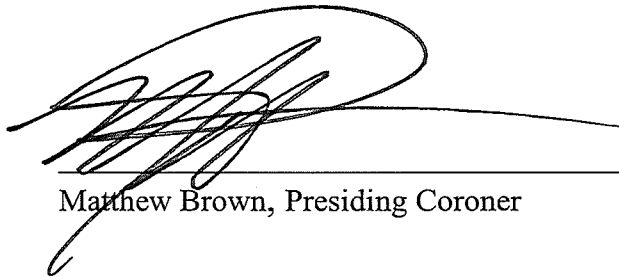
The undersigned Presiding Coroner and:

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being charged to inquire when, where, how and by what means the deceased came to his/her/their death, do find that the deceased LEON JOSEPH MARCEL NEPPER died at Whitehorse General Hospital in the Yukon Territory, on the 23 day of September, 2018 at approximately 1.25 o'clock in the morning/afternoon, as a result of complications of cardiovascular and lung disease. We, the Jury, classify this death as Natural ~~Death~~.

We, the Jury, also make the recommendations attached in Appendix "A".

Signed on this 27th day of October 2023, by



Matthew Brown, Presiding Coroner

Recommendation 1:

To: Director of WCC

- a.) Recommendation to include a checkbox on the Medical Intake Assessment Form indicating Y/N whether an inmate has signed an Advance Directive or DNR, and if so, where this documentation is held. This should also be written in under "other" or included in "Health Information to be Disclosed" on the Consent to Share Medical Information.
- b.) If there are significant medical conditions present, and no AD / DNR, this should be flagged for follow up & review with the inmate by a doctor.

↳ Informed by: Dr. Koltun, Dr. Stuart, A.M. Paquet, K. Kemp.

Recommendation 2

To: Director of WCC

Recommendation to offer more opportunities for Generalized Advanced Training with the goal of improving existing skillsets and providing higher levels of care + emergency intervention/response. For example, advanced airway management training (Corrections Officers), and high-stress scenarios (Corrections Officers + Nurses).

Informed by: A.M. Paquet, N. Klein, Exhibit 5

Recommendation 3:

To: Director of WCC

Recommendation to present Nepper incident in internal training to improve future response involving unresponsive inmates with medical concerns.

Informed by: N. Klein, A.M. Paquet, K. Kemp, Exhibit 5

Recommendation 4: APPENDIX "A"

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To: Deputy Minister of Justice, Director of WCC

Recommendation to evaluate the suitability of facilities to house inmates with significant or serious medical conditions, and how the existing policies & facilities might be improved, with the goal of implementing these policy or facility changes.

Informed by: K. Kemp.