

# Smells Like Yukon

## Segment #18 – “Danger Liasons”

Production Script

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Unless you’ve been in a coma, you’ve probably heard—or heard *about*—the blasting for the Hamilton Boulevard extension. So you’re aware that watching television in the Lobird trailer park is now the most dangerous activity in the Yukon.

But is knowing this enough to keep you safe this summer?

Probably not. And that’s why Mark and I decided to ~~perform a vital public service... by highlighting~~ highlight some *other* risky behaviours associated with Yukon life.

Obviously, there are different kinds of risks. For example, there’s the risk that you’ll be mocked if you don’t have cool plans for the solstice. On the other hand, if ~~you’re~~ you’ll ~~planning to take~~ be taking your guitar to a potluck dinner, there’s an even *bigger* risk you’ll be upstaged by a ~~bonafide~~ Yukon supergroup.

Thanks to the Yukon’s shaky power grid, there’s always a risk that you’ll have to reset every clock in your house three times a week.

And there’s also a risk, however slight, that there ~~will only~~ won’t be ~~one~~ a giant wiener at your MLA’s constituency barbecue this summer.

[FEEL FREE TO ADD ALTERNATIVES: “And there’s also....”]

But, at the risk of seeming lazy, Mark and I ~~narrowed our~~ decided to focus ~~to on risks to physical risks~~ health. And at the risk of appearing *clueless*, we ~~decided~~ dropped by to get some help from an authority who Yukoners trust *almost* as much as – well, us, of course.

BRENDAN says “My name is Brendan Hanley... Medical Health Officer, which means....”

Of course, Mark and I were already pretty up on the territory’s riskiest behaviours. But Dr. Hanley was new to the job, so we ~~wanted to test him—you know, to~~ wanted to make sure he was ~~up to speed~~ on the ball.

BRENDAN talks about risks in general. He says it’s an attitudinal thing.

Immediately, the thought of ATV riders, bombing though the neighborhood greenbelts came to mind.

ALT: Dr. Hanley’s office was near the sandy hills of Riverdale, so a perfect example wasn’t hard to find.

BRENDAN says a lot of head injuries in ER are from people not wearing helmets.

Never one to pass up the chance to discuss sex in a government office, ~~Mark~~ we got Dr. Hanley talking about the risks of refusing to use ~~some other forms of~~ “safety gear.” a different kind of, um... “helmet.”

BRENDAN talks about condoms, STIs, “Smart Sex” ~~and how no one ever woke up in the morning saying “Gee, I wish I’d slept with him or her... But they often say the opposite.”~~

Up to now, everything Dr. Hanley told us made perfect sense—~~which probably means many Yukoners would never do it even if many Yukoners would rather die than admit it.~~

But we were surprised—~~and a little concerned~~—by the doctor’s response to ~~our question about~~ the alarming casualties ~~from in one of~~ Whitehorse’s fastest-growing macho blood sports:

BRENDAN says “Man yoga? You’re going to have to explain that one to me...” MARK says “Someone’s going to have to explain it to me *first*. But we suspect alcohol is involved.”

That news didn’t surprise Dr. Hanley. ~~According to him, alcohol is a risky behaviour that contributes to all kinds of other risky behaviours.~~

BRENDAN discusses alcohol as a factor in other risky behaviours

We were ready to hit Dr. Hanley with a barrage of questions about other life threatening activities. Like trying to use a crosswalk on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Or proposing to infill some vacant lots in Porter Creek. Or making a fast track application under Yukon Housing’s new Mobile Home Skylight Installation Program. [FEEL FREE TO ADD ALTS: “Or...”]

~~Unfortunately~~ But sadly, ~~the doctor had other plans~~ we were out of time.

BRENDAN tells mark he’s kind of busy, he’d like to wrap this up quickly. MARK offers him a beer. BRENDAN, almost apologetically, tells Mark he tries to curtail his alcohol consumption during working hours.

~~But~~ However, the mention of work ~~did~~ bring one final-more risk to mind.

BRENDAN discusses risks of work. MARK says “So what you’re basically saying is that Yukoners should work as little as possible—for their own safety?” BRENDAN responds. ~~MARK says something about writing Doctor’s notes for Yukoners.~~

As we left, Dr. Hanley ~~promised to do something for us~~ expressed his appreciation for our genuine concerns about safety, and promised to remain vigilant on our behalf.

BRENDAN thanks us for bringing Man Yoga to his attention and says he’ll keep his eyes open for Man Yoga injuries in ER.

~~And~~ Being good citizens, we promised to distribute helmets—and condoms—at Man Yoga—even though we still ~~didn’t~~ don’t really know what it was and ~~were~~ are afraid to go anywhere near the studio.

Whether this story serves as a cautionary tale to help keep Yukoners safe, or merely acts a handy guide to making the most of your Yukon Health Insurance—we’ll leave that up to you.

**But it’s always good to heed the advice of your Chief Medical Officer and part-time radio columnists.**

**And we know one thing for sure: there’s no risk Smells Like Yukon will disrupt your morning coffee or drowsy, alarm clock denial routine – for a couple of months anyway.**

~~[Final line? We’ll be ATVing or something???]~~

ALT: Our work is done... our season's over... summer's here... and we're totally stoked to start rippin' around a non-motorized greenbelt near you.

Fortunately, there's zero risk anyone will stop us.

CLIP:

Jesse: "Nice helmet." (sarcastic)

Mark: "It's my daughter's. Just get on."

Jesse: "But I want to drive..."

Mark: "Look, I was on the back *last* summer. It's *your* turn.... Don't squeeze so hard."