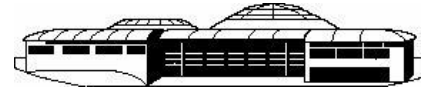


# Priorities of the 18th Legislative Assembly



## **Governance: Improving accountability, transparency, and collaboration**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly will change the way it does business by:

1. Collaborating and fostering government-to-government relationships with Aboriginal governments;
2. Advancing, finalizing, and implementing land, resources, and self-government agreements, including ongoing post-devolution initiatives;
3. Increasing transparency and accountability, and strengthening consensus government;
4. Building stronger relationships with community governments and stakeholders;
5. Support initiatives designed to increase the number of women running for elected office in the NWT.

## **Cost-of-living**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly will lower the cost-of-living by:

1. Increasing the availability of safe, affordable housing and creating solutions for addressing homelessness;
2. Improving food security by encouraging local food production, traditional harvesting, and effective co-management of caribou herds and other wildlife;
3. Supporting the use of energy-efficient technologies in residential, commercial, and public sectors;
4. Increasing the production and transmission of renewable and alternative energy;
5. Working collaboratively to promote federal investment in reducing the cost-of-living for northerners;
6. Implementing universal and affordable childcare.

## **Education, training, and youth development**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly will foster lifelong learning, skills development, training, and employability by:

1. Supporting quality early childhood development in collaboration with existing organizations;
2. Increasing K-12 support systems to improve educational outcomes;
3. Expanding opportunities for post-secondary education, trades-oriented learning, and northern educational institutions;
4. Increasing cultural programming in education and revitalizing Aboriginal languages;
5. Enhancing capacity-building programs for our youth.

## **Community wellness and safety**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly will foster wellbeing and safety by:

1. Focusing on mental health and addictions by ensuring that services are delivered locally with culturally-appropriate methods;
2. Taking action so that seniors can age in place;
3. Fostering healthy families by focusing on wellness, prevention, and improved nutrition;
4. Taking action on the crisis of family and community violence;
5. Creating opportunities for healthy lifestyles and community leadership for our youth.

## **Economy, Environment, and Climate Change**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly will lead economic diversification and environmental stewardship in the NWT by:

1. Making strategic investments in transportation infrastructure and workforce development and utilizing partnerships with northern and Aboriginal businesses;
2. Investing in renewable resources, agriculture, arts, fisheries, forestry, manufacturing, tourism, and traditional harvesting;
3. Improving coordination and effectiveness in resource management systems, recognizing traditional knowledge, land claims agreements, and devolution;
4. Implementing a strategy to mitigate and adapt to climate change in collaboration with other governments and organizations.