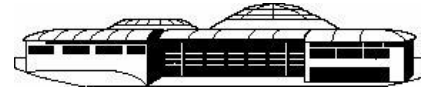


Priorities of the 18th Legislative Assembly



Governance: Improving accountability, transparency, and collaboration

The 18th 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 18th 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 18th 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 18th 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 18th 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.