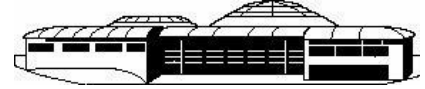


Updated Priorities of the 18th Legislative Assembly



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 infrastructure, resource development, workforce development and the knowledge economy;
2. Investing in renewable resources and energy, 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. Mitigating and adapting to climate change in collaboration with other governments, businesses and NGOs.

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. Promoting federal investment in reducing the cost-of-living for northerners;
6. Making childcare available and affordable.

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 JK-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 and promoting 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. Taking action on the crisis of family and community violence;
4. Fostering healthy families by focusing on wellness, prevention, and improved nutrition;
5. Creating opportunities for healthy lifestyles and community leadership for our youth.

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 through improved communications;
4. Building stronger relationships with community governments and stakeholders;
5. Supporting initiatives designed to increase the number of women running for elected office in the NWT.