

**GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES RESPONSE TO  
MOTION 1-17(5): SAHTU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PLANNING STUDY**

**Motion**

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, that the Government of the Northwest Territories conduct a planning study in the 2014-15 fiscal year for a Sahtu Regional Institute of Technology;

AND FURTHER that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to this motion within 120 days.

**GNWT Response**

The Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), Aurora College, Skills Canada NWT, the Mine Training Society, and other partners and stakeholders, work together to promote career development and training in the NWT.

In addition, ECE administers the NWT's Apprenticeship and Occupation Certification program. This program supports the development, maintenance and delivery of trades and occupation training programs which contribute to the expansion of a trained and skilled northern workforce.

Aurora College's mission is to provide Northerners with excellence in postsecondary education and training. Students participate in hands-on education and classroom instruction to prepare them for careers in the labour market. Aurora College's campuses and training centres offer a wide range of programs and courses for all residents in the NWT.

For proposed education or training projects, ECE explores possibilities and needs with its many education and training partners and stakeholders throughout the Northwest Territories. To that end, ECE will oversee a planning study in 2014 -15 that will examine the viability of a Sahtu Regional Institute of Technology.

This planning study may include information such as existing education and training facilities and infrastructure, existing training programs, a skills analysis of the labour pool in the Sahtu region, as well as consideration and confirmation of industries current and future intentions in the region and anticipated labour market needs.

The results of the planning study will inform ECE on the viability of an institute located in the Sahtu region.