

Motion

Establishment of Mobile Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program

WHEREAS alcohol abuse has taken a heavy toll in all Northwest Territories communities;

AND WHEREAS alcohol consumption and drug use has increased among young people;

AND WHEREAS NWT Liquor Commission net revenues will increase to \$24 million in fiscal year 2011-2012 from \$22 million in fiscal year 2008-2009;

AND WHEREAS the Northwest Territories has only one alcohol and drug treatment centre;

AND WHEREAS there is no detoxification centre or relapse centre in the territory;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Health and Social Services' strategic action plan, "A Foundation For Change", fails to include new options for alcohol and drug treatment;

AND WHEREAS the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce has called for better and more readily available alcohol and drug treatment;

AND WHEREAS alcohol abuse is often a contributing factor in the offenses committed by inmates in Northwest Territories correctional facilities, and in a majority of family violence cases;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, that the Government of the Northwest Territories take immediate action to identify the various options for establishing a mobile alcohol and drug treatment program that can be delivered on-the-land, and report back to the 17th Legislative Assembly during the first six months of its term in office.



Date of Notice: May 13, 2011

Moved by: Mr. Yakeleya

Date of Introduction:

Seconded by: Mr. Hawkins

Disposition:

Carried:

Ruled Out of Order: