

## Motion

### **Review of Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

WHEREAS the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* was enacted in 1994;

AND WHEREAS in the 17 years since the *Act* was passed, email, laptops, flash drives, smart phones and other technological developments have dramatically altered the way government manages, uses and communicates information;

AND WHEREAS other Canadian jurisdictions have conducted comprehensive reviews of their access to information and privacy legislation in recent years;

AND WHEREAS since the coming into force of the *Act* the Information and Privacy Commissioner has made a number of recommendations for amendments to the *Act* that have not been addressed;

AND WHEREAS the Information and Privacy Commissioner has recommended a comprehensive review of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* in her 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 annual reports;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Government Operations also recommended a comprehensive review of the *Act* in its "Report on the Review of the 2008-2009 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner";

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories' February 2011 response to the Standing Committee's recommendation did not provide an undertaking to complete a comprehensive review of the *Act*;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, that this Legislative Assembly strongly recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories undertake a comprehensive review of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, including an examination of access to information and privacy legislation in other Canadian jurisdictions and all past recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and bring forward a Bill during the first two years of the 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly;



Date of Notice: May 17, 2011

Moved by:

Mr. Menicoche

Date of Introduction:

Seconded by:

Mr. Hawkins

Disposition:

Carried:

Ruled Out of Order: