

Motion

Devolution Negotiations

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the Government of Canada are negotiating a final agreement on non-renewable resource revenue sharing, and the transfer of management of lands and resources to the GNWT;

AND WHEREAS this transfer is only desirable if it benefits all people and regions of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS Dene and Métis land claim organizations in the Northwest Territories have the right to be involved in the negotiation and implementation of a devolution accord for the NWT;

AND WHEREAS negotiations on devolution are proceeding without the involvement of any Dene land claim organizations;

AND WHEREAS attempts by aboriginal organizations to conclude a protocol agreement with the GNWT failed in January 2011;

AND WHEREAS devolution will affect self-government and land management in all regions of the NWT;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, that this Legislative Assembly strongly recommends that the GNWT suspend devolution negotiations for twelve months, or until such time as a general agreement to proceed has been reached;

AND FURTHER, to accomplish this goal, that the GNWT establish an Aboriginal Devolution Commission, comprised of representatives of all the NWT's aboriginal governments or land claim organizations;

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Date of Notice:	August 22, 2011	Moved by:	Mr. Menicoche
Date of Introduction:	August 24, 2011	Seconded by:	Mr. Beaulieu
Disposition:	Defeated RV		
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AND FURTHERMORE, that the Aboriginal Devolution Commission's mandate be a review of the current agreement-in-principle on devolution to assess the benefits for aboriginal groups, and to make recommendations to the GNWT respecting a fully-cooperative process of reaching a final agreement within twelve months of the Commission's establishment.