

Draft - Proposed



# 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

## ***PROPOSED MEMBERS' ORIENTATION***

*Tuesday, October 7, 2019 to Friday, October 25, 2019*

### **Monday, October 7, 2019**

*Travel to Yellowknife*

### **Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

*Day 1 – All Members-elect*

*Casual Attire or Traditional Dress All Day (Caucus Room)*

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Introductions/Icebreaker (Members' Lounge)
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Introduction to the 18th Assembly Transition Report
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	The MLAs Job Description/Roles and Responsibilities
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch and Optional tour of the Legislative Assembly
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Setting the Priorities of the 19th Assembly
2:30 pm- 3:15 pm	Adoption of Orientation Program
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Consensus Government Principles and Process Conventions
4:30 pm	Adjournment

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## MEMBERS' ORIENTATION FOR THE 19<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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### **Wednesday, October 9, 2019**     *Day 2 – All Members-elect*

***Public Round Table Discussion – Priorities for the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly***  
(Chamber) – *Business Attire or Traditional Dress All Day*

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Members' Round Table Discussion (what we heard)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (Members' Lounge)
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Members' Round Table Discussion (what we heard)
4:00 pm	Adjournment

### **Thursday, October 10, 2019**     *Day 3 – All Members-elect*

*Casual Attire or Traditional Dress All Day (Caucus Room)*

8:30 am – 9:30 am	Pay, benefits and services available to you as an MLA
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Consistency Budget, Offices and Assistants
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Capital Accommodations
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Administrative Documentation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch/Overview of Swearing-in-Ceremony
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	GNWT Fiscal Framework
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	GNWT Fiscal Framework
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	MLA Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest
6:00pm – 9:00 pm	Welcome Dinner (Location to be confirmed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hosted by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</li><li>- Dress is casual and spouses / partners are welcome</li></ul>

### **Friday, October 11, 2019**     *Day 4 - All Members-elect and family*

***Swearing-in Ceremony*** (Chamber) - *Business Attire or Traditional Dress*

8:30 am – 9:30 am	Meet the Media Breakfast (Great Hall)
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9:30 am – 10:30 am	Break/Photos
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	MLA Swearing-in Ceremony
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Reception (Great Hall) Hosted by Commissioner
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Group and Individual Photos/Free time

**Saturday, October 12, 2019**                      *All Members*

*Return to Home Communities*

**Sunday, October 13, 2019**                      *All Members*

*Home Communities*

**Monday, October 14, 2019**                      *All Members*

*Home Communities*

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**                      *All Members*

*Travel to Yellowknife*

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**                      *Day 5 - All Members*

*Casual Attire or Traditional Dress All Day (Caucus Room)*

8:30 am – 9:00 am	18 <sup>th</sup> Assembly Transition Report Recommendations on Territorial Leadership Committee, timing, guidelines and procedures
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Agreement on Territorial Leadership Committee Timing, Guidelines and Procedures
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Role of the Public Service

\*Issue Media Release regarding Timing, Guidelines and Procedures for the Selection of Speaker, Premier and Members of the Executive Council

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Summary of Members' Round Table – what we heard
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Summary of 18 <sup>th</sup> Assembly Mandate and Transition Reports

**Thursday, October 17, 2019**

Day 6 – All Members

***Meeting with Aboriginal and community government leaders – Casual Attire***  
(Location to be determined - Yellowknife)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Leaders' Round Table Discussion
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Leaders' Round Table Discussion

**Friday, October 18, 2019**

Day 7 – All Members

***Territorial Leadership Committee - (Chamber) - Business / Traditional Attire***  
9:00 am – 11:00 am Premier Nominations

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

*Return to Constituencies*

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

*Constituencies*

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

*Travel to Yellowknife*

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

Day 8 – All Members

*Casual Attire or Traditional Dress All Day (Caucus Room)*

8:30 am – 10:00 am	GNWT Key Issues Briefing
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	GNWT Key Issues Briefing (cont'd)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Caucus Priority Setting
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Caucus Priority Setting (cont'd)

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**      *Day 9 - All Members*

*Casual Attire or Traditional Dress All Day (Caucus Room)*

8:30 am – 10:30 am	Caucus Priority Setting (cont'd)
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Caucus Priority Setting (cont'd)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Caucus Priority Setting (cont'd)
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Caucus Priority Setting (cont'd)
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Review of TLC Procedures

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**      *Day 10 - All Members*

***Territorial Leadership Committee*** - (Chamber) - *Business / Traditional Attire All Day*

9:00 am – 9:30 am	Selection of Speaker
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Selection of the Premier
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Members' Lounge

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm                      Selection of Members of the Executive Council

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

*Day 11 - All Members*

***Day 1 of Session*** - (Chamber) – *Business / Traditional Attire All Day*

9:00 am – 10:30 pm                      Meetings of Cabinet–elect and regular members  
(Cabinet Room and Committee Room “A”)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm                      Caucus Meeting – Selection of Caucus Chair;  
Opening Day Procedures; Appointment of Board of  
Management; House Business; Members' Code of  
Conduct; Timing of Second Session (Caucus Room)

12:00pm – 1:00 pm                      Lunch (Members Lounge)

1:30pm – 3:00pm                      Session – Opening Day Orders (Chamber)  
- “Election” of Speaker  
- Opening Address  
- Appointment of Premier and Cabinet  
- Appointment of Board of Management  
- Appointment of Standing Committee on Priorities  
and Planning  
- Adoption of Members Code of Conduct  
- Tabling of Caucus Statement of Priorities  
- Motion for Extended Adjournment

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm                      Ministers' Swearing-in Ceremony

4:00 pm – 5:00pm                      Commissioner's Reception (Great Hall)

## **PROCESS CONVENTION**

### **Priority Setting and Reporting**

#### **Preamble**

The priorities determined at the beginning of a Legislative Assembly guide the work of all Members over the term of an Assembly. Although each Legislative Assembly builds on the legacy of previous assemblies as reflected in existing laws, policies, programs, and services, no Assembly can be bound by the decisions of a previous Assembly.

Consensus government is a form of responsible government. The Executive Council provides overall leadership and direction, and is responsible to the Legislative Assembly for its decisions. Regular Members of the Legislative Assembly review and monitor these decisions in order to hold the government to account. The Executive Council must maintain the confidence of the Legislative Assembly. This is the essence of responsible government.

#### **Guiding Principles**

**6, 7, 8 and 10**

#### **Authority**

This Process Convention is established under the authority of Caucus, the Executive Council and the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning and may be amended at any time by the agreement of all parties.

#### **Process**

##### **Priority Setting**

1. At the beginning of a Legislative Assembly, after the orientation of Members-elect, each Member shall be invited by the Clerk to make a public statement about what the Member believes should be the priorities for the forthcoming legislative term. These statements shall be transcribed and the transcriptions made public.
2. Following a public statement of priorities by each individual Member, the Clerk shall convene a meeting of Caucus in order for the Caucus to establish a collective statement of priorities for the forthcoming legislative term. In establishing this collective statement of priorities, Caucus shall take into account the transcribed statements of all members of the current Assembly as well as the Report of the Special Committee on Transition Matters tabled during the last sitting of the previous Assembly.
3. The Caucus statement of priorities will be tabled in the first session of the Legislative Assembly.

##### **Establishing a Mandate**

1. Following the conclusion of the Territorial Leadership Committee and the swearing-in of Members of the Executive Council, the Premier shall promptly convene a meeting of the Executive Council to discuss a draft mandate for the forthcoming legislative term. This discussion shall take into account the stated priorities of all Members of the current Assembly as well as the Report of the Special Committee on Transition Matters tabled during the last sitting of the previous Assembly.

2. The Premier shall request that the Chair of Caucus convene a meeting of Caucus so that the Executive Council may present to Caucus a draft mandate for the forthcoming legislative terms and to solicit feedback from all Members on the draft mandate.
3. The Premier shall schedule a subsequent meeting of the Executive Council to consider feedback from all Members expressed in Caucus and to discuss possible amendments to the draft mandate.
4. Caucus and/or the Executive Council may meet as often as is necessary before the Executive Council is satisfied that the draft mandate is sufficiently responsive to the stated priorities of all Members and sufficiently feasible for implementation by government.
5. The mandate shall form the basis for the Commissioner's Address made at the opening of the second session of a Legislative Assembly.
6. The mandate of the Executive Council shall be tabled by the Premier during the second session of a Legislative Assembly.
7. Once tabled, the mandate of the Executive Council shall be referred to Committee of the Whole and debated, prior to adoption by the Legislative Assembly.

### **Reporting**

1. The Executive Council will be held to account for its progress implementing the mandate through the debate of its budgets, oral questions, meetings of legislative committees, and meetings between the Premier and Regular Members.
2. The Executive Council shall maintain a report on progress on the implementation of the mandate, and provide that report to the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning not less than once every 12 months. The same progress report shall also be made available to the public in a timely manner.
3. At the mid-point of a legislative term, the Legislative Assembly will be prorogued to allow for Caucus to discuss the priorities, the mandate and progress made towards implementation.
4. The Legislative Assembly will resume with a Commissioner's Address that will reflect any adjustments to the priorities or the mandate.
5. Not less than four months before the dissolution of an Assembly, the Legislative Assembly should establish, by motion, a joint Special Committee on Transition Matters to prepare a report with recommendations on the transition process and major priorities for consideration by the next Assembly.
6. Prior to the last sitting before dissolution of an Assembly, the Executive Council shall provide to Caucus a report on the actions undertaken to implement the mandate. This report will be tabled in the final sitting of a Legislative Assembly.
7. The report of a Special Committee on Transition Matters will be tabled in the final sitting of a Legislative Assembly.





Chair, Caucus

27 Oct 2016

Date



Chair, Executive Council

27/10/16

Date



Chair, Standing Committee on  
Priorities and Planning

28-Oct-2016

Date

# **14<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly**

## **Our Future: A Shared Responsibility**

### **Our Vision**

Self-reliant individuals and families sharing the rewards and responsibilities of healthy communities and a prosperous and unified Northwest Territories.

### **Our Goals**

1. *A strong northern voice and identity. This means...*
  - ❑ Proud northerners building the Northwest Territories of the future.
  - ❑ Northern leaders working together cooperatively on an ongoing basis.
  - ❑ Mutual trust, respect and ongoing dialogue and partnerships guiding relations amongst northern leaders.
  - ❑ Northern public and Aboriginal governments sharing control over land, water and resources.
  - ❑ Successful negotiation and implementation of Aboriginal rights agreements in all regions.
  - ❑ The Northwest Territories being a full partner, and having a strong, unified voice in the federation.
  - ❑ Adequate resources available to support operations of and investments by northern governments.
2. *Educated, healthy people living in enriching environments who are able to contribute and take advantage of life's opportunities. This means...*
  - ❑ Babies who are born healthy and grow into healthy adults.
  - ❑ Children who receive the care and nurturing they need to succeed in school and realize their potential.
  - ❑ Youth and adults who see wellness as the preferred alternative, and who make healthy and productive lifestyle choices for themselves and their families.
  - ❑ Elders who are well, supported by their community and able to live independently.
  - ❑ Thriving cultures and languages that are a source of strength for present and future generations of northerners.
  - ❑ Housing that is adequate, affordable and suitable.
3. *Well-governed, sustainable communities and regions able to fulfill their potential. This means...*
  - ❑ Advancement of community and regional agendas through mutual cooperation and shared responsibility among northern governments.
  - ❑ Clear, accountable and efficient governance structures.

- ❑ Communities and regions having the capacity they need to achieve their goals.
4. *A diversified economy that provides northerners with opportunities and choices. This means...*
- ❑ A traditional economy capable of creating opportunities for those northerners who choose to participate in it.
  - ❑ Renewable resource and tourism industries, and small northern businesses that are developed to their potential.
  - ❑ A balanced approach to the economic development of all sectors that is sustainable over the long term.
  - ❑ Northerners being the primary beneficiaries of the development of our resources.
5. *Care and protection of the natural environment. This means...*
- ❑ Respect for the land, water and traditional knowledge guiding decisions of governments, industry and individuals.
  - ❑ Responsible, coordinated management of the environment to protect the land, water and wildlife.
  - ❑ Resource development that balances economic benefits, social impacts and environmental preservation and protection.
  - ❑ Governments acting on their responsibility for the clean up of contaminated environmental sites under their regulation.
  - ❑ Responsible consumption and conservation of resources.

## *The 15<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly:* **Our Vision and Goals**

### ***Our Vision:***

Self-reliant individuals and families sharing the rewards and responsibilities of healthy communities and a prosperous and unified Northwest Territories.

### ***Our Goals:***

#### ***Goal 1: A strong northern voice and identity. This means...***

- All NWT leaders working together with mutual trust and respect.
- NWT indigenous cultures and languages that are a source of strength for present and future generations.
- Successful negotiation and implementation of Aboriginal land, resource, and self-government agreements in all regions.
- The Northwest Territories being a full partner, and having a strong, unified voice in the Canadian federation.
- Adequate resources available to support the operations of and investments by northern governments.

#### ***Goal 2: Healthy, educated, people living in safe communities, who are able to contribute and take advantage of life's opportunities. This means...***

- Babies who are born healthy and become healthy adults.
- Children getting the care and nurturing they need.
- Youth, parents and adults who see wellness as the preferred alternative, and who make healthy and productive lifestyle choices for themselves and their families.
- Elders and persons with disabilities who are well, supported by their families and community and able to live with dignity.
- Housing that is adequate, affordable and accessible.

#### ***Goal 3: Well-governed, sustainable communities and regions able to fulfill their potential. This means...***

- Community and regional goals are achieved by cooperation and shared responsibility among all NWT governments.
- All governments have clear, accountable and efficient governance structures.
- Communities and regions having the capacity they need to achieve their goals.



***Goal 4: A diversified economy that provides northerners with opportunities and choices. This means...***

- A traditional economy capable of creating and maintaining a good living and healthy lifestyle for those northerners who choose to participate in it.
- Renewable resource, small business and tourism ventures that are viable and sustainable in every community.
- A balanced approach to the economic development of all sectors that is sustainable over the long term.
- Northerners being the primary beneficiaries of the development of our resources.

***Goal 5: Care and protection of the natural environment. This means...***

- Respect for the land, water and traditional knowledge guiding decisions of governments, industry and individuals.
- Responsible, coordinated management of the environment to protect the land, water and wildlife.
- Resource development that balances economic benefits, social impacts and environmental preservation and protection.
- Governments acting on their responsibilities to clean up contaminated environmental sites.
- Responsible consumption and conservation of resources and energy by all governments, industries and individuals.



## **Northerners Working Together**

### **Vision, Goals and Priorities**

The Members of the 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly have identified the following vision and goals for the Northwest Territories and priorities for action by the 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

#### **Vision:**

Strong individuals, families and communities sharing the benefits and responsibilities of a unified, environmentally sustainable and prosperous Northwest Territories

#### **Goals:**

A strong and independent north built on partnerships

An environment that will sustain present and future generations

Healthy, educated people

A diversified economy that provides all communities and regions with opportunities and choices

Sustainable, vibrant, safe communities

Effective and efficient government

#### **Priorities for the 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly for Each Goal:**

A strong and independent north built on partnerships

- Strengthen awareness of our northern identity and uniqueness by promoting our successes, our culture, our arts, and our languages with a proud and unified voice.
- Achieve significant progress toward northern control over the administration of lands, the regulatory system, and resource revenues.
- Build strong partnerships with northern governments on areas of common interest.
- Fulfill our implementation responsibilities for existing land claim and self-government agreements, and make best efforts to reach final agreements in ongoing negotiations
- Work toward a common vision for the political development of the NWT.

An environment that will sustain present and future generations

- Coordinate our efforts to ensure development is sustainable for our land and wildlife.
- Protect our water supply and quality.
- Advance alternative energy initiatives
- Work proactively with communities on mitigation of climate change.

**Healthy, educated people**

- Prevent problems before they start by promoting healthy choices and lifestyles, and the role of personal and family responsibility.
- Enhance early childhood education, and improve support for day care services and support for children with special needs and disabilities.
- Work with families, communities and schools to improve the physical and mental well-being of our youth.
- Strengthen regional and local treatment and aftercare programs to address addictions.

**A diversified economy that provides all communities and regions with opportunities and choices**

- Promote development that reduces regional and community disparities.
- Work with regional business corporations and other partners to identify new economic opportunities.
- Support the development of sustainable local economies through small businesses and community-based sectors such as tourism, agriculture, arts and crafts, and the traditional economy
- Build community human resource capacity with an emphasis on trades and entrepreneurial skills.

**Sustainable, vibrant, safe communities**

- Pursue initiatives to manage the cost of living, and in particular energy costs.
- Improve transportation infrastructure to connect communities.
- Increase RCMP presence and strengthen the role of communities in prevention and enforcement.
- Support a healthy and sustainable voluntary and not for profit sector.
- Work proactively with communities on adaptation to climate change.

**Effective and efficient government**

- Complete a thorough analysis of the efficiency, effectiveness and value of current government operations.
- Achieve greater effectiveness, efficiencies and a more service-oriented approach through better planning, coordination and communication between GNWT departments
- Improve human resource management within the GNWT through training, career planning, and encouraging innovation by employees.
- Explore new potential sources of revenue.

**17<sup>th</sup> Assembly Caucus Priorities -  
BELIEVING IN PEOPLE AND BUILDING  
ON THE STRENGTHS OF NORTHERNERS**

**Our Vision**

Strong individuals, families and communities sharing the benefits and responsibilities of a unified, environmentally sustainable and prosperous Northwest Territories

**Our Goals**

- A strong and independent north built on partnerships
- An environment that will sustain present and future generations
- Healthy, educated people free from poverty
- A diversified economy that provides all communities and regions with opportunities and choices
- Sustainable, vibrant, safe communities
- Effective and efficient government

**Our Priorities**

**Build a strong and sustainable future for our Territory** by strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments, negotiating and implementing a devolution final agreement, achieving an increase to our borrowing limit, and working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.

Increase employment opportunities where they are most needed by decentralizing more GNWT positions, reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce, and supporting child care programs to help parents become or stay employed.

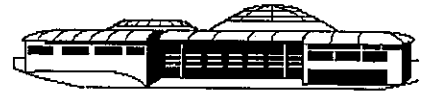
**Strengthen and diversify our economy** by making strategic infrastructure investments such as the Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk highway, the Mackenzie Fiberoptic Link, and hydro initiatives, supporting the Mackenzie Gas Pipeline project, developing a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable economic development and mining strategy, supporting the traditional economy, and improving our regulatory processes.

**Address housing needs** by completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales, selling our public housing stock where this makes sense, and putting higher density housing units in small communities.

**Ensure a fair and sustainable health care system** by investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood development, enhancing addictions treatment programs using existing infrastructure, and addressing our health facilities deficit.



# Priorities of the 18th Legislative Assembly



## **Governance: Improving accountability, transparency, and collaboration**

The 18<sup>th</sup> 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;
4. Building stronger relationships with community governments and stakeholders;
5. Support initiatives designed to increase the number of women running for elected office in the NWT.

## **Cost-of-living**

The 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Working collaboratively to promote federal investment in reducing the cost-of-living for northerners;
6. Implementing universal and affordable childcare.

## **Education, training, and youth development**

The 18<sup>th</sup> 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 K-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 capacity-building programs for our youth.

## **Community wellness and safety**

The 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Fostering healthy families by focusing on wellness, prevention, and improved nutrition;
4. Taking action on the crisis of family and community violence;
5. Creating opportunities for healthy lifestyles and community leadership for our youth.

## **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 transportation infrastructure and workforce development and utilizing partnerships with northern and Aboriginal businesses;
2. Investing in renewable resources, 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. Implementing a strategy to mitigate and adapt to climate change in collaboration with other governments and organizations.