

## Motion

### Mid-Term Review Process

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly has directed that a mid-term review be conducted in the Fall of 2017;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures was directed in Motion 7-18(1) to review options for the establishment of a mid-term accountability review of the Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories 2016-2019, and that it include the performance of the Executive Council and Standing Committees both collectively and individually;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly has received and adopted the Committee's Report on the Review of the Establishment of a Mid-Term Review Process;

AND WHEREAS the Committee report has recommended a process to guide such a review;

AND WHEREAS the process proposed will demonstrate the commitment of the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly to greater transparency and accountability;

AND WHEREAS key principles were established in the Committee report to ensure the integrity of the review process, namely that it demonstrate accountability to the Legislative Assembly and the public, that it provide a flexible and adaptable mechanism to adjust the Government's Mandate to fit changing circumstances, and above all, that it be fair, transparent, consistent, and evidence-based;

AND WHEREAS the Government is committed to public annual reports on its progress in implementing the Mandate;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh, that the following terms of reference for a mid-term review be adopted:



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Date of Notice:	October 18, 2016	Moved by:	Mr. O'Reilly
Date of Introduction:	October 20, 2016	Seconded by:	Mr. Beaulieu
Disposition:	Carried		
Carried:	October 20, 2016	Ruled Out of Order:	

- 1) Cabinet and the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning shall each evaluate progress on implementing the Mandate, make their reports public, and table them in the House at the earliest opportunity;
- 2) The Mandate be revised, if necessary, by Cabinet (with input from the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning), reviewed in Caucus, and tabled for potential debate, amendment, and adoption in the first sitting of the third session;
- 3) A Mid-Term Review Committee is hereby established, consisting of all 19 Members;
- 4) The Mid-Term Review Committee will conduct its sessions publicly in the Chamber, and be chaired by one or more Members;
- 5) Meetings of the Mid-Term Review Committee shall be conducted as follows:
  - a) The Premier shall speak for up to ten minutes on his leadership and performance, and the collective performance of Cabinet. Each Member will be permitted up to two questions, no longer than two minutes each. Responses will be no longer than two minutes each;
  - b) Each Minister, in alphabetical order, will speak for up to five minutes on his or her performance and leadership. Each Member will be permitted up to two questions of no longer than two minutes each. Responses will be no longer than two minutes each;
  - c) Members shall conduct themselves in a dignified and respectful manner, and will follow the procedures of the Territorial Leadership Committee where applicable;
  - d) On completion of the processes described above, Members will be called upon to cast secret ballots in an open forum,
    - 1) Indicating their confidence or non-confidence in the performance and leadership of Cabinet as a whole; and,
    - 2) Indicating their confidence or non-confidence in the performance and leadership of each Minister;
  - e) Ballots will be counted by the Clerk. Vote totals are not announced. The Chair will announce the aggregate result on Cabinet as a whole, and then the result for each individual Minister, in alphabetical order by surname; and

- f) In the event of an equality of votes being cast, the Clerk shall report an expression of confidence in the Cabinet/Minister.

AND FURTHER, that the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning meet annually with each Minister to conduct an oral performance appraisal similar to those in many workplaces, and for Ministers to raise any performance issues they may have with committees. The meetings should be informal and in-camera to promote frank discussion.