

Motion

Lobbyist Registry

WHEREAS lobbying government is a common activity;

AND WHEREAS it is a common public perception that powerful interests and individuals exert strong influence on governments at all levels;

AND WHEREAS most lobbying is legitimate and constructive, it is a common public perception that some lobbying may be inappropriate or contrary to the broad public interest;

AND WHEREAS it is very difficult for the public to find out anything about lobbying that takes place in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the additional responsibilities resulting from devolution are likely to lead to more lobbying pressure on the GNWT, and even greater need for proactive transparency;

AND WHEREAS a publicly accessible lobbyist registry is an effective way to improve the transparency and openness of governments by reporting who lobbies government, when, and on what subject;

AND WHEREAS lobbyist registries are increasingly common at the provincial and even municipal levels of government, following Canada's lead in 1989;

AND WHEREAS the experience of these governments provides efficient examples for others to emulate and adapt to their own circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that the Government of the Northwest Territories investigate the best way to implement a lobbyist registry that is publicly accessible via the internet;

AND FURTHER, that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days.



Date of Notice: February 17, 2015
Date of Introduction: February 19, 2015
Disposition: Carried RV
Carried: February 19, 2015

Moved by: Mr. Dolynny
Seconded By: Mr. Nadli
Ruled Out of Order: