

Review of Territorial Land Lease Policy and Procedures

WHEREAS the Territorial Land-Lease Only Policy states that the policy will be in effect in all areas where land, resources and self-government agreements and treaty land entitlements have not been settled;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous governments have settled land, resources and self-government agreements with rights to harvest and establish camps;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous people using a cabin for rights-based purposes should be exempt from lease payments for those rights-based cabins/camps;

AND WHEREAS the collection of arrears for rights-based cabins in leases by the Government of the Northwest Territories from Indigenous peoples should be considered an infringement of Indigenous rights;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous lease holders should be allowed to surrender their leases if they so choose without extra costs or removal of any structures associated with their camps/cabins;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous people should be able to enter into a lease agreement at no cost, if they so choose;

AND WHEREAS in the Government of the Northwest Territories management of unauthorized occupants should not impact Indigenous rights;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to forgive and pause the collection of current and new lease payments and fees of all Indigenous cabin lease holders immediately;

AND FURTHER, the Government of the Northwest Territories complete a review of cabin and recreational leases to ensure there is no infringement of Indigenous rights through the collection of taxes and fees;

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Moved by: Mrs. Semmler
Proposé par : M^{me} Semmler

Date of Introduction:
Date de présentation :

Seconded by: Mr. Johnson
Appuyée par : M. Johnson

Disposition:
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Carried:
Adoptée :

Ruled Out of Order:
Déclarée irrecevable :

AND FURTHERMORE, the Government of the Northwest Territories develop more consistent land use policies that are representative of completed land, resources and self-government agreements and on-going land, resources and self-government negotiations;

AND FURTHERMORE, the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to this motion within 120 days.