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Infrastructure Establishment Policy

1. Statement of Policy

The Government of the Northwest Territories will establish a department named the Department of Infrastructure, under the direction of a Minister.

2. Mandate

The mandate of the Minister and Department of Infrastructure is to provide services to the Government of the Northwest Territories with respect to the planning, design, construction, acquisition, operation and maintenance of government infrastructure; to provide services to the public through the provision of petroleum fuels, marine freighting, driver and vehicle licensing and regulatory safety services; and to promote the development and increased use of energy efficient technologies.

3. Principles

In directing the Department of Infrastructure to carry out its mandate, the Minister will adhere to the following principles:

- (1) Programs and services should be cost-effective, energy efficient and responsive and delivered as close as practical to residents of the Northwest Territories being served.
- (2) Value for money should be obtained for services and goods purchased.
- (3) The expenditure of government resources should generate meaningful and long-term business and employment opportunities for Northerners.
- (4) Government infrastructure should be planned, designed, constructed, operated and maintained in a manner that considers the life-cycle cost, performance, efficiency, safety, security, reliability and impact on the environment.



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4. Scope

This Policy applies to all employees of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

5. Definitions

Deck Cargo – for the purposes of this Policy, refers to non-petroleum goods transported on ships or barges primarily concerned with transporting petroleum products.

Government Infrastructure – for the purposes of this Policy, includes the Government of the Northwest Territories' airports, ferries, and highway system, as well as buildings, works and other assets required by the Government of the Northwest Territories to deliver programs and services.

6. Authority and Accountability

(1) General

This Policy is issued under the authority of the Executive Council. The authority to make exceptions and approve revisions to this Policy rests with the Executive Council.

Authority and accountability is further defined as follows:

(a) Minister

The Minister of Infrastructure (the Minister) is accountable to the Executive Council for the implementation of this Policy.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister of Infrastructure (the Deputy Minister) is accountable to the Minister and responsible to the Minister for the administration of this Policy.

(2) Specific

(a) Executive Council



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The Executive Council may approve a change to the mandate of the Department of Infrastructure.

(b) Minister

The Minister is:

- (i) responsible for carrying out the mandate of the Department of Infrastructure and shall preside over the operation of the Department; and
- (ii) authorized to carry out the duties described in this Policy in a manner the Minister deems appropriate for the efficient and economical fulfilment of the Department's mandate.

(c) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister is:

- (i) responsible for the management of the Department of Infrastructure including the planning, administration and other functions necessary to further the Department's mandate; and
- (ii) accountable to the Minister of Infrastructure for the proper conduct of the business of the Department.

7. Provisions

(1) Mandate Establishment

Pursuant to the Government Organization Policy, the mandate, including the authority, responsibilities and functions, of the Minister and the Department of Infrastructure, is established in this Policy.

(2) Duties of the Minister



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- (a) The Minister shall develop and carry out programs and services of the Department as may be appropriate to fulfil the mandate of the Minister and the Department.
- (b) The Minister shall have charge of and be responsible for:
 - (i) Proposing and implementing a strategic transportation plan for the Northwest Territories.
 - (ii) Proposing and implementing a strategic energy plan for the Northwest Territories.
 - (iii) Planning and implementing services and programs for driver and motor vehicle permitting, licensing, and safety.
 - (iv) Planning and managing transportation development projects on behalf of the Federal government and others through specific contracts.
 - (v) Providing project management and property management services to government for the planning, design, construction, acquisition, and operation of Government Infrastructure, including developing and maintaining technical standards.
 - (vi) Providing disposal services for surplus assets of the Government of the Northwest Territories.
 - (vii) Providing regulatory inspection and licensing services as required for boilers, pressure vessels, elevators and gas and electrical installations.
 - (viii) Providing petroleum products to Northwest Territories communities where petroleum products are not provided by the private sector.
 - (ix) Transporting bulk petroleum fuels and Deck Cargo by marine vessel to locations in the Northwest Territories to which the private sector does not routinely provide marine transportation services.



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- (x) Providing other services such as warehousing, stocked items, cartage, mail sorting and delivery as may be required by the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- (xi) Coordinating the provision of granular materials for the Government of the Northwest Territories and community governments as requested.
- (xii) Supporting the increased use of renewable energy sources and the reduction of energy supply costs.

(3) Administration

The Department of Infrastructure shall be administered in such a manner as to ensure that government requirements as expressed in statutes, acts, agreements, regulations, policies and directives are satisfied.

8. Prerogative of the Executive Council

Nothing in this Policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make decisions or take action respecting the Department of Infrastructure outside the provisions of this Policy.

Premier and Chair of the
Executive Council