

**ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND GROWTH & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE-OF-CABINET
TERMS-OF-REFERENCE**

AUTHORITY

This Terms-of-Reference is established under the authority of the Executive Council (Cabinet) of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

MANDATE

The mandate of the Economic Diversification and Growth & Environment Committee-of-Committee (the Committee) is to bring together the perspectives of multiple Ministers to (a) provide a whole- of-government response to addressing the impacts on economic diversification and growth, and the environment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and (b) identify issues, coordinate policy, track efforts and offer recommendations to Cabinet or the Financial Management Board with respect to the GNWT's focus on:

- (a) supporting regional economic growth and diversification;
- (b) workforce training and development and increasing employment in small communities;
- (c) post-secondary education systems and institutions;
- (d) partnerships with Indigenous and northern business;
- (e) leveraging federal support for GNWT transportation and telecommunications infrastructure priorities;
- (f) supporting non-renewable resource exploration and development;
- (g) supporting growth in non-extractive sectors;
- (h) maximizing benefits from development;
- (i) government procurement and contracting;
- (j) land use, sustainability and resource management systems; and
- (k) food security including affordability, production and marketing.

CHAIR

The Honourable R.J. Simpson Chairs the Economic Diversification and Growth & Environment Committee-of-Cabinet.

The Honourable Caroline Wawzonek is the Vice-Chair.

COMPOSITION

The Committee comprises the:

- Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment
- Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
- Minister of Lands
- Minister of Infrastructure
- Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- Minister of Finance
- Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
- Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
- Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation

All Members of the Executive Council have a standing invitation to attend Committee meetings.

QUORUM

The Chair, or Vice Chair and any two individuals appointed to the Committee, regardless of their portfolio assignments, constitutes a quorum.

OPERATIONS

The Committee:

- (a) will remain informed of emerging issues and challenges related to the Committee's mandate;
- (b) reviews, coordinates and monitors actions undertaken to advance the commitments of the mandate of the Executive Council that fall with the mandate of the Committee or as otherwise directed;
- (c) may meet with standing committees of the Legislative Assembly as appropriate to ensure Members of the Legislative Assembly are made aware of, and have an opportunity to provide meaningful input into discussion, reviews and proposals that fall within the Committee's mandate;
- (d) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the committee's operations;
- (e) will, following each meeting, submit for Cabinet's review, a summary of the Committee's discussions;
- (f) may be supported by a committee(s) of deputy ministers as established by the Secretary to Cabinet; and
- (g) may, through the Committee Chair, and in accordance with Cabinet direction and established conventions submit formal decisions papers proposing specific actions for Cabinet's consideration and direction.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

The Cabinet Secretariat of the Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs provides the Committee with policy and administrative support. Cabinet Communications provides communications support.

September 21, 2020

Date



Chairperson of the Executive Council