



ECONOMY, ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE 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 Economy, Energy and Climate Change Committee of Cabinet (the Committee) is to bring together the perspectives of multiple ministers to identify issues, coordinate policy and other initiatives, monitor efforts and consider recommendations to Cabinet and/or the Financial Management Board with respect to the GNWT's focus on:

- (a) economic growth and diversification; workforce training and development, labour standards and employment;
- (b) infrastructure planning, maintenance, acquisition and delivery;
- (c) leveraging federal support for GNWT transportation and telecommunications infrastructure priorities;
- (d) government procurement and contracting, including partnerships with Indigenous and northern business;
- (e) supporting non-renewable resource exploration and development;
- (f) supporting growth in non-extractive sectors;
- (g) maximizing benefits from development;
- (h) environmental sustainability, including land use, and resource management systems;
- (i) energy policy, including implementing and coordinating actions for climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- (j) post-secondary education systems and institutions;
- (k) collaboration with other governments and organizations on addressing climate change and options for climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- (l) making and incentivizing investments in renewable and alternative energy solutions;

- (m) considering measures to reduce the cost of living and remove barriers to affordable housing; and
- (n) communications approaches to and implications of government initiatives related to economic, environmental, energy and climate change issues.

CHAIR

The Honourable Lesa Semmler is the Chair of the Economy, Energy and Climate Change Committee of Cabinet. The Honourable Caitlin Cleveland is the Vice-Chair.

In the event that both the Chair and Vice-Chair are not in attendance, the Chair may designate any other member to act as Chair.

COMPOSITION

The Committee comprises the:

- Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- Minister of Finance
- Minister of Infrastructure
- Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment
- Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
- Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
- Minister of Health and Social Services
- Minister of Justice
- Minister Responsible for Housing Northwest Territories
- Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation
- Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board

QUORUM

The Chair, or the Vice-Chair, and any three individuals appointed to the Committee constitutes a quorum.

OPERATIONS

The Committee:

- (a) will remain informed on emerging issues and challenges related to the Committee's mandate;
- (b) will review, coordinate and monitor actions undertaken to address the issues that fall within the mandate of the Committee or as otherwise directed;
- (c) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the Committee's operations;

- (d) will, following each meeting, submit for Cabinet's information, a summary of the Committee's discussions; and
- (e) may be supported by a committee(s) of deputy ministers as established by the Secretary to Cabinet.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

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



February 16, 2024

Date

Chair of the Executive Council