



ECONOMY, ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPUTY MINISTERS' COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

AUTHORITY

This Terms of Reference is established under the authority of the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) Senior Management Committee of Deputy Ministers.

MANDATE

The mandate of the Economy, Energy and Climate Change Deputy Ministers' Committee (the Committee or EECC DMC) is to provide an interdepartmental focus to identify issues, coordinate policy, track efforts and as appropriate, provide direction and timelines to inform recommendations to the Economy, Energy and Climate Change Committee of Cabinet (EECC COC) 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 AND DM LEAD

The Deputy Minister (DM) of Education, Culture and Employment is the Chair of the Committee and the DM Lead for the EECC COC. The Deputy Minister of Infrastructure is the Vice-Chair of the Committee and the Vice-DM Lead for the EECC COC.

COMPOSITION

The Committee comprises the:

- Deputy Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- Deputy Minister of Finance
- Deputy Minister of Infrastructure
- Deputy Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment
- Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
- Deputy Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
- President of Housing Northwest Territories
- Associate Deputy Minister of Housing Northwest Territories

All Deputy Ministers and Associate Deputy Ministers have a standing invitation to attend Committee meetings.

QUORUM

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

OPERATIONS

The Committee:

- (a) will remain informed of emerging issues and challenges related to the Committee's mandate;
- (b) will review, coordinate and monitor actions undertaken to address the issues and challenges that fall within the mandate of the Committee or as otherwise directed;
- (c) may establish subcommittees to help carry out the Committee's operation;
- (d) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the Committee's operations;
- (e) will meet monthly or as required at the call of the Chair;

- (f) will record direction given and track related actions, as appropriate;
- (g) will report to the Senior Management Committee of Deputy Ministers, as needed;
- (h) will ensure Ministers are briefed before the meeting of the Energy and Climate Change Committee-of-Cabinet; and
- (i) will bring departmental staff members they deem appropriate to listen to the Committee's discussions and assist in the implementation of the Committee's direction.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Cabinet Secretariat and Government Communications of the Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs will provide the Committee with operational support.

Cabinet Secretariat:

- will support the Chair and the Vice-Chair to prepare for EECC DMC and EECC COC meetings;
- will, following each Committee meeting, submit for the information of its members and that of designated staff a brief summary of the discussions including a list of key action items; and
- will provide interdepartmental coordination on matters related to the Committee's work, including coordinating the meetings and work of subcommittees.

Government Communications:

- will provide high-level strategic communications advice at Committee meetings; and
- will lead thematic overarching communications planning as required by the Committee.

February 19, 2024



Date

Secretary to Cabinet