



## GOVERNANCE AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS 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 Governance and Indigenous Affairs 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) advancing Indigenous reconciliation and the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- (b) working in partnership with Indigenous governments and the federal government to advance reconciliation in the Northwest Territories;
- (c) supporting Indigenous governments to develop their capacity;
- (d) supporting cultural education and Indigenous Languages;
- (e) advancing Aboriginal Rights negotiations in the Northwest Territories;
- (f) tracking, monitoring and providing overall guidance on government progress in advancing the Priorities of the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly;
- (g) recommending whole-of-government approaches and priorities for consideration by Cabinet and/or the Financial Management Board;
- (h) working in partnership with other governments;
- (i) leveraging federal support for government and territorial priorities;
- (j) ensuring that government policies and initiatives are communicated in a manner that promotes awareness, openness, and accountability;
- (k) communications approaches to and implications of government initiatives related to governance, intergovernmental and Indigenous relations; and

(l) any other activities with governance and/or whole-of-government implications that do not fall within the mandate of another Committee of Cabinet.

## **CHAIR**

The Honourable R.J. Simpson is the Chair of the Governance and Indigenous Affairs Committee of Cabinet. The Honourable Lucy Kuptana 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 Health and Social Services
- Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
- Minister of Justice
- Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
- Minister Responsible for Housing Northwest Territories
- Minister Responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission

## **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 and challenges that fall within the mandate of the Committee or as otherwise directed;
- (c) undertakes broad strategic planning in support of the government's mandate and provide recommendations on mandate responsibilities for consideration by Cabinet and/or other Committees of Cabinet;
- (d) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the Committee's operations;

- (e) will, following each meeting, submit for Cabinet's information, a brief summary of the Committee's discussions; and
- (f) may be supported by a committee(s) of deputy ministers as established by the Senior Management Committee of Deputy Ministers.

### **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

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Chair of the Executive Council