

**RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS & PRIORITIES AND PLANNING
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 (GN WT).

MANDATE

The mandate of the Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs & Priorities and Planning Committee-of-Cabinet (the Committee) is to bring together the perspectives of multiple Ministers to (a) provide a whole-of-government response to addressing the impacts on the GNWT 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) 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 addressing the priorities of the 19th Legislative Assembly and the mandate of the Executive Council;
- (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; and
- (k) any activities that do not fall within the mandate of another Committee-of-Cabinet.

CHAIR

The Honourable Caroline Cochrane Chairs the Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs & Priorities and Planning Committee -of-Cabinet.

The Honourable Diane Thom is the vice-chair of the Committee.

COMPOSITION

All Members of the Executive Council are members of the Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs & Priorities and Planning Committee-of- Cabinet.

QUORUM

The Chair or Vice-Chair and any three members appointed to the Committee constitute 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 advance the commitments of the mandate of the Executive Council that fall within the mandate of the Committee or as otherwise directed;
- (c) will support the work of the Joint Advisory Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs;
- (d) 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;
- (e) 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;
- (f) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the Committee's operations;
- (g) will, following each meeting, submit for Cabinet's review, a summary of the Committee's discussions;
- (h) is supported by a committee or committees of deputy ministers as established by the Senior Management Committee of Deputy Ministers; and
- (i) may, through the Committee Chair, and in accordance with Cabinet direction and established conventions, submit formal decision 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