



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT 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 Social Development 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) Integrated Service Delivery and the coordination of government services to address social issues including, but not limited to:
 - a. anti-poverty, homelessness and food security;
 - b. housing quality, availability and affordability;
 - c. improving program and service delivery for children in care;
 - d. mental wellness and addictions; and
 - e. family violence;
- (b) early childhood development; available and affordable childcare; and JK-12 education systems and institutions; youth leadership and capacity building;
- (c) crime prevention and reduction, including community wellness, public safety and security;
- (d) health and social services systems, including seniors and children in care;
- (e) overall health and wellness of residents, including community wellness, healthy lifestyles, programs and services for seniors and persons with disabilities; and
- (f) communications approaches to and implications of government initiatives related to social development issues.

CHAIR

The Honourable Jay Macdonald is the Chair of the Social Development Committee-of-Cabinet. The Honourable Vince McKay 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 Health and Social Services
- Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
- Minister of Justice
- Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
- Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment
- Minister of Infrastructure
- Minister Responsible for Housing Northwest Territories
- Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

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) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the Committee's operations;
- (d) will, following each meeting, submit for Cabinet's information, a brief 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.

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February 16, 2024

Date

Chair of the Executive Council