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## Portfolio Mandate Confirmation

I am writing to provide updated mandates for the Human Resources, Transportation and Public Works and Services portfolios. These mandates may be continue to be amended as circumstances require.

It is critical that as Cabinet, we continue to carry out the responsibilities that have been entrusted to us in a manner that will bear the closest possible scrutiny. As we make important and sometimes difficult decisions to advance the Goals and Priorities of the 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, Cabinet solidarity remains essential. As a Cabinet Minister, you are responsible and accountable for the decisions taken by Cabinet as a whole.

Our government's commitment to accountability and transparency remains and as such I will be publicly releasing all updates to mandates.

I thank you for your leadership and hard work, and look forward to continuing to work with you, our Cabinet colleagues and all members of the Legislative Assembly to do our very best for the people of the Northwest Territories.

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## **Minister of Human Resources**

- Prepare for collective bargaining with the UNW, the NWT TA and the NWT Medical Association to balance providing effective programs and services to NWT residents, as well as respecting and supporting our employees, with using our limited resources effectively within the current fiscal environment.
- Lead the Department in fixing and stabilizing the foundation of core human resource services, including implementing significant corporate human resource information systems changes.
- Make progress in key areas within 20/20, the NWT Public Service Strategic Plan, with a particular emphasis on health, wellness and safety of employees, diversity and staff development.
- Lead the GNWT in the promotion of workforce planning and knowledge retention through the implementation of the Workforce Planning Strategy.
- Support the efforts of our government to transition to post-devolution roles, including new decision-making authorities and responsibilities for land, water and resource management.
- Advance the goal of the GNWT's Growth Strategy to increase the NWT population by 2000 people by 2019, particularly through options and strategies for public service recruitment and retention.
- Review and modernize the legislative and policy frameworks affecting human resources management as appropriate.
- Facilitate the GNWT's work on organizational design that supports the intent of Caucus' priority to increase employment opportunities where they are most needed.

## **Minister of Transportation**

- Pursue the construction of the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway by leading the development of procurement and financing options, as well as completing the environmental review phase of the project, which includes the collection of environmental baseline and geotechnical information.
- Continue the work with Aboriginal governments and Aboriginal groups on the Mackenzie Valley Highway and lead efforts to secure federal funding to advance the Wrigley to Norman Wells segment of the route through environmental assessment and into construction.
- Lead the enhancement of the Motor Vehicle Information System (MVIS) to ensure the system is sustainable into the future, protect data integrity and provide better services to residents and provide additional on-line services to the public and commercial carriers.
- Working with Minister Responsible for infrastructure, pursue federal infrastructure funding to develop a long range infrastructure investment agreement that provides flexibility to address Northwest Territories priorities, allocates funding on a base rather than per capita formula, and specifically addresses the strategic needs of the North.
- Lead the review of options to facilitate economic development opportunities by improving transportation infrastructure, including assessing the feasibility of constructing a seasonal overland road (SOR) as a P3 project to replace the southern portion of the ice road to the diamond mines.
- Support the efforts of our government to implement devolution of responsibilities for land and resource management from the federal government to ensure decisions on northern development reflect the aspirations of the NWT residents, communities and Aboriginal governments.
- Work with the Tłı̨chǫ government and chiefs to move forward with the work related to project description reports (PDR) for an all-weather road from Highway 3 to Whatì and add Wekweètì to the public winter road system.
- Support the efforts of our government to build and maintain respectful government to government relations by implementing the government wide Aboriginal Engagement Strategy.
- Lead the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Strategy, including a comprehensive public consultation process.
- Extend ferry services during the fall freeze-up period and accelerate the ice bridge construction on the Dempster Highway to improve community access and energy resupply to Inuvik.

## **Minister of Public Works and Services**

- Address aging infrastructure issues through the Capital Planning process and the Deferred Maintenance program.
- Pursue opportunities for new federal infrastructure funding programs.
- Promote energy efficient buildings through the Capital Asset Retrofit Program and new infrastructure design to reduce the GNWT's consumption of and dependence on fossil fuels and the production of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Support the procurement, design and construction of the Stanton Territorial Hospital renewal project.
- Work with the Office of the Chief Information Officer to develop a plan to address bandwidth capacity issues and IT infrastructure challenges to support the delivery of GNWT programs and services and the advancement of the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Optic Link Project.
- Support the GNWT's ongoing devolution implementation activities specifically in the areas of accommodations, property, contracts and records management.
- Complete Implementation of Procurement Shared Services across the GNWT to improve quality and consistency in service and to improve information collection and reporting.
- Explore supply and transportation alternatives in response to the challenge of fluctuating fuel prices in order to stabilize the cost of fuel products for Petroleum Products Division-served communities.
- Explore options for consolidation of Energy related functions within the GNWT in the Department of Public Works and Services.
- Support the efforts of our government to advance the Federal Engagement Strategy.