

**GOVERNANCE DEPUTY MINISTERS' COMMITTEE  
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**AUTHORITY**

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

**MANDATE**

The mandate of the Governance Deputy Ministers' Committee is to provide an interdepartmental focus to identify issues, track efforts, coordinate policy, and offer recommendations to:

- (a) resolving outstanding Aboriginal land claim and self-government agreements;
- (b) working in partnership with Aboriginal, community, federal, provincial, and territorial governments;
- (c) implementing the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that fall within the jurisdiction of the territorial government;
- (d) advancing the principles and practices of open government;
- (e) promoting gender equity in political representation and board appointments.

**CHAIR**

Mr. Mike Aumond shall chair the Governance Deputy Ministers' Committee and is the DM Lead for the Priorities & Planning Committee-of-Cabinet.

**COMPOSITION**

The Committee comprises the:

- Deputy Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- Deputy Minister of Finance
- Deputy Minister of Justice
- Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
- Deputy Minister of Lands
- Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
- Deputy Minister of Infrastructure

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

## QUORUM

The Chair and any three individuals 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 prepare a work plan of specific actions and initiatives that support a focused, coordinated, government-wide approach to the development and implementation of the committee's mandate;
- (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 and track decisions and related actions; and
- (g) will report as needed to the Senior Management Committee of Deputy Ministers.

## OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

The Office of Priorities & Planning, Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs, will provide the Committee with policy and administrative support; Corporate Communications, Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs, will provide communications support.

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