



## DEPUTY MINISTER RECONCILIATION, INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND PRIORITIES & PLANNING COMMITTEE

### TERMS-OF-REFERENCE

#### AUTHORITY

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

#### MANDATE

The mandate of the Deputy Minister Reconciliation, Indigenous Affairs, and Priorities & Planning Committee (the Committee or RIAPP DMC) is to provide (a) a whole-of-government response to addressing the impacts on reconciliation, indigenous affairs and the priorities and planning of the GNWT as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and (b) an interdepartmental focus to identify issues, coordinate policy, track efforts and offer recommendations to the:

1. Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs Committee-of-Cabinet with respect to the GNWT's focus on:
  - (a) advancing Indigenous reconciliation and 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; and
  - (e) advancing Aboriginal Rights negotiations in the Northwest Territories; and
2. Priorities and Planning Committee-of-Cabinet with respect to the GNWT's focus on:
  - (a) tracking, monitoring and overall guidance on government progress in addressing the priorities of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly and the mandate of the Executive Council;
  - (b) whole-of-government approaches and priorities;
  - (c) working in partnership with other governments;
  - (d) leveraging federal support for government and territorial priorities;
  - (e) ensuring government policies and initiatives are communicated in a manner that promotes awareness, openness and accountability; and
  - (f) any activities that do not fall within the mandate of another Deputy Ministers' Committee.

## **CHAIR**

The Deputy Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs will serve as the Chair of the Committee. The Deputy Minister of Justice will serve as the Vice-Chair of the Committee.

## **COMPOSITION**

The Committee is comprised of the following:

- Deputy Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- Deputy Minister of Justice
- Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Employment
- Associate Deputy Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Renewal
- Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
- Deputy Minister of Finance
- Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services
- Deputy Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment
- Deputy Minister of Infrastructure
- Deputy Minister of Lands
- Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
- President of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation

## **QUORUM**

The Chair, or Vice Chair and any two individuals appointed to the Committee will 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) 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;
- (g) will report as needed to the Senior Management Committee of Deputy Ministers; and
- (h) will ensure Ministers are briefed before the meeting of the Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs Committee-of-Cabinet and the Priorities and Planning Committee-of-Cabinet.
- (i) will bring departmental staff as they deem appropriate to listen to the Committee's discussions and assist in the implementation of the Committee's direction.

## OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Cabinet Secretariat of the Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs will provide the Committee with policy and administrative support. Corporate Communications of the Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs will provide communications support.

Cabinet Secretariat will:

- support the Chair and Vice Chair to prepare for Deputy Minister Committee and/or Committee-of-Cabinet meetings (as per Operations (h));
- provide the Committee members and the Secretary to Cabinet with a brief written summary of the discussions including a list of the action items following each meeting of the Committee; and
- provide interdepartmental coordination on matters related to the Committee's work, including coordinating the meetings and work of subcommittees (as per Operations (c)).


Corporate Communications will:

- provide high-level strategic communications advice at Committee meetings; and
- lead thematic overarching communications planning as required by the Committee.

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Secretary to Cabinet