



NORTHERN CO-OPERATION ACCORD

AMONG:

The Government of Northwest Territories as represented by its Premier

AND:

The Government of Nunavut as represented by its Premier

AND:

The Government of Yukon as represented by its Premier

(collectively the “Governments”)

WHEREAS the Governments acknowledge their ties of history, geography and peoples and the unique circumstances of Canada’s North;

AND WHEREAS the Governments welcome the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of each other’s views and experience on a range of issues;

AND WHEREAS the Governments have mutual concerns and interests around matters respecting sustainable economic development, political evolution, Indigenous peoples’ rights and aspirations, the environment and social framework;

AND WHEREAS the Governments recognize the unique and important role of Indigenous people in northern social and political institutions;

AND WHEREAS the Governments wish to explore opportunities to share information and to formally collaborate on matters of mutual concern and interest;

AND WHEREAS the Governments wish to develop a common voice on a northern agenda;

THEREFORE the Governments hereby agree to this Northern Co-operation Accord as outlined below:

1. INTENT

The intent of this Accord is to promote cooperation between the Governments on matters of mutual concern and interest, to promote sharing of information relevant to such concerns and interests and to enhance the working relationship among the Governments.

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2(1)** The Governments intend to promote cooperation and collaboration on matters of mutual concern and interest using approaches that respect each Government's needs, capacity and resources.
- 2(2)** The Governments recognize there may be different perspectives on various issues due to distinct circumstances of capacity, history, priorities and aspirations.
- 2(3)** The Governments agree that this Accord shall not constrain any of the Governments from exercising its own powers and responsibilities as a government.
- 2(4)** The Governments recognize the importance of maintaining positive working relationships with other jurisdictions and agree that this Accord does not replace any existing intergovernmental relationships nor does it prevent any of the Governments from entering into agreements with other jurisdictions in the future.

3. MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE COOPERATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

3(1) The Governments intend to enable or promote:

- (a)** the enhancement of working relationships at both the political and official level;
- (b)** the development and advancement of a common agenda on matters of mutual concern and interest;
- (c)** the sharing of information relevant to such matters of mutual concern and interest;
- (d)** the provision of mutual support in matters of regional, territorial, national and international interest, including:
 - i.** fostering of economic opportunities;
 - ii.** responsible use and protection of the environment;
 - iii.** the maximization of benefits for northern people;
 - iv.** meaningful reconciliation; and
 - v.** improving health and wellness of people and communities.

4. NO LEGAL OR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION CREATED

This Accord is not intended to create any legal or contractual rights or obligations and is not to be construed as imposing any financial obligation on any of the Governments.

5. ANNUAL NORTHERN PREMIERS' FORUM

- 5(1)** There shall be a "Northern Premiers' Forum" whereby the Premiers of the Governments meet once a year to discuss those matters set out on the Forum's agenda. The Chair of the Forum will rotate annually.
- 5(2)** The Northern Premier's Forum shall occur at a time and place mutually agreed upon by the Northern Premiers. When public health and travel conditions permit, the Forum will be held in the Chair's territory. The Forum may occur in a remote or distanced format at the discretion of the Premiers.
- 5(3)** Prior to the annual meeting, the Governments shall prepare and approve an agenda of matters to be discussed and considered at the meeting, which may include:

(a) issues of regional, territorial, national and international interest;
and

(b) a review of progress and recommendations arising from jointly
conducted departmental and/or sectoral work.

5(4) In addition to the matters identified through the Northern Premiers' Forum, Territorial Ministers and their officials will be encouraged to collaborate on departmental or sectoral issues where such activity will result in improved individual or joint territorial outcomes.

6. COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Governments may appoint officials to serve as principal contacts for the coordination and organization of the annual Northern Premiers' Forum and for the expeditious sharing of information about matters of mutual concern and interest.

7. TERM OF ACCORD

This Accord shall be in effect for a period of five years from the date of signing. Upon written consent, and at any time before the end of the term, this Accord may be renewed for a further term as agreed to by the Governments.

8. AMENDMENTS

This Accord may be reviewed and amended at the Northern Premiers' Forum with the written consent of the Governments.

9. TERMINATION

This Accord may be terminated by any of the Governments upon written notice being given to the other two Governments at least 60 days in advance of the termination date.

This Accord is signed by the Governments

on this 25th day of June 2026.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:



**Honourable RJ Simpson
Premier
Government of Northwest Territories
2026 Chair of the Northern Premiers' Forum**

FOR GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT:



**Honourable John Main
Premier
Government of Nunavut**

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF YUKON:



**Honourable Currie Dixon
Premier
Government of Yukon**