

ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE 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 Energy & Climate Change Committee-of-Cabinet is to provide an interdepartmental focus to identify issues, track efforts, coordinate policy, and offer recommendations to Cabinet or the Financial Management Board with respect to the Government's focus on:

- (a) collaboration with other governments and organizations on addressing climate change;
- (b) options for climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- (c) energy policy;
- (d) making and incentivizing investments in alternative energy solutions; and
- (e) communications about government approaches to energy and climate change issues.

CHAIR

The Honourable Wally Schumann shall Chair the Energy & Climate Change Committee-of-Cabinet.

The Honourable Robert C. McLeod shall be the Vice-Chair.

COMPOSITION

The Committee comprises the:

- Minister of Infrastructure
- Minister of Finance
- Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment
- Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
- Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
- Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation
- Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation

All Members of the Executive Council have a standing invitation to attend Committee meetings.

Established: 18 February 2016

Amended: 1 April 2017

QUORUM

The Chair or Vice-Chair and any two individuals appointed to the Committee, regardless of their portfolio assignments, will constitute a quorum.

OPERATIONS

The Committee:

- (a) will remain informed of emerging issues and challenges related to the Committee's mandate;
- (b) may meet with standing committees of the Legislative Assembly, as appropriate, to ensure Members of the Legislative Assembly are made aware of and have an opportunity to provide meaningful input into discussions, reviews and proposals that fall within the Committee's mandate;
- (c) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the Committee's operations;
- (d) will, following each meeting, submit for Cabinet's review, a summary of the Committee's discussions;
- (e) may be supported by a committee(s) of deputy ministers as established by the Secretary to Cabinet;
- (f) may, through the Committee Chair, and in accordance with Cabinet direction and established conventions, submit formal decision papers proposing specific actions for Cabinet's consideration and direction.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

The Office of Priorities & Planning, Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs will provide the Committee with logistical, policy, and technical support. Cabinet Communications will provide communications support.

27/02/17

Date



Chairman of the Executive Council