

PRIORITIES & PLANNING 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 Priorities & Planning Committee-of-Cabinet is to:

- (a) track and monitor government progress in addressing the priorities of the 18th Legislative Assembly and the mandate of the Executive Council;
- (b) recommend whole-of-government approaches and priorities for consideration by Cabinet and/or the Financial Management Board; and
- (c) propose actions to ensure that government policies and initiatives are communicated in a manner that promotes awareness, openness and accountability.

The Priorities & Planning Committee-of-Cabinet also provides 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) resolving outstanding Aboriginal land claim and self-government agreements;
- (b) working in partnership with Aboriginal, community, provincial, and territorial governments;
- (c) leveraging federal support for strategic infrastructure development and to reduce the cost of living in the territory;
- (d) advancing the principles and practices of open government;
- (e) promoting gender equity in political representation and board appointments.

CHAIR

The Honourable Robert R. (Bob) McLeod shall Chair the Priorities & Planning Committee-of-Cabinet.

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

COMPOSITION

All Members of the Executive Council are members of the Priorities & Planning Committee-of-Cabinet.

Established: 18 February 2016

Amended: 1 April 2017

QUORUM

The Chair or Vice-Chair and any three members appointed to the Committee constitute quorum.

OPERATIONS

The Committee :

- (a) will remain informed of emerging issues and challenges related to the government's mandate;
- (b) will undertake broad strategic planning in support of the government's mandate;
- (c) may undertake periodic reviews of international, federal, provincial and territorial legislation, policies, strategies and initiatives relevant to the government's mandate;
- (d) 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;
- (e) may establish meeting procedures and policies necessary to the Committee's operation;
- (f) will, following each meeting, submit for Cabinet's review, a summary of the Committee's discussions;
- (g) is supported by the Senior Management Committee of Deputy Ministers; and
- (h) 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