

Motion

Northwest Territories Disability Action Plan

WHEREAS disability is defined by the World Health Organization as any restriction or inability, resulting from impairment, to perform a daily activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being;

AND WHEREAS persons of all ages living with disability have the right to live in a fully inclusive and participatory society where they have choice, are valued and respected as equal and contributing members of the community;

AND WHEREAS at least 15 per cent of the population of the Northwest Territories lives with a disability, with challenges in every community;

AND WHEREAS an additional one in nine people in the Northwest Territories are impacted by a disability as family members and care givers;

AND WHEREAS there continue to be considerable and long-standing barriers to full participation and citizenship in society for people of all ages with disabilities;

AND WHEREAS these barriers and gaps in service are not well-documented or understood;

AND WHEREAS the mandate for the 18th Assembly says Government will ensure effective supports and programs are in place for persons with disabilities by preparing an accessible inventory of GNWT supports that already exist, and responding to previous evaluations of government supports;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honorable member for Deh Cho, that the Government of the Northwest Territories work with the NWT Disabilities Council and other allies in the disability community to develop a five-year action plan that addresses the needs of the disability community, including measurable outcomes and on-going evaluation.



Date of Notice: March 1, 2016
Date of Introduction: March 3, 2016
Disposition: Carried RV
Carried: March 23, 2016

Moved by: Ms. Green
Seconded by: Mr. Nadli
Ruled Out of Order:

AND FURTHER, that the Government respond to this motion by the end of June 2016 with a proposed timeline for the development of the described action plan.