

Motion

Adoption of Members' Conduct Guidelines

WHEREAS the Members of the 18th Legislative Assembly are mindful that it is an honour and a privilege to serve the people of the Northwest Territories as legislators;

AND WHEREAS the trust and confidence the people have placed in conferring this office upon us demands the highest standard of conduct, integrity and honour;

AND WHEREAS Members are resolved to do our utmost to hear the voices of all our people; preserve our traditions and bridge them with new ways to build our future; provide legislation, policies and services for the good of the people as individuals, families and communities; promote the equality of all our people; distribute resources fairly and justly; and respect and honour our land and all its inhabitants;

AND WHEREAS Members recognize that we owe to this legislature respect as well as dedication to ensuring the integrity of our government and to earning the confidence of the people;

AND WHEREAS Members recognize that we owe to our constituents our best efforts at effective representation as well as accountability, honesty, fairness and courtesy;

AND WHEREAS Members recognize that we owe to the public a responsibility to work for the well-being of all residents of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS Members recognize that we owe to our colleagues fairness and respect for differences, and the duty to work together with goodwill for the common good;

AND WHEREAS, Members are resolved not to act, nor condone others to act, in ways which are dishonest or which exploit, slander or discriminate against others;



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AND WHEREAS Members acknowledge a vision and a responsibility to improve the lives of our people and to act in creative ways to overcome the hardships which destroy life and hope and the human frailties which fall upon us;

AND WHEREAS Members are resolved to respect and abide by the laws of Canada and the Northwest Territories and will not act in ways which will violate these laws;

AND WHEREAS paragraph 75(a) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that each Member shall perform his or her duties of office and arrange his or her private affairs in such a manner as to maintain public confidence and trust in the integrity, objectivity and impartiality of the Member;

AND WHEREAS past Assemblies have seen fit to adopt principles to guide Members' conduct;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that this 18th Legislative Assembly formally adopts the Members' Conduct Guidelines as appended and which forms part of this resolution;

AND FURTHER, that each Member of the Legislative Assembly shall sign a copy of the Members' Conduct Guidelines before the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, who shall make all signed copies available to the public through the Legislative Library and by posting signed copies on the Assembly website;

AND FURTHERMORE, that this Assembly refer the Members' Conduct Guidelines to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures for a comprehensive and public review, including a thorough examination of conduct guidelines from other jurisdictions, both parliamentary and non-parliamentary organizations, all relevant legislation, and the Rules of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, and that the Standing Committee report back to this Assembly during the fall sitting of 2016.

Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

Members' Conduct Guidelines

As a Member elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, I acknowledge that I have accepted a responsibility to serve the people of the Northwest Territories. I seek wisdom, strength, courage, honesty, and caring from the people of the North, both from those who have built our past and from those who are shaping our future.



As a legislator elected to govern the Northwest Territories, I will serve to do my utmost to:

- Hear the voices of all our people;
- Preserve our traditions and bridge them with new ways to build our future;
- Provide legislation, policies, and services for the good of the people as individuals, families, and communities;
- Promote the equality of all our people;
- Distribute resources fairly and justly; and
- Respect and honour our land and all its inhabitants.

As a legislator, I will do my best to fulfill my duties to the legislature, the public, my constituents, and my colleagues with integrity and honour.



To the legislature, I owe respect as well as dedication to my role in ensuring the integrity of our government and in earning, through my actions, the confidence of the people.

To the public, I owe a responsibility to work for the well-being of all residents of the Northwest Territories.

To my constituents, I owe my best efforts at effective representation as well as accountability, honesty, fairness, and courtesy.

To my colleagues, I owe fairness and respect for our differences and the duty to work together with goodwill for the common good.

I acknowledge human vulnerabilities and will strive to bring honour to my role as a representative of our people.



I will perform the duties of my office with integrity, objectivity and impartiality and I will arrange my private matters so as to maintain the trust and confidence of the public.

I will respect and abide by the laws of Canada and the Northwest Territories and I will not act in ways which violate these laws.

I will not act, nor condone others to act in ways which are dishonest, or which exploit, slander, or discriminate against others.

As a legislator, I acknowledge a vision and a responsibility to improve the life of our people and I will strive to act in creative ways to overcome the hardships which destroy life and hope, and the human frailties which fall upon us.

So long as I am a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I will be true to these obligations, and will work to preserve the greatness of our land and our people.