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Kīspin ki nitawih̄tīn ē nih̄yawih̄k ōma ācimōwin, tipwāsinān.

Cree

T̄h̄ch̄q yatı k'èè. Dı wegodı new̄q dè, gots'ō gonede.

T̄h̄ch̄q

ʔerih̄t'ís Dēne S̄h̄né yatı t'a huts'elk̄er xa beyáyatı theʔá ʔat'e, nuwe ts'ēn
yółtı.

Chipewyan

Edı gondı dehgáh got'ıe zhatıé k'éé edat'éh enahddh̄e nıde naxets'é edah̄ı.

South Slavey

K'áhshó got'ıne xədə k'é hederı ʔed̄ıhtl'é yerııw̄e nıd̄é dúle.

North Slavey

Jii gwandak izhii gin̄j̄ik vat'atr'ij̄ah̄ch'uu zhit yinoth̄an j̄ı', diits'at̄ ginoh̄kh̄ı.

Gwich'in

Uvanittuaq ilitchurisukupku Inuvialuktun, ququaqluta.

Inuvialuktun

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Inuktitut

Hapkua titiqqat pijumagupkit Inuinnaqtun, uvaptinnut hivajarlutit.

Inuinnaqtun

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Introduction

At the beginning of the 18th Legislative Assembly, Members of the Legislative Assembly unanimously accepted the *Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories, 2016-2019* (Mandate). The Mandate represents the first time that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) set out a formal commitment to specific actions it would take to advance the shared priorities of the Legislative Assembly.

The development of a Mandate represents an important evolution of consensus government. By providing the strategic direction to guide the work of the GNWT throughout the term, the Mandate enhances government transparency. It enables Regular Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) to hold the government to account and provides an important tool for all residents of the Northwest Territories (NWT) to measure the success of the government and of the Legislative Assembly.

The Mandate identified approximately 200 distinct commitments that would advance the *Priorities of the 18th Legislative Assembly* over its four-year term. At the mid-point of the term of the Legislative Assembly, a comprehensive review of the Mandate was undertaken, to provide all MLAs with the opportunity to evaluate the progress made towards achieving the commitments in the Mandate and make revisions to the document. Tabled in October 2017, the [*Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories, 2016-2019 \(Revised\)*](#) maintains the spirit and intent of the original document, while recognizing that new developments and major events in the NWT, Canada and the world justified the need to review and update the priorities and Mandate.

The revised Mandate includes a number of new commitments, clarification of existing commitments to allow for progress to be better tracked and reported, and streamlining of duplicate commitments that were contained under multiple theme areas. In total, the revised Mandate contains 230 distinct commitments. The collaborative process to revise the Mandate resulted in an improved document that guided the GNWT through the remainder of the term of the 18th Legislative Assembly.

As a measure of accountability, the Legislative Assembly's *Process Convention on Priority Setting and Reporting* requires Cabinet to report annually to the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning and to the public on progress made to implement the Mandate. The first annual report, covering activities during the 2016-17 fiscal year, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in March 2017 and the second, covering activities during the 2017-18 fiscal year, was tabled in May 2018. The present report is intended to provide a high-level summary of the progress the GNWT has made towards achieving the commitments in the Mandate, as well as an overview of those commitments that remain unfulfilled, as the term of the 18th Legislative Assembly draws to a close.

In addition to annual reporting, the GNWT has maintained a public website dedicated to tracking the GNWT's progress on implementation of the Mandate. At any time, residents can use this website to better understand how the government has advanced its commitments and assess overall progress on implementation of the Mandate. This website will be maintained until a new Mandate is developed. To view the Mandate and its implementation, visit: <https://www.eia.gov.nt.ca/en/mandates>.

Au début de la 18^e Assemblée législative, les députés ont adopté à l'unanimité le Mandat 2016-2019 du gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest (GTNO). C'était la toute première fois que le GTNO s'engageait officiellement à prendre des mesures particulières pour faire progresser les priorités communes de l'Assemblée.

L'élaboration d'un mandat témoigne d'une évolution notable du gouvernement de consensus. En établissant l'orientation stratégique du travail du GTNO pour 2016-2019, le Mandat renforce la transparence gouvernementale. Par ailleurs, grâce à ce précieux outil, les simples députés peuvent demander des comptes au gouvernement et la population ténoséenne est à même d'évaluer l'atteinte des objectifs du gouvernement et de l'Assemblée législative.

Dans le document original, on énonçait environ 200 engagements censés faire avancer les dossiers prioritaires de la 18^e Assemblée législative durant son mandat de quatre ans. À mi-parcours, dans le cadre d'un examen complet, les députés ont pu évaluer la progression desdits engagements et modifier le document. Déposé en octobre 2017, le [Mandat 2016-2019 du gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest \(version révisée\)](#) conserve l'esprit et l'intention du premier document tout en revoyant les priorités et le mandat à la lumière des nouveaux développements et événements importants survenus aux TNO, dans le reste du Canada et ailleurs.

Parmi les révisions apportées, les députés ont ajouté de nouveaux engagements, clarifié certains engagements

initiaux pour améliorer le suivi et la communication des progrès, et allégé quelque peu le contenu en éliminant les engagements qui se répétaient sous différents thèmes. La nouvelle version contient 230 engagements différents en tout. La révision collaborative s'est soldée par un document bonifié qui a guidé le GTNO pour le reste de son mandat législatif.

En vertu de la Convention sur le processus d'établissement des priorités et des rapports de l'Assemblée législative, le Cabinet est tenu de rendre des comptes annuellement au Comité permanent des priorités et de la planification et au grand public sur la progression de la mise en œuvre du Mandat. Le premier rapport annuel, couvrant les activités de l'exercice 2016-2017, a été déposé devant l'Assemblée en mars 2017; le deuxième, couvrant l'exercice 2017-2018, a été présenté en mai 2018. Le présent document vise à résumer globalement l'avancement des engagements du GTNO et à présenter brièvement les engagements qui, alors que la 18^e Assemblée législative tire à sa fin, n'ont toujours pas été concrétisés.

Outre la préparation de rapports annuels, le GTNO tient à jour un site Web public permettant de suivre l'évolution de la mise en œuvre du mandat. Les Ténoséens peuvent le consulter en tout temps pour, d'une part, mieux comprendre la façon dont le gouvernement a fait avancer ses engagements et, d'autre part, évaluer la progression générale de la mise en œuvre. Tant qu'un nouveau mandat ne sera pas élaboré, le site Web continuera d'être mis à jour. Pour lire le mandat et suivre sa mise en œuvre, cliquez sur ce lien : <https://www.eia.gov.nt.ca/fr/mandates>.

The revised Mandate identifies 230 distinct commitments that support the five theme areas identified in the [Updated Priorities of the 18th Legislative Assembly](#):



Economy, Environment and Climate Change



Education, Training and Youth Development



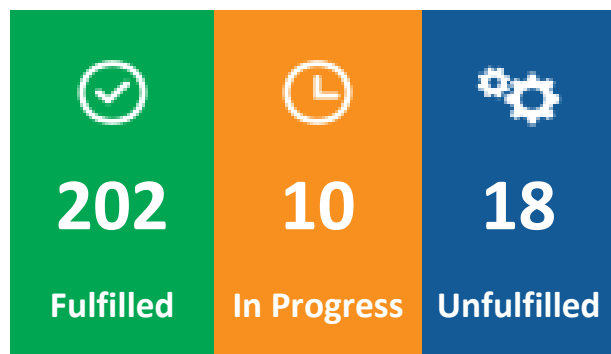
Cost of Living



Community Wellness and Safety



Governance



In the *2017-2018 Annual Report on Implementation of the Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories*, the GNWT had fulfilled 60 commitments, while 160 were in progress and 10 were in the planning stage as of March 31, 2018. Between April 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019, an additional 142 mandate commitments have been fulfilled.

As of the release of this final report, the GNWT has fulfilled 202 of its 230 mandate commitments. 10 further commitments remain in progress and are

expected to be completed before September 1, 2019 when the 18th Legislative Assembly will rise.

While substantial progress has been made towards these 230 commitments, 18 commitments will remain unfulfilled within the term of the 18th Legislative Assembly for reasons that include:

- outside factors beyond control of the GNWT;
- the work required to complete the commitments spans a longer period than that covered by the Mandate; or
- the commitment took longer than originally anticipated.

In most cases, advancing these commitments will continue in the 19th Legislative Assembly.

The remainder of this report outlines the GNWT's progress in the Mandate's five theme areas, provides an overview of unfulfilled commitments and lists the significant actions and accomplishments made between April 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019 in Appendix 1.



Économie, environnement et changements climatiques



Éducation, formation et développement des jeunes



Coût de la vie



Mieux-être communautaire et sécurité



Gouvernance



Dans le rapport annuel 2017-2018 sur la mise en œuvre du mandat du GTNO, au 31 mars 2018, 60 engagements avaient été concrétisés, tandis que 160 étaient en cours de réalisation et 10, à l'étape de planification. Du 1^{er} avril 2018 au 31 juillet 2019, 142 engagements supplémentaires ont été menés à terme.

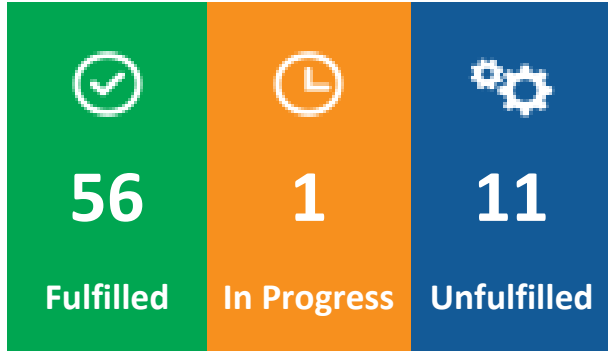
En date d'aujourd'hui, le GTNO a respecté 202 engagements sur 230. On en compte 10 en cours de réalisation, qui devraient être concrétisés avant le 1^{er} septembre 2019, date de fin de la 18^e Assemblée.

Malgré les grands progrès accomplis pour respecter ces 230 engagements, il n'en demeure pas moins que 18 engagements n'auront pas été honorés d'ici la fin du mandat de l'Assemblée, entre autres pour ces raisons :

- des facteurs externes, hors du contrôle du GTNO, sont entrés en jeu;
- le travail nécessaire à la réalisation des engagements aura pris plus de temps que la durée du mandat;
- le temps requis avait mal été estimé.

L'avancement de ces engagements, pour la plupart, se poursuivra lors du mandat de la 19^e Assemblée législative.

Le reste du présent rapport consiste en une présentation des progrès accomplis par le GTNO dans les cinq volets du mandat, des engagements non réalisés, et des principales mesures et réalisations accomplies du 1^{er} avril 2018 au 31 juillet 2019 (annexe 1).



The GNWT has continued to invest in developing a skilled northern workforce, make strategic investments in infrastructure, and work in partnership to improve the regulatory system and adapt to climate change. This investment allowed the GNWT to fulfill a total of 56 commitments out of the 68 commitments in the theme.

Priority 1.1: Making strategic investments in transportation infrastructure, resource development, workforce development and the knowledge economy.

The GNWT has signed agreements with Canada to help fund infrastructure projects like the Mackenzie Valley Highway, Tłı̄chǫ All-season Road, and Slave Geological Province Access Corridor. The GNWT has engaged private sector partners to improve transportation infrastructure including the rail line to Hay River and the development of the Yellowknife Airport Business Plan, 2018-19 to 2022-23. The GNWT has worked with Canada to identify priority marine infrastructure projects under the Oceans Protection Plan.

The GNWT has supported the development of the NWT workforce by:

- launching a promotional campaign to support the Regional Recruitment program;
- signing Labour Market Agreements with Canada; and
- releasing an Immigration Strategy to attract immigrants to move to the NWT.

The development of the mineral, oil and gas resources has been supported by:

- the release of the *Oil and Gas Strategy* and the implementation of the *Mineral Development Strategy*; and
- the introduction of Bill 34: *Mineral Resources Act*, Bill 36: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Resources Act* and Bill 37: *An Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Operations Act*.

The development of the knowledge economy has been supported by:

- the completion of the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Optic Link which provides high speed internet access;
- release of the GNWT knowledge Agenda Action Plan which supports research in the North; and
- the implementation of the NWT Geological Survey Strategic Plan to provide high quality geoscience and promote the successful exploration of NWT mineral resources.

The GNWT has continued to support regional and local economic development which promotes job creation by:

- updating the Support for Entrepreneurs and Economic Development Program;
- implementing the Economic Opportunities Strategy;
- completing the negotiation of separate Memorandums of Understanding with the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated.

Priority 1.2: Investing in renewable resources and energy, agriculture, arts, fisheries, forestry, manufacturing, tourism, and traditional harvesting.

The GNWT moved to expand the agricultural sector by:

- implementing the Agriculture Strategy; and
- signing an agreement with Canada under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) to support the agriculture sector.

The GNWT supported the development of the forest sector by supporting communities to improve operations at community sawmills in Fort Resolution and Jean Marie River. In addition, the GNWT provided technical support to local communities and forestry companies in Fort McPherson, Fort Providence, Fort Resolution and Jean Marie River.

The GNWT worked to improve our tourism sector by improving tourism facilities and territorial parks.

The GNWT promoted traditional economy by supporting the Fur Harvesters Auction and promoting Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur to international markets. The GNWT released the Sustainable Livelihoods Action Plan which will identify actions that support on-the-land, traditional economy and country food programs.

Priority 1.3: Improving coordination and effectiveness in resource management systems,



recognizing traditional knowledge, land claims agreements, and devolution.

The GNWT introduced a number of pieces of legislation that improve resource management systems, including:

- Bill 34: *Mineral Resources Act* ;
- Bill 36: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Resources Act* ;
- Bill 37: *An Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Operations Act*;
- Bill 38: *Protected Areas Act*; and
- Bill 46: *Public Land Act*.

The GNWT also:

- completed the Waste Resource Management Strategy and Implementation Plan;
- implemented the GNWT Traditional Knowledge Policy and Framework;
- supported the Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (NWT CIMP);
- implemented the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy; and

- negotiated with the Yukon Government to update our transboundary water agreement.

Priority 1.4: Mitigating and adapting to climate change in collaboration with other governments, businesses and NGOs.

We demonstrated leadership to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change by:

- releasing the 2030 Climate Change Strategic Framework and Action Plan;
- releasing the 2030 Energy Strategy and Action Plan; and
- supporting community governments in building capacity and developing and updating their emergency plans to address the risks of climate change.

MANDATE COMMITMENTS FULFILLED

Mandate Reference	Commitment Fulfilled
<i>Priority 1.1: Making strategic investments in transportation infrastructure, resource development, workforce development and the knowledge economy</i>	
1.1.1	We will work to secure funding to advance planning and construction of transportation projects, including three priority corridors: the Mackenzie Valley Highway, Tẖcẖq̱ All-season Road, and Slave Geological Province Access Corridor.
1.1.2	We will strengthen connections with private sector partners in transportation infrastructure (rail, trucking, airline, and marine).
1.1.3	We will strengthen connections with public sector partners in transportation infrastructure, including working with the federal government to maintain federal community resupply port facilities and marine services in the NWT, to restore safe marine operating conditions in the Port of Hay River and at key sections of the Mackenzie River Corridor, and to improve charting and navigational aids.
1.1.4	We will continue to implement the government’s Hard-to-Recruit initiative to link regional job vacancies with potential employees and on-the-job training for residents.
1.1.5	We will get more 18-24 year olds into the labour market by removing barriers to employment, using a better mix of improved educational attainment, skill development, and matching skills with employer needs through improved career development supports.
1.1.7	In collaboration with the federal government, we will increase the number of immigrants working in the NWT and increase investment by immigrants. We will implement an immigration strategy that prioritizes streamlining application processes, increasing awareness of immigration programs, and consolidating our administrative supports.
1.1.8	We will support mineral exploration and the mining sector, by implementing the Mineral Development Strategy, capturing opportunities to build transportation infrastructure that enables resources to get to market, closing the skills gap in the mining sector, implementing the Mining Incentive Program, developing and proposing a <i>Mineral Resources Act</i> , and supporting Aboriginal governments to build



Mandate Reference	Commitment Fulfilled
	capacity in dealing with mining-related activities.
1.1.9	We will develop a long-term strategy to attract investment in oil and gas resources that will provide economic and energy benefits to NWT residents and businesses, while recognizing and protecting environmental, social, cultural and economic values.
1.1.10	We will ensure that residents have meaningful opportunities to participate in the assessment of potential benefits and risks associated with resource development, including hydraulic fracturing.
1.1.11	<i>We will develop and foster the knowledge economy by:</i> Completing the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Optic Link in order to help modernize the economy and enable growth in all economic sectors.
1.1.11	<i>We will develop and foster the knowledge economy by:</i> Implementing the NWT Geological Survey Strategic Plan, including carrying out Slave Province geoscience studies, ensuring the availability of high quality geoscience knowledge to promote the successful exploration for and discovery of NWT mineral resources, and defining permafrost conditions that may impact future infrastructure development.
1.1.11	<i>We will develop and foster the knowledge economy by:</i> Implementing the Resources and Energy Development Information (REDI) initiative to increase public awareness and understanding of NWT renewable and non-renewable mineral and energy resources and the means by which they can be developed in a responsible and sustainable manner. ¹
1.1.11	<i>We will develop and foster the knowledge economy by:</i> In partnership with other organizations, supporting the creation of a central repository that supports knowledge dissemination, research, and best practices for northern farming conditions, and promoting innovative farm practices and northern based greenhouse and related technologies.
1.1.11	<i>We will develop and foster the knowledge economy by:</i> Building upon the research vision developed in the GNWT Knowledge Agenda: Northern Research for Northern Priorities, and other strategic instruments, to support the generation of knowledge (e.g. traditional and local knowledge and western science) and innovation to enhance decision making and sustainable economic opportunities.
1.1.11	<i>We will develop and foster the knowledge economy by:</i> Researching the feasibility of creating a Northern Centre of Excellence to promote and support research, innovation, and use of traditional Indigenous knowledge, and foster partnerships with universities, governments and other organizations.
1.1.12	We will support the growth of Aboriginal business development corporations and the capacity of Aboriginal governments, through the completion and implementation of memoranda of understanding that reflect the economic opportunity objectives found in modern land claims.
1.1.13	<i>We will support small communities by enhancing job-creation programs, building community capacity and supporting new economic opportunities, by:</i> Updating the Support for Entrepreneurs and Economic Development (SEED) programs as necessary to better align with the needs of NWT entrepreneurs and businesses, including those in small communities.
1.1.13	<i>We will support small communities by enhancing job-creation programs, building community capacity and supporting new economic opportunities, by:</i> Implementing the Economic Opportunities Strategy.
1.1.13	<i>We will support small communities by enhancing job-creation programs, building community capacity and supporting new economic opportunities, by:</i> Enhancing the Small Communities Employment Support Program.
1.1.13	<i>We will support small communities by enhancing job-creation programs, building community capacity and</i>



Mandate Reference	Commitment Fulfilled
	<p><i>supporting new economic opportunities, by:</i></p> <p>Developing and implementing a strategy to increase employment in small communities that guides the delivery of territorial programming and includes a performance measurement plan.</p>
<p>1.1.13</p>	<p><i>We will support small communities by enhancing job-creation programs, building community capacity and supporting new economic opportunities, by:</i></p> <p>Establishing a committee with Cabinet Ministers and Regular Members on rural and remote communities.</p>
<p><i>Priority 1.2: Investing in renewable resources and energy, agriculture, arts, fisheries, forestry, manufacturing, tourism, and traditional harvesting.</i></p>	
<p>1.2.1</p>	<p><i>We will expand the agricultural sector by:</i></p> <p>Implementing the Agriculture Strategy.</p>
<p>1.2.1</p>	<p>We will expand the agricultural sector by:</p> <p>Improving access to agricultural land.</p>
<p>1.2.1</p>	<p><i>We will expand the agricultural sector by:</i></p> <p>Updating agricultural funding programs.</p>
<p>1.2.1</p>	<p><i>We will expand the agricultural sector by:</i></p> <p>Supporting training for commercial farmers.</p>
<p>1.2.2</p>	<p>We will invest in artist-to-market and product-to-market opportunity chains, with a particular emphasis on making investments that enable the showcasing of art and increase sales at the regional level.</p>
<p>1.2.3</p>	<p>We will support the film industry to further develop the skills and competencies of NWT film producers, build infrastructure, assist below-the-line crew and support services, and help develop marketing and communications plans for films made in the NWT.</p>
<p>1.2.4</p>	<p>We will finalize and implement the Commercial Fisheries Revitalization Strategy to increase fish production, encourage and mentor new entrants to the Great Slave Lake fishery, secure and build access to local and new markets for fishers, build a new fish processing plant in Hay River, and work with the Tu Cho Co-operative to promote and market fish caught in Great Slave Lake.</p>
<p>1.2.5</p>	<p>Through agreements with communities, we will help to establish and/or expand self-sufficient businesses that sell products from renewable resource harvesting.</p>
<p>1.2.6</p>	<p>We will develop a northern manufacturing strategy in collaboration with industry and the NWT's Manufacturers' Association to expand the manufacturing sector, identify potential areas of growth, promote and market products manufactured in the NWT and aid in the professional and technological advancement of the industry</p>
<p>1.2.7</p>	<p><i>We will expand tourism options and provide high quality public tourism facilities by:</i></p> <p>Expanding and modernizing our parks infrastructure and signage.</p>
<p>1.2.7</p>	<p><i>We will expand tourism options and provide high quality public tourism facilities by:</i></p> <p>Improving road side facilities along remote highways.</p>
<p>1.2.7</p>	<p><i>We will expand tourism options and provide high quality public tourism facilities by:</i></p> <p>Building new parks such as Doi'Toh Territorial Park in the Sahtu Region.</p>
<p>1.2.8</p>	<p>We will increase exports by working with the tourism, diamonds, and traditional economy sectors to promote NWT products to international markets.</p>
<p>1.2.9</p>	<p>We will attract foreign direct investment, and cross-promote minerals, furs, fish, forest products, and tourism to investors and markets.</p>
<p>1.2.10</p>	<p>We will build partnerships to expand resources available for community-based traditional economy programs, which could be used to support, amongst other things, local operators, culturally-based</p>



Mandate Reference	Commitment Fulfilled
	tourism, and the conservation economy.
<i>Priority 1.3: Improving coordination and effectiveness in resource management systems, recognizing traditional knowledge, land claims agreements, and devolution.</i>	
1.3.1	<i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i> Implement the agreed upon governance structure for land use planning in the Wek'èezhii Management Area.
1.3.1	<i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i> Establish Thaidene Nënë Park.
1.3.1	<i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i> Finalize and implement the Water Stewardship Strategy action plan.
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> Developing and proposing a <i>Mineral Resources Act</i> .
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> Making amendments to the NWT Mining Regulations.
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> Developing and proposing amendments to the <i>NWT Lands Act</i> .
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> Developing and proposing amendments to the <i>Commissioner's Land Act</i> .
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> Developing and proposing amendments to the <i>Territorial Parks Act</i> .
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> Developing and proposing amendments to the <i>Petroleum Resources Act</i> .
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> Developing and proposing amendments to the <i>Oil and Gas Operations Act</i> .
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> Developing and proposing amendments to the <i>Forest Management Act</i> .
1.3.2	<i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i> We will review and develop amendments to the <i>Northwest Territories Heritage Fund Act</i> in light of devolution to ensure a defined revenue stream and stronger public governance.
1.3.3	We will develop a strategy to manage the resources and potential economic and environmental benefits derived from household, commercial, and industrial garbage from private sector sources and in our municipalities.
1.3.4	We will continue to implement the Traditional Knowledge Policy and Framework across the GNWT, while working with Aboriginal governments to develop an action plan to improve the inclusion of traditional



Mandate Reference	Commitment Fulfilled
	knowledge in program development, implementation and decision making.
1.3.5	We will support the Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP) that supports the regulatory process and builds community capacity related to environmental monitoring. We will respond to recommendations in the Northwest Territories Environmental Audit for improved environmental management.
<i>Priority 1.4: Mitigating and adapting to climate change in collaboration with other governments, businesses and NGOs.</i>	
1.4.1	We will develop a territorial climate change strategy that takes into account northern energy demands and the cost of living, while reflecting international and national commitments to lower greenhouse gas emissions, exploring options for carbon pricing systems, and capturing local alternatives such as biomass, wind, geothermal and solar.
1.4.2	We will work with our partners in the territory and in the federation to implement a Canadian Energy Strategy, by participating in intergovernmental working groups on energy efficiency, energy delivery, technology and innovation, and transitioning our country towards a lower-carbon economy.
1.4.3	We will reduce diesel use for heating and electricity in off-grid communities under the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, as well as set targets for greenhouse gas reduction in the new NWT Energy Strategy and Climate Change Strategic Framework.
1.4.4	We commit to assisting community governments as they innovate to address climate change, by supporting the development of community government capital plans and asset planning, and ensuring that training recognizes the challenges of climate change.
1.4.6	We will support Net Metering through clear policy direction to the Public Utilities Board (PUB), to provide certainty to allow customers to recover their investments in renewable energy.

Mandate Commitments In Progress

It is expected that this commitment will be fulfilled when the GNWT Approach to Contaminated Sites Management document is released in August 2019.

Mandate Reference	Commitment in Progress
<i>Priority 1.3: Improving coordination and effectiveness in resource management systems, recognizing traditional knowledge, land claims agreements, and devolution.</i>	
1.3.1	<i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i> Develop an integrated comprehensive approach to the management of contaminated sites including prioritizing, sharing of responsibility in collaboration with other governments, monitoring, and a sound financial security system to prevent public liabilities.

Mandate Commitments to Remain Unfulfilled

The GNWT has made significant progress towards the development of a strong territorial economy through actions aimed at economic diversification, support for resource development, workforce development and capacity building, effective land and resource management, environmental stewardship, and important infrastructure initiatives.

The GNWT was unable, however, to meet all Mandate commitments associated with the Economy, Environment and Climate Change theme.

In many cases, this is because the commitment is related to land and resource co-management in areas where collaboration or negotiation with outside



partners is required and were at a pace not within the GNWT's control. Key legislative proposals, such as amendments to the *Waters Act* and *Environmental Protection Act*, have had to coordinate with federal legislative and regulatory initiatives, and require the collaboration of numerous GNWT partners. The multi-party nature of land use planning and its link to broader land and resource negotiations delayed the completion of new land use plans. However, the GNWT released "Finding Common Ground; A Renewed Commitment to Regional Land Use Planning in the Northwest Territories" which describes a shared understanding with its major land use planning partners on how to advance land use planning. Recreational planning in the Yellowknife periphery area also awaits further

engagement with Indigenous governments and the timeline for finalizing all identified candidate protected areas has been adjusted to allow for negotiations with Indigenous governments to advance further.

In other cases, such as the formal integration of the Land Use and Sustainability Framework into GNWT decision processes, draft work has been substantially completed but finalization was delayed due to additional time required for interdepartmental engagement.

Finalization of these important action items, which will strengthen the NWT's foundation for a resilient and sustainable future, is expected to continue during the 19th Legislative Assembly.

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Priority 1.1: Making strategic investments in transportation infrastructure, resource development, workforce development and the knowledge economy.

1.1.11	<i>We will develop and foster the knowledge economy by:</i> Supporting the development and growth of post-secondary institutions and programs available in the NWT.	The Aurora College Strategic Plan will not be completed within the 18 th Legislative Assembly. Release is expected during the 19 th Legislative Assembly.
1.1.14	We will reduce taxes on small businesses.	Small business taxes were reviewed and options developed. Due to the GNWT's current fiscal situation, the GNWT made a policy decision not to reduce taxes on businesses.

Priority 1.3: Improving coordination and effectiveness in resource management systems, recognizing traditional knowledge, land claims agreements, and devolution.

1.3.1	<i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i> Create a defined set of collective land use and sustainability objectives.	While the draft work is substantively completed, additional time is required for interdepartmental engagement prior to finalizing the approach.
1.3.1	<i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i> Develop a method for integrating our land use and sustainability objectives into GNWT decision processes.	While the draft work is substantively completed, additional time is required for interdepartmental engagement prior to finalizing the approach.
1.3.1	<i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i> Develop an approach to monitor and evaluate the degree to which GNWT decisions are contributing to our collective objectives.	While the draft work is substantively completed, additional time is required for interdepartmental engagement prior to finalizing the approach.
1.3.1	<i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i> Complete land-use plans for all areas, including regions without land and resources agreements, in collaboration with Aboriginal governments.	The completion of land use plans requires agreement and approval of Indigenous and federal partners. On March 8th, 2019 all parties agreed to work together to complete a draft Interim Dehcho Land

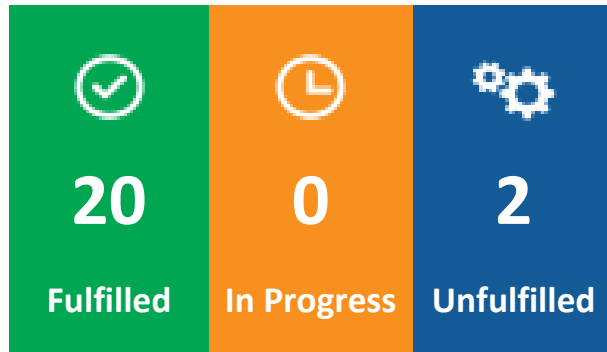


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		<p>Use Plan for public review by April 2020.</p> <p>The GNWT, Akaitcho Dene First Nations and Northwest Territory Métis Nation have developed a draft Terms of Reference for planning in the Southeastern NWT and are now ready to proceed with the first phase, pending Canada's further commitment.</p>
<p>1.3.1</p>	<p><i>In order to advance the territorial vision of land and resource management in accordance with the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, we will evolve our legislative, regulatory, and policy systems by:</i></p> <p>Finalize the Recreational Leasing Management Framework, and the plan for the Yellowknife Periphery Area.</p>	<p>The Recreational Leasing Management Framework was released in March 2017. Yellowknife Periphery Area recreation management plan is substantively complete but finalization is linked to broader land management work with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.</p>
<p>1.3.1</p>	<p><i>Using the Land Use and Sustainability Framework to be clear and transparent, we will:</i></p> <p>Finalize and implement the Conservation Action Plan in order to finalize existing candidate protected areas.</p>	<p>The GNWT is implementing a five-year work plan for conservation network planning, <i>Healthy Land, Healthy People</i>. Significant progress has been made on four of the eight identified candidate protected areas: Thaidene Nënë, Ts'udé Niljné Tuyeta (Ramparts), Dinàgà Wek'èhodì and Edézhfíe. Establishment of the remaining four areas is linked to land claim negotiations in the Dehcho Region.</p>
<p>1.3.2</p>	<p>Develop and propose amendments to the <i>Waters Act</i>.</p>	<p>Consultation and public engagement on proposed amendments to the <i>Waters Act</i> were carried out in 2016 and 2017. Due to the unique relationship between the <i>Waters Act</i>, land claims agreements and the <i>Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act</i>, significant preparation, coordination and legislative review has required more time than expected.</p>
<p>1.3.2</p>	<p>Develop and propose amendments to the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i> (including the development of air quality regulations).</p>	<p>Amendments to the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i> (EPA) and the creation of air regulations are ongoing but will not be completed during the 18th Legislative Assembly. Further discussions are required to coordinate the authority of the EPA as it relates to the federal <i>Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act</i> and the territorial <i>Waters Act</i>.</p>
<p>1.3.6</p>	<p>We will negotiate with Yukon, Nunavut, and Saskatchewan towards the completion of transboundary water agreements.</p>	<p><u>Yukon-NWT Transboundary Water Agreement</u></p> <p>The GNWT and the Government of Yukon have actively negotiated to update the 2002 Yukon-NWT Water Agreement since 2017. A finalized updated agreement is expected in 2019.</p> <p><u>Nunavut-NWT Water Agreement</u></p> <p>Nunavut is pursuing devolution discussions and would like to develop their own water stewardship strategy prior to negotiating a transboundary agreement with the NWT.</p> <p><u>SK-NWT Water Agreement</u></p> <p>The GNWT and Saskatchewan Government met to</p>



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discuss an agreement in 2016. Discussions will resume once internal reviews of a draft Intentions Document are completed by Saskatchewan officials.



Access to high-quality education is a key element to fostering lifelong learning, skill development, training and employability for all NWT residents, and sets the foundation for contributing to communities and inspiring a sense of identity. To improve employment success for NWT residents, the GNWT committed to closing education and employment gaps, and address recruitment and retention challenges in the NWT labour force. Beyond the benefits to the labour market, social benefits of an educated populace, including improved health and well-being outcomes, are well-documented.

Priority 2.1: Supporting quality early childhood development in collaboration with existing organizations.

The GNWT has worked to simplify administration of licensed early childhood programs. We have developed and implemented a training plan for early childhood workers and have implemented changes to Rehab and Telespeech service delivery in the regions to improve program delivery. The GNWT has released the Early Childhood Framework 3-Year Action Plan to guide the development of programs and services to support parents in ensuring their children have a strong foundation.

Priority 2.2: Increasing JK-12 support systems to improve educational outcomes.

The GNWT has:

- implemented renewed Aboriginal Language and Culture-based Education funding and accountability framework; and
- Implemented Accountability Framework for Education Bodies.

Priority 2.3: Expanding opportunities for post-secondary education, trades-oriented learning, and northern educational institutions.

The GNWT has worked to expand the opportunities for post-secondary and trades education in the North and has expanded the number of online courses to support capacity development for community government employees. The GNWT introduced Bill 48: *Post-Secondary Education Act* and has begun the work to transform Aurora College into a polytechnic university.

Priority 2.4: Increasing cultural programming in education and revitalizing Aboriginal languages.

The GNWT has worked to strengthen cultural and language programming in the NWT. This includes delivering a hunter education course to NWT hunters. The expansion of the École Allain St Cyr to deliver French language education was also completed.

The GNWT released the following to support the Aboriginal language development in the NWT:

- revised Aboriginal Languages Framework;
- 4-Year Culture and Heritage Strategic Framework Action Plan; and
- Aboriginal Languages Action Plan.

Priority 2.5: Enhancing and promoting capacity-building programs for our youth.

We supported youth development through the release of:

- Skills 4 Success Action Plan; and
- Apprenticeship and Occupations Strategy.



Mandate Commitments Fulfilled

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<i>Priority 2.1: Supporting quality early childhood development in collaboration with existing organizations.</i>	
2.1.1	<i>We will continue implementing Right from the Start to improve early childhood development, by:</i> Working with stakeholders and communities to ensure the territory has free play-based care for 4-year olds.
2.1.1	<i>We will implement the Right from the Start Framework to invest in early childhood development, by:</i> Revising the funding support model for licensed early childhood programs
2.1.1	<i>We will continue implementing Right from the Start to improve early childhood development, by:</i> Strengthening licensed early childhood programs through improving resource materials and increased training for early childhood workers.
2.1.1	<i>We will continue implementing Right from the Start to improve early childhood development, by:</i> Improving access to and outcomes of early intervention services for children 0-5 by looking at the results of evaluating NWT rehabilitation services and by continuing pilot projects in the Dehcho, Tłı̨chǫ, and Beaufort Delta regions, along with territorial program design.
2.1.1	<i>We will continue implementing Right from the Start to improve early childhood development, by:</i> Supporting parents with programs and supports to help ensure their children have a strong foundation.
2.1.1	<i>We will continue implementing Right from the Start to improve early childhood development, by:</i> Working with our partners to identify the need for any additional assessments for 3 and 4-year-olds entering school, beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.
<i>Priority 2.2: Increasing JK-12 support systems to improve educational outcomes.</i>	
2.2.1	<i>We will implement the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework by:</i> Implementing the renewed K-12 Inclusive Schooling Directive which provides greater direction on roles and responsibilities, increases the number of Program Support Teachers, increases emphasis on training, and increases accountability.
2.2.1	<i>We will implement the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework by:</i> Implementing a renewed Aboriginal Language and Culture-based Education Directive in order to strengthen the role of schools in supporting Aboriginal language development and culture in programming.
2.2.1	<i>We will implement the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework by:</i> Implementing a comprehensive accountability framework for the JK-12 education system with integrated program and financial reporting processes.
2.2.1	<i>We will implement the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework by:</i> Developing options to increase the approaches available to students that lead to graduation, to improve graduation rates, and to provide greater linkages to post-secondary schooling.
2.2.1	<i>We will implement the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework by:</i> Expanding the NWT distance learning pilot project to increase access for NWT senior secondary students in all communities.
2.2.1	<i>We will implement the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework by:</i> Undertaking a planning study on options for shared service administration across NWT school boards.



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Priority 2.3: Expanding opportunities for post-secondary education, trades-oriented learning, and northern educational institutions.

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| 2.3.2 | We will offer online delivery of community government training curriculum to build capacity for careers that focus on community governance. |
| 2.3.3 | We will develop legislation that outlines a quality assurance system on the basis of which post-secondary institutions will be recognized/authorized in the NWT. |

Priority 2.4: Increasing cultural programming in education and revitalizing Aboriginal languages.

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| 2.4.1 | We will strengthen culture and heritage in the NWT by implementing a renewed Aboriginal Language and Culture-based Education Directive in order to strengthen the role of schools in supporting Aboriginal language development and incorporate culture in programming, work with the Government of Canada towards a strengthened multi-year Canada-Northwest Territories Co-operation Agreement for French and Aboriginal Languages, develop an action plan for the Culture and Heritage Strategic Framework, and work with stakeholders to update the 2010 NWT Aboriginal Languages Plan: A Shared Responsibility. |
| 2.4.2 | We will finalize, in conjunction with Aboriginal governments, co-management partners and traditional user groups, a culturally appropriate, made in the north, hunter education program for delivery in all communities of the NWT. |
| 2.4.5 | We will work collaboratively with the NWT's francophone community to support French language education. |

Priority 2.5: Enhancing and promoting capacity-building programs for our youth.

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| 2.5.3 | We will support opportunities for youth by ensuring effective youth programming such as the Youth Corps, Youth Contributors, Youth Ambassador Programs, Youth Centres, and Youth Tours. |
| 2.5.4 | We will promote and improve student financial assistance to support NWT youth in developing the skills and abilities to meet their potential as well as territorial labour demand. |
| 2.5.5 | We will implement programs that support youth in their communities and in their schools to encourage local food production and consumption. |



Mandate Commitments to Remain Unfulfilled

The Aurora College Foundational Review was completed and released in fall 2018, later than anticipated when the Revised Mandate was developed. In light of the time required to complete the Foundational Review and the GNWT's full consideration of the recommendations, the development of a new strategic plan for Aurora College is not expected to be completed by the end of the 18th Legislative Assembly.

The GNWT remains committed to strengthening the foundations of Aurora College and to transforming it into a polytechnic university that will better meet the needs of NWT residents, employers and communities, consistent with the NWT Post-Secondary Education Framework expected to be released in August 2019.

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Priority 2.3: Expanding opportunities for post-secondary education, trades-oriented learning, and northern educational institutions.

2.3.1	We will take steps to close the skills gap, by conducting a Foundational Review of Aurora College followed by a renewed strategic plan and any necessary updates to the Aurora College Act as informed by the Foundational Review, improving outcomes from Community Learning Centres, strengthening the apprenticeship program, and improving our career development services.	The Aurora College Foundational Review was completed and released in fall 2018. In light of the time required to complete the Foundational Review and the GNWT to develop a way forward consistent with the recommendations, the development of a new strategic plan for Aurora College is not expected to be completed by the end of the 18 th Legislative Assembly.
2.3.4	Through Aurora College and other educational partners, we will develop and promote post-secondary programs designed to meet the Northwest Territories' needs in high-demand occupations identified in the Labour Market Forecast and Needs Assessment (2016).	The Aurora College Foundational Review was completed and released in fall 2018. In light of the time required to complete the Foundational Review and the GNWT to develop a way forward consistent with the recommendations, the development of a new strategic plan for Aurora College is not expected to be completed by the end of the 18 th Legislative Assembly.



Cost of Living



NWT residents are fortunate to live in a beautiful part of Canada rich in culture and diversity. The remote geography of the NWT allows residents the opportunity to lead lifestyles that are unique from many other places across the country; however, the northern climate, population distribution and distance from major markets result in a high cost of living and high costs of operating businesses in the NWT. Reducing the cost of living provides direct benefit to residents, not only by reducing costs, but by reducing poverty and fostering healthy families. To reduce the cost of living, innovative and transformational approaches to new and existing programs and initiatives have been pursued. The GNWT has remained committed to finding and implementing innovative ways to lower the cost of living across the NWT by addressing housing, food security, energy security, and childcare costs.

Priority 3.1: Increasing the availability of safe, affordable housing and creating solutions for addressing homelessness.

The GNWT has seized opportunities to improve coordination between governments and increase community involvement to address housing and homelessness in the territory. This includes working with federal and provincial partners on a National Housing Strategy, the federal Indigenous Housing Strategy and finalizing, along with other provinces and territories, an agreement with Canada that will set the stage for increased housing and homelessness investment.

Community based housing property management services were implemented by establishing Local Housing Organizations in Fort Liard, Gamètì, and Whatì and improved on-site support in Hay River Reserve and Kakisa. The Housing First Program, to address the demand for single person housing, was implemented in Yellowknife and piloted in Behchokò, Fort Simpson and Aklavik.

The GNWT also worked to deliver households from core housing need, supported by the release of:

- Towards Level Ground, a fully costed plan to reduce core housing need in the NWT;
- Seniors Aging in Place Repair Program;
- New Home Program; and
- Sale of Public Housing Program.

Priority 3.2: Improving food security by encouraging local food production, traditional harvesting, and effective co-management of caribou herds and other wildlife.

The GNWT has sought to mitigate vulnerabilities in food security by through substantial conservation, management and recovery efforts for harvested species. To support the management of traditionally-harvested wildlife the GNWT released the following:

- Bathurst Caribou Range Plan;
- Framework for Boreal Caribou Range Planning;
- Mackenzie Bison Management Plan;
- Slave River Lowlands Bison Management Plan;
- Nahanni Bison Management Plan; and
- ENR Sustainable Livelihoods Action Plan.

The release of the Sustainable Livelihoods Action Plan promotes opportunities to participate in the traditional economy and on the land initiatives, including increased consumption of country foods, such as fish, wildlife, berries, and mushrooms.

Priority 3.3: Supporting the use of energy-efficient technologies in residential, commercial, and public sectors.

Lowering the high cost of living and high operating costs in the NWT requires addressing fuel and electricity costs and consumption. The GNWT has expanded incentives for residents and businesses to invest in energy-efficient products and renewable energy through changes to Arctic Energy Alliance programs. Measures were taken to improve the energy efficiency of public housing.

The GNWT developed the NWT Asset Management Strategy and supporting tools to assist communities to manage their infrastructure, as well as taking into account new building technologies, energy efficiencies and conservation, and climate change.



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Priority 3.4: Increasing the production and transmission of renewable and alternative energy.

The GNWT's broader strategic vision for energy over the next ten years was formalized with the release of the NWT 2030 Energy Strategy and the first three year Action Plan.

Long-term investments are required to meet the NWT's potential for expanded hydroelectric capacity and diversified energy production. Ongoing work is looking at ways to make better use of hydroelectric resources in the North and South Slave. The GNWT has also begun the expansion and modernization of the territory's energy infrastructure with solar, wind, biomass and geothermal community projects.

Priority 3.5: Promoting federal investment in reducing the cost of living for northerners.

In collaboration with the Yukon and Nunavut, the GNWT worked with the Government of Canada to:

- increase the federal Northern Resident's Tax Deduction to \$22 per day;
- implement program improvements to, and increased federal investment in the Nutrition North Program; and
- participation in the Canadian Radio-Television Commission's proceedings to ensure

competitive and affordable broadband telecommunications services for the NWT, including the regulatory framework review of NorthwesTel.

The GNWT supported community governments to access federal funding for public infrastructure through the Investing in Canada Plan through implementation of:

- the Small Communities Fund Program;
- the Public Transit Fund Program;
- the Clean Water and Wastewater Program; and
- the Gas Tax Fund for municipal projects.

Priority 3.6: Making childcare available and affordable.

The GNWT supported the sustainability of childcare spaces and early childhood development programs by:

- implementing Junior Kindergarten in all NWT communities;
- implementing simplified administration and changes to the funding model for licensed early childhood programs; and
- signing of the Early Learning and Child Care Framework Agreement with the federal government.

Mandate Commitments Fulfilled

Mandate Reference	Commitment Fulfilled
<i>Priority 3.1: Increasing the availability of safe, affordable housing and creating solutions for addressing homelessness.</i>	
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Working in partnership with other orders of government to address affordable housing requirements in support of their service delivery to NWT residents.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Developing program approaches such as Housing First to address high demand for single person households, including those that are homeless.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Reviewing the GNWT's homelessness supports and implementing recommendations that improve policy and program consistency between departments.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Implementing community based housing property management services in rural and remote communities to improve service levels.



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3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Developing options for rationalizing public housing utility pricing structures to promote self-reliance.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Demolishing vacant housing units that are beyond their useful life in order to support land requirements for new housing investment.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Developing options to support Aboriginal and local governments in their housing aspirations and initiatives to address homelessness.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Developing housing programs and services that deliver households from core housing need.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Creating a comprehensive and fully-costed plan to reduce core need.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Increasing lobbying of the federal government to halt the continued reduction in CMHC operation and maintenance funding.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Preparing to take maximum advantage of federal housing funds when available. (ongoing)
3.1.2	We will support community-based planning to help make land available for the construction of affordable and market housing and to support community governments in dealing with derelict properties in their community.
<i>Priority 3.2: Improving food security by encouraging local food production, traditional harvesting, and effective co-management of caribou herds and other wildlife.</i>	
3.2.2	We will develop a range plan for boreal caribou in the Northwest Territories.
3.2.3	We will develop species-specific wildlife management strategies for the three wood bison herds and continue to monitor the populations of muskox, and moose.
3.2.4	We will develop country food programming to promote opportunities for the consumption of foods such as fish, wildlife, berries, and mushrooms.
<i>Priority 3.3: Supporting the use of energy-efficient technologies in residential, commercial, and public sectors.</i>	
3.3.1	We will expand and improve access to incentives for residents to invest in energy-efficient products, help businesses, condominiums, and cooperatives invest in energy conservation and efficiency, and support residents and communities so that they can make investments into renewable energies, such as solar.
3.3.2	We will create a new three-year energy action plan, building on previous investments made over the past three years and the outcomes of the energy plan review.
3.3.3	We will assist community governments to improve energy efficiency and conservation, to reduce the impact of climate change by supporting development of community governments' capital, energy and asset plans, to ensure training includes challenges related to climate change, and enable community governments to use local improvement charges for the purpose of assisting residents and/or businesses in implementing energy efficiency retrofits and/or renewable energy technologies.
3.3.4	We will improve the energy efficiency of public housing.
<i>Priority 3.4: Increasing the production and transmission of renewable and alternative energy.</i>	
3.4.2	We will implement a new NWT Energy Strategy that will include renewable and alternative energy solutions and actions that the GNWT and our partners will undertake to meet targets for greenhouse gas reductions in heating and power generation as well as a 10-year strategy for investing federal and other



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	funding towards energy projects.
3.4.3	<i>We will continue to develop and advance initiatives to displace diesel generation in the NWT, including: Hydroelectric power and transmission lines, including the Taltson expansion.</i>
3.4.3	<i>We will continue to develop and advance initiatives to displace diesel generation in the NWT, including: Wind energy projects, including the Inuvik High Point Wind Project, and assessing the feasibility of wind energy projects in other communities or regions.</i>
3.4.3	<i>We will continue to develop and advance initiatives to displace diesel generation in the NWT, including: Solar energy projects.</i>
3.4.3	<i>We will continue to develop and advance initiatives to displace diesel generation in the NWT, including: Biomass energy projects.</i>
3.4.3	<i>We will continue to develop and advance initiatives to displace diesel generation in the NWT, including: Seeking federal funding under the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.</i>
3.4.4	<i>We will better use our existing hydroelectric resources by exploring options to respond to low water in the North Slave hydroelectric power system, improve hydro system water monitoring and reservoir management, and find ways to make use of surplus Taltson hydroelectric power in the South Slave region and beyond.</i>
Priority 3.5: Promoting federal investment in reducing the cost of living for northerners.	
3.5.1	<i>In collaboration with our partners in Yukon and Nunavut, we will work with the Government of Canada to increase the federal Northern Resident's Tax Deduction by at least 33 per cent, indexed to inflation.</i>
3.5.5	<i>We will support community governments to access available federal funding through the Investing in Canada Plan to invest in community public infrastructure.</i>
3.5.6	<i>In collaboration with our partners in Yukon and Nunavut, we will work with the Government of Canada to increase federal investment in Nutrition North by at least \$40 million over four years and seek improvements to the transparency, accountability and effectiveness of the overall federal program.</i>
3.5.7	<i>We will participate in all Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) proceedings that effect the north to ensure competitive and affordable broadband and telecommunication services for NWT residents.</i>
Priority 3.6: Making childcare available and affordable.	
3.6.2	<i>We will improve the accessibility, affordability and inclusivity of child care in the NWT to allow all children aged zero to five to experience an enriching, quality early learning environment, by: Supporting the creation of new child care spaces and programs in all communities.</i>
3.6.2	<i>We will improve the accessibility, affordability and inclusivity of child care in the NWT to allow all children aged zero to five to experience an enriching, quality early learning environment, by: Ensuring the sustainability of existing early childhood development programs.</i>
3.6.2	<i>We will improve the accessibility, affordability and inclusivity of child care in the NWT to allow all children aged zero to five to experience an enriching, quality early learning environment, by: Creating an action plan for a phased-in approach to making childcare more accessible and affordable.</i>



Mandate Commitments in Progress

It is expected that several commitments relating to housing will be fulfilled in August 2019. The review of the homelessness supports and implementing recommendations that improve policy and program consistency between departments should be completed once the report is completed in the fall.

We will be implementing enhanced on-site support in Hay River Reserve and Kakisa by the end of August 2019.

We have commenced developing community housing plans in 10 communities. We will be continuing to work on this through the fall.

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Priority 3.1: Increasing the availability of safe, affordable housing and creating solutions for addressing homelessness.

3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Ensuring that housing programs and services reflect community values and priorities.
3.1.1	<i>We will continue to implement northern solutions for northern housing by:</i> Reducing the number of households in core housing need in the NWT by 250 households per year for the next three years.
3.1.3	We will address the shortage of market housing in tax-based communities through collaboration with stakeholders, including the private sector, other governments, and third party organizations.

Mandate Commitments to Remain Unfulfilled

The Revised Mandate included a commitment to develop a management strategy for barren-ground caribou in the NWT to balance traditional harvesting and local food production with improved co-management of caribou herds.

In July 2018, Barren-ground caribou were listed under the NWT *Species at Risk Act* (SARA (NWT)) as a Threatened species. While this was an important step in meeting the increased vulnerability of barren-ground caribou, it has affected the timeline for finalization of the management strategy.

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Priority 3.2: Improving food security by encouraging local food production, traditional harvesting, and effective co-management of caribou herds and other wildlife.

3.2.1	We will develop and implement a multi-year management strategy for barren-ground caribou in the Northwest Territories.	The GNWT has drafted a Barren-ground Caribou Recovery Strategy but completion must occur in accordance with legislated timelines in the <i>Species at Risk (NWT) Act</i> , which extend past the 18 th Legislative Assembly.
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The GNWT's plan to address community wellness and safety begins with prevention and depends on well-informed long-term planning from birth to old age. Healthy lifestyles, strong families and safe communities provide the foundation that allows everything else to flourish. The NWT has a history of resilience, strength and a strong commitment to helping one another; however, the impacts of colonization and residential schools continue to challenge the mental and physical wellness of residents and communities. The GNWT is maximizing partnerships with governments, civic organizations, business, industry and other community partners to combine efforts and pool resources like funding, expertise, tools and equipment to advance health and well-being outcomes for all residents, particularly vulnerable populations.

Priority 4.1: Focusing on mental health and addictions by ensuring that services are delivered locally with culturally appropriate methods.

The ability to respond to the needs of individuals living with mental health and addictions issues remains an important area for action. The GNWT developed a comprehensive mental health and addictions framework designed to enhance access to GNWT programs and services and allow them to reach people when and where they need it most. The framework includes:

- Mental Health Strategic Framework;
- Child and Youth Mental Health Strategic Framework;
- Territorial Mental Wellness Action Plan;
- Territorial Addictions Recovery Action Plan; and
- An ongoing evaluation approach of land-based addiction healing programs.

Priority 4.2: Taking action so that seniors can age in place.

Ensuring residents have adequate support as they transition through lifecycle stages is a critical component of a person's well-being. The GNWT has focused on improving programs and services in communities so that seniors can live in their own homes for as long as possible. Highlights include:

- the Continuing Care Action Plan; and
- building independent living units in Fort Liard, Whatì, Fort McPherson and Fort Good Hope.

Priority 4.3: Taking action on the crisis of family and community violence.

Community and family violence, which occurs in the NWT at rates higher than the national average, is a complex issue that requires a multifaceted approach. The GNWT remains committed to initiatives and partnerships that protect victims, offer effective supports to abusers to reduce future incidents of violence, and to address the root causes of violence.

Actions include:

- the GNWT continues to provide funding and support for five family violence shelters across the NWT and provide funding and support to develop family violence protocols and response teams in regions without shelters;
- revisions to the New Day Healing Program;
- the development annual policing plans for all communities to support the RCMP and communities in their efforts to strengthen partnerships to prevent and respond to violence;
- opened an Outreach legal aid clinic in Yellowknife;
- implementation of a territorial 9-1-1 program;
- released the GNWT Implementation Plan for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action to help redress the legacy of residential schools in Canada and advance the process of reconciliation; and
- released the GNWT Response to the Final Report from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Priority 4.4: Fostering healthy families by focusing on wellness, prevention, and improved nutrition.

The GNWT has endeavored to support individuals and families to be and stay healthy, from encouraging physical activity, promoting volunteerism, breaking addictions, preventing chronic disease, and providing



culturally-appropriate options for treating trauma and illness.

The GNWT continued to implement the Building Stronger Families action plan to transform child and family services, including:

- implementation of a standardized approach to assessing children’s immediate safety needs and future risk;
- review and implementation of changes to the standards and delivery methods of the Healthy Family Program;
- implementation of the Mediation and Parenting after Separation and Divorce Program in all communities;
- development of the Family Strengths and Needs Assessment tools to improve the effectiveness of family services through an integrated care model; and
- Finalizing a strategic plan to enhance existing programming and build new partnership initiatives to support healthy and sustainable traditional lifestyles.

The GNWT also continued to implement the Right from the Start strategic framework to improve early childhood development by:

- improving oral health and developmental outcomes for children aged 0-5;
- developing options to enhance access to birthing services and pre and post-natal care, including development of a territorial Midwifery model; and

- supporting community wellness initiatives with early childhood development funding and subject matter expertise.

To address the burden of chronic diseases, the GNWT promoted healthy lifestyles, improved screening and chronic disease management. New tools and training for health care providers were developed to support patients’ management of chronic disease and addictions, including a chronic disease management framework, partnerships and investments in mental health and addictions services, and home and integrated community care. The Physical Activity Strategy was developed and released, along with healthy eating programs implemented in communities throughout the NWT.

The GNWT released the Strategic Framework and Action Plan for Disabilities. With a renewed understanding of the status of current services for people with disabilities, the GNWT has worked towards ensuring gaps in service delivery are addressed so that all people with disabilities are supported to pursue the best possible quality of life.

Priority 4.5: Creating opportunities for healthy lifestyles and community leadership for our youth.

- Reviewed the Child and Youth Resiliency Program; and
- Piloted new health and wellness curriculum for grades 4 to 9.

Mandate Commitments Fulfilled

Mandate Reference	Commitment
<i>Priority 4.1: Focusing on mental health and addictions by ensuring that services are delivered locally with culturally appropriate methods.</i>	
4.1.1	<i>To enhance access to culturally-appropriate programs and services, we will develop a comprehensive mental health and addictions framework that:</i> Prioritizes improvements to outpatient mental health services, with a particular focus on youth mental health services in schools and the broader community.
4.1.1	<i>To enhance access to culturally-appropriate programs and services, we will develop a comprehensive mental health and addictions framework that:</i> Addresses gaps in integrated community-based services.
4.1.1	<i>To enhance access to culturally-appropriate programs and services, we will develop a comprehensive mental health and addictions framework that:</i> Evaluates our land-based addictions healing programs.



Community Wellness and Safety

Mandate Reference	Commitment
4.1.1	<i>To enhance access to culturally-appropriate programs and services, we will develop a comprehensive mental health and addictions framework that:</i> Models a mobile addictions treatment team.
4.1.1	<i>To enhance access to culturally-appropriate programs and services, we will develop a comprehensive mental health and addictions framework that:</i> Enhances treatment options at local and regional levels, including aftercare.
4.1.1	<i>To enhance access to culturally-appropriate programs and services, we will develop a comprehensive mental health and addictions framework that:</i> Compiles baseline data so that government can be better held to account for the performance of mental health and addictions services.
4.1.2	Taking into account mental health and addictions, we will look at innovative ways to prevent and reduce crime such as integrated case management, wellness courts, domestic violence treatment options courts, and culturally appropriate correctional programs.
4.1.3	<i>We will enhance support to communities in crisis by providing appropriate responses to suicide, which include:</i> Utilizing the expertise of the crisis response network team members to promote enhanced suicide intervention activities.
Priority 4.2: Taking action so that seniors can age in place.	
4.2.1	<i>We will support elders to live in their own homes for as long as possible and ensure adequate supports are available for those who can no longer do so, by:</i> Completing a review of existing programs in order to project, over a 20-year period, policy and financial needs.
4.2.1	<i>We will support elders to live in their own homes for as long as possible and ensure adequate supports are available for those who can no longer do so, by:</i> Developing updated capital projections for long-term care and dementia beds.
4.2.1	<i>We will support elders to live in their own homes for as long as possible and ensure adequate supports are available for those who can no longer do so, by:</i> Developing financing options for long-term care facilities.
4.2.1	<i>We will support elders to live in their own homes for as long as possible and ensure adequate supports are available for those who can no longer do so, by:</i> Developing and implementing an action plan for enhanced home and community care services.
4.2.1	<i>We will support elders to live in their own homes for as long as possible and ensure adequate supports are available for those who can no longer do so, by:</i> Developing and implementing an action plan for expanded palliative care services.
4.2.1	<i>We will support elders to live in their own homes for as long as possible and ensure adequate supports are available for those who can no longer do so, by:</i> Building more Seniors' Supported Independent Living units.
4.2.1	<i>We will support elders to live in their own homes for as long as possible and ensure adequate supports are available for those who can no longer do so, by:</i> Marketing preventative maintenance, renovation and mobility upgrades.
Priority 4.3: Taking action on the crisis of family and community violence.	
4.3.1	<i>We will continue implementing the Building Stronger Families action plan to transform child and family services by:</i> Auditing to ensure compliance with the <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> .



Mandate Reference	Commitment
4.3.1	<i>We will continue implementing the Building Stronger Families action plan to transform child and family services by:</i> Implementing a standardized approach to assessing children’s immediate safety needs and future risk of harm.
4.3.1	<i>We will continue implementing the Building Stronger Families action plan to transform child and family services by:</i> Developing caseload and workload measures for child protection in order to monitor and track the resources that are required to ensure compliance with the <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> .
4.3.1	<i>We will continue implementing the Building Stronger Families action plan to transform child and family services by:</i> Reviewing the standards and delivery methods of the Healthy Family Program to determine whether there are more effective ways to reach families-at-risk.
4.3.2	We will explore options for expanding beyond Yellowknife, the Mediation and Parenting after Separation and Divorce Program.
4.3.3	<i>We will continue to support at-risk children and families through preventative and collaborative approaches, including:</i> Introducing a risk assessment tool to enable child protection workers to support families more effectively.
4.3.3	<i>We will continue to support at-risk children and families through preventative and collaborative approaches, including:</i> Ensuring services for children in care focus not just on safety, but also on stability and child development.
4.3.3	<i>We will continue to support at-risk children and families through preventative and collaborative approaches, including:</i> Improving the coordination, delivery and effectiveness of family services through an integrated care model.
4.3.3	<i>We will continue to support at-risk children and families through preventative and collaborative approaches, including:</i> Improving system supports for Aboriginal children and families including improving the cultural competence of service providers.
4.3.4	<i>We will continue implementing Right from the Start to improve early childhood development, by:</i> Improving oral health and developmental outcomes for children aged 0-5.
4.3.4	<i>We will continue implementing Right from the Start to improve early childhood development, by:</i> Developing options to enhance access to birthing services and pre- and post-natal care, including development of a territorial midwifery model.
4.3.4	<i>We will continue implementing Right from the Start to improve early childhood development, by:</i> Supporting community wellness initiatives with early childhood development funding and subject matter expertise.
4.3.5	<i>We will reduce the burden of chronic disease by promoting healthy lifestyles and improving screening and management, with specific focus on:</i> Promoting healthy eating in NWT communities through a variety of programs including Healthy Family Collective Kitchens and Drop the Pop.
4.3.5	<i>We will reduce the burden of chronic disease by promoting healthy lifestyles and improving screening and management, with specific focus on:</i> Hosting Healthy Living Fairs in communities.



Community Wellness and Safety

Mandate Reference	Commitment
4.3.5	<i>We will reduce the burden of chronic disease by promoting healthy lifestyles and improving screening and management, with specific focus on:</i> Increasing awareness and availability of smoking cessation aids.
4.3.5	<i>We will reduce the burden of chronic disease by promoting healthy lifestyles and improving screening and management, with specific focus on:</i> Standardizing access to cancer screening across the NWT.
4.3.5	<i>We will reduce the burden of chronic disease by promoting healthy lifestyles and improving screening and management, with specific focus on:</i> Developing improved supports for patients and families battling cancer.
4.3.5	<i>We will reduce the burden of chronic disease by promoting healthy lifestyles and improving screening and management, with specific focus on:</i> Giving health care providers tools and training to support patients and families in the management of chronic disease such as diabetes.
4.3.5	<i>We will reduce the burden of chronic disease by promoting healthy lifestyles and improving screening and management, with specific focus on:</i> Developing and proposing updated tobacco control legislation.
4.3.5	<i>We will reduce the burden of chronic disease by promoting healthy lifestyles and improving screening and management, with specific focus on:</i> Expanding the production and availability of local foods such as fish, country food, and garden produce.
4.3.6	We will continue integration of the health and social services system, including taking steps to bring the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority into the public service, to improve care for our people, by clarifying timelines, appointing people to Regional Wellness Councils and the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council, finalizing roles and responsibilities, and ensuring seamless service delivery for all residents during the transition.
4.3.7	We will continue to work collaboratively to reduce poverty in the NWT by funding community-based partners, convening meetings of stakeholders, finalizing indicators that allow performance to be assessed, collecting information from these indicators into an annual report, and developing additional options for action, and ensuring continuous quality improvement to the administration of the Anti-Poverty Fund based on evaluation results.
4.3.8	We will ensure effective supports and programs are in place for persons with disabilities by preparing an accessible inventory of the GNWT supports systems that already exist, and then by responding to previous evaluations of government supports.
4.3.10	We will finalize a strategic plan to enhance existing programming and build new partnership initiatives to support healthy and sustainable traditional lifestyles.
4.3.11	We will promote volunteerism by ensuring effective programming such as the Volunteer Development Fund, Outstanding Volunteer Awards, NGO Stabilization Fund, and the Community Volunteer Recognition Program.
4.3.12	We will reduce poverty in the NWT by implementing the GNWT commitments in the Territorial Anti-Poverty Action Plan, continuing to work with our partners to advance the plan and supporting communities' priorities for wellness. (ongoing)
4.3.13	In collaboration with residents, Aboriginal governments, community governments and other stakeholders, we will develop and implement the policy, program and legislative regimes necessary to support the legalization of cannabis in the Northwest Territories.
4.3.14	We will work with all relevant stakeholders, including non-government organizations from the disabilities sector, to complete the NWT disability review and develop a strategic framework and five-year action plan to ensure effective supports and programs are in place for persons with disabilities.

Priority 4.4: Fostering healthy families by focusing on wellness, prevention, and improved nutrition.



Mandate Reference	Commitment
4.4.1	<i>We will strengthen initiatives and partnerships to prevent and reduce family violence by:</i> Examining the feasibility of expanding the Domestic Violence Treatment Options Court beyond Yellowknife and Hay River.
4.4.1	<i>We will strengthen initiatives and partnerships to prevent and reduce family violence by:</i> Providing training, public information and outreach on the protections provided under the <i>Protection Against Family Violence Act</i> .
4.4.1	<i>We will strengthen initiatives and partnerships to prevent and reduce family violence by:</i> Supporting five family violence shelters across the NWT, including support for the overall capacity of the people who work in these shelters
4.4.1	<i>We will strengthen initiatives and partnerships to prevent and reduce family violence by:</i> Providing funding to develop family violence protocols and response teams in regions with no shelters. (ongoing)
4.4.1	<i>We will strengthen initiatives and partnerships to prevent and reduce family violence by:</i> Supporting programming for children who have witnessed violence.
4.4.1	<i>We will strengthen initiatives and partnerships to prevent and reduce family violence by:</i> Continuing to implement 'What Will it Take?', the social marketing campaign on family violence.
4.4.1	<i>We will strengthen initiatives and partnerships to prevent and reduce family violence by:</i> Continuing the support for a healing program for men who use violence in intimate relationships such as the Wek'eahkaa A New Day Healing Program.
4.4.2	We will support the RCMP and communities in their efforts to strengthen partnerships to prevent and respond to violence by supporting the development of policing action plans in each community in accordance with each community's priorities.
4.4.3	We will seek to improve access to justice in the NWT, by expanding community legal outreach programs, making family law duty counsel services available to assist self-represented family members on first appearance in family court, and expanding public education on programs and services so that people know what help is out there and how to access it.
4.4.5	We will implement the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that fall within the jurisdiction of the territorial government, especially related to violence against indigenous women and girls. (ongoing)
4.4.6	We will support and participate in a National Round Table and National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women in collaboration with families, Aboriginal governments, the federal government, and other organizations.
4.4.7	We will implement a territorial 9-1-1 program, including establishing new territorial legislation to help manage and govern the system.
Priority 4.5: <i>Creating opportunities for healthy lifestyles and community leadership for our youth.</i>	
4.5.2	We will fund after-school programs that build physical literacy and resiliency among youth through the efficient delivery of the Children and Youth Resiliency Program.
4.5.4	We will build youth resiliency in schools by supporting school staff in using self-regulation instructional practices.



Mandate Commitments In Progress

The GNWT is continuing its work on providing support to communities in crisis by providing appropriate responses to suicide prevention. The GNWT is completing the hiring process to establish a support team to form a crisis response network. In addition, the GNWT will deliver the specialized training for the crisis response network in September.

A What We Heard Report sharing the public feedback received during engagement was released in August 2019 regarding a regulatory framework for long-term care and a legislative proposal will be developed for consideration early in the 19th Legislative Assembly.

The GNWT is expecting the draft research report on social indicators and crime reduction will be available by the end of August.

Mandate Reference	Commitment in Progress
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Priority 4.1: Focusing on mental health and addictions by ensuring that services are delivered locally with culturally appropriate methods.

4.1.3	<i>We will enhance support to communities in crisis by providing appropriate responses to suicide, which include:</i> Establishing a support team of headquarters and regional staff, to form a crisis response network that can respond and provide support to communities.
4.1.3	<i>We will enhance support to communities in crisis by providing appropriate responses to suicide, which include:</i> Providing specialized trauma informed training and critical incidence stress debriefing (CISD) training to the crisis response network.
4.1.3	<i>We will enhance support to communities in crisis by providing appropriate responses to suicide, which include:</i> Building surge capacity so there is coverage for team members participating on the network.
4.1.3	<i>We will enhance support to communities in crisis by providing appropriate responses to suicide, which include:</i> Developing a program monitoring framework.

Priority 4.2: Taking action so that seniors can age in place.

4.2.1	<i>We will support elders to live in their own homes for as long as possible and ensure adequate supports are available for those who can no longer do so, by:</i> Proposing a regulatory framework for long-term care.
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Priority 4.4: Fostering healthy families by focusing on wellness, prevention, and improved nutrition.

4.4.4	We will improve our social response to crime reduction by examining and analyzing social indicators, conducting research on what works to reduce crime, and identifying any gaps in territorial programming.
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Mandate Commitments to Remain Unfulfilled

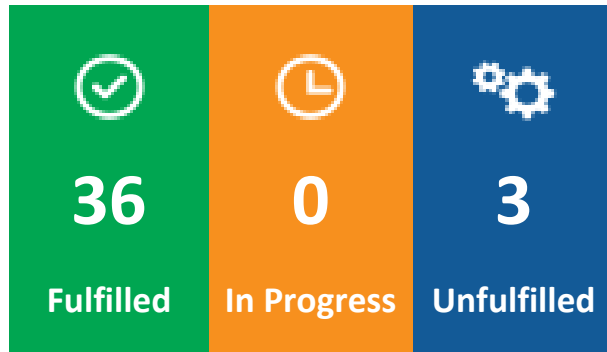
The GNWT remains focused on examining and enhancing programs directed to seniors by improving programs and services in communities so that seniors can age in place, empowering seniors by increasing the individual’s decision-making authority, and building on earlier efforts to strengthen professional supports and improve living conditions.

Resource and capacity challenges affected the ability of the GNWT to fully implement the NWT Physical Activity Strategy released in 2019. Implementation of the Strategy will begin early in the 19th Legislative Assembly.

Mandate Reference	Commitment Unfulfilled	Explanation
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Priority 4.3: Taking action on the crisis of family and community violence.

4.3.9	We will develop and implement a Northwest Territories physical activity strategy for all residents to improve health and fitness.	The NWT Physical Activity Strategy was developed in 2017 with partners and released in 2019. Implementation of the Strategy was delayed due to capacity challenges to complete stakeholder engagement due to the need to support the 2019 Arctic Winter Games. Implementation will occur during the 19 th Legislative Assembly.
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Collaborative and cooperative relationships are a foundation of governance in the NWT. Meetings between GNWT and NWT Indigenous government leaders, under bi-lateral memorandums of understanding (MOUs) and through the Intergovernmental Council, provide a forum for the discussion of areas of mutual interest impacting Indigenous governments and people, including advancing the goals of the Devolution of Land and Resources Agreement, land and resource co-management, wildlife management, land use planning, health and wellness, education, transportation, parks and conservation areas, housing, and economic development.

Priority 5.1: Collaborating and fostering government-to-government relationships with Aboriginal governments.

The GNWT has signed a MOU to strengthen our intergovernmental relations with Kát'odeeche First Nation and has worked with Canada to help deliver training to support capacity development of Indigenous governments who are delivering municipal services. The GNWT also provides annual funding and support for community wellness plans and programming.

And finally, the GNWT engaged with Indigenous governments to complete the next phase of regulation making under the *Wildlife Act*.

Priority 5.2: Advancing, finalizing, and implementing land, resources, and self-government agreements, including ongoing post-devolution initiatives.

The GNWT has been participating in the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and regulations review and amendment processes and has begun the negotiation of the management of the offshore resources with Canada and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation.

The GNWT has also been working with the Gwich'in Tribal Council to pilot an internship program to help build capacity of youth.

Priority 5.3: Increasing transparency and accountability and strengthening consensus government through improved communications.

The GNWT has introduced amendments to the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (ATIPP) and has begun to train GNWT staff on the new provisions of ATIPP, and developed a GNWT Protection of Privacy Policy to guide the GNWT's efforts to implement ATIPP.

The *Ombud Act* has received assent and a new Ombud has been appointed by the Legislative Assembly.

And finally, the GNWT has launched its public engagement guidelines to guide GNWT officials to more effectively engage with the public.

Priority 5.4: Building stronger relationships with community governments and stakeholders.

The GNWT has worked to improve its supports for community governments. During the 18th Legislative Assembly, the GNWT passed the *Emergency Management Act* to provide clarity on roles and responsibilities for emergencies. The GNWT also worked with community governments to update Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans and proposed amendments to the *Forest Protection Act*, by introducing the *Forest Act* in the Legislative Assembly.

The GNWT is also working with community governments to update their community land use plans and to help community governments track their actions to implement energy audit recommendations and energy retrofit projects.



Priority 5.5: Supporting initiatives designed to increase the number of women running for elected office in the NWT.

The GNWT has delivered workshops in the communities which encourage women to enter politics and have revised the GNWT Boards Policy to include the principle of gender equality.

Mandate Commitments Fulfilled

Mandate Reference	Commitment
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Priority 5.1: Collaborating and fostering government-to-government relationships with Aboriginal governments.

5.1.1	Consistent with the policy of Respect, Recognition & Responsibility, we will invite any regional or community Aboriginal governments that are not yet a party to one, to strengthen their intergovernmental relations with the GNWT through the negotiation of an intergovernmental memorandum-of-understanding.
5.1.2	We will consult with Aboriginal governments to complete the next phase of regulation making under the <i>Wildlife Act</i> .
5.1.3	We will work in partnership with Aboriginal governments to explore the design and launch of a training program for First Nations governments with municipal-like responsibilities in order to help improve the governance and management capacity of those governments.
5.1.4	We will work to resolve outstanding land, resource and self-government agreements with the Akaitcho, Dehcho, NWT Métis Nation, Acho Dene Koe and the Government of Canada during the term of our government, having been informed by the independent advice of the Premier's special representatives and bilateral meetings intended to advance negotiations. The approval and signing of the Sahtu Dene and Métis of Normal Wells AIP is evidence of the progress being made at negotiations.
5.1.5	We will provide funding to Aboriginal community governments and work with communities to develop wellness plans that meet local needs and priorities.
5.1.7	We will continue to support the Intergovernmental Council towards implementation of the vision of cooperative and collaborative management of lands and resources, as set out in the Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement.

Priority 5.2: Advancing, finalizing, and implementing land, resources, and self-government agreements, including ongoing post-devolution initiatives.

5.2.1	We will seek to establish a joint committee between Cabinet Ministers and Regular Members to share information and discuss approaches on the advancement of land, resource, and self-government agreements as well as initiatives to enhance relationships with Aboriginal governments.
5.2.4	We will pursue an agreement with the federal government on the management of offshore resources.
5.2.5	We will work to improve the NWT integrated resource management regime to ensure the regime reflects NWT interests and priorities.

Priority 5.3: Increasing transparency and accountability and strengthening consensus government through improved communications.

5.3.1	<i>We will improve access to information and the protection of privacy by:</i> Developing and proposing amendments to the <i>Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> (ATIPP Act).
5.3.1	<i>We will improve access to information and the protection of privacy by:</i> Creating a GNWT privacy framework and management programs, so that the privacy protections in the ATIPP Act are administered consistently and fairly.



Mandate Reference	Commitment
5.3.1	<i>We will improve access to information and the protection of privacy by:</i> Ensuring online training is available on access to information and protection of privacy requirements for GNWT employees as well as employees of territorial public bodies.
5.3.1	<i>We will improve access to information and the protection of privacy by:</i> Continuing to safeguard and improve the security and integrity of the information entrusted to government on behalf of residents, businesses and visitors.
5.3.2	We will implement the government’s new <i>Financial Administration Act</i> in order to improve government-wide planning and accountability, and overall fiscal responsibility.
5.3.3	<i>We will improve collaboration for easier access to government programs and services online, including by:</i> Aligning territorial approaches with pan-Canadian efforts to establish and use digital identities for online government.
5.3.3	<i>We will improve collaboration for easier access to government programs and services online, including by:</i> Creating a single integrated online portal for residents and businesses to securely transact with government.
5.3.3	<i>We will improve collaboration for easier access to government programs and services online, including by:</i> Increasing online accessibility to driver and motor vehicle services as well as commercial permitting services.
5.3.3	<i>We will improve collaboration for easier access to government programs and services online, including by:</i> Participating in national surveys to assess both resident and business satisfaction with government service delivery.
5.3.4	We will maximize citizens’ ability to access government by using consistent approaches to social media, visual identity, and overall communications.
5.3.5	We will establish an Open Government Policy to enhance civic participation, increase the availability and accessibility of information about government activities, and explore new technologies for openness and accountability
5.3.6	We will improve public visibility and accessibility of Cabinet by organizing Cabinet meetings in each region of the NWT, holding selected Committee-of-Cabinet meetings in public, and meeting with standing committees in public more frequently.
5.3.7	We will improve opportunities for meaningful public input into government decision making by improving access to government public engagement initiatives and reporting on how public views have shaped government decisions.
5.3.8	We will enhance collaboration between Cabinet and Regular Members by ensuring early, regular and open consultation by Cabinet with Regular Members and Committees of the Legislative Assembly, exploring more options to formally work together, and strengthening processes for consistently sharing and tracking information provided to standing committees.
5.3.9	We will develop and implement an effective communications plan to make residents aware of the mechanisms available to appeal government decisions.
5.3.10	We will do a better job of making our residents, particularly those in smaller communities, aware of available government programs and services, and how to access them, through Single Window Service Centres and our Government Service Officers.
5.3.11	We will develop legislation within two years to establish an independent parliamentary office of the ombudsman.

Priority 5.4: Building stronger relationships with community governments and stakeholders.



Mandate Reference	Commitment
5.4.2	We will take further action to monitor drinking water quality as well as support community-based water monitoring programs.
5.4.3	We will finalize community wildland fire protection plans, and develop and propose amendments to modernize forest protection legislation.
5.4.4	We will continue to pursue and assist communities in accessing new federal funding for the enhancement of community government infrastructure, including implementing the asset management framework through the Gas Tax Agreement to ensure that all communities have asset management plans.
5.4.5	We will develop a strategy to close the gap in funding levels to meet municipal core needs.
5.4.7	We will work with stakeholders to develop and propose amendments to modernize the <i>Civil Emergency Measures Act</i> and to revitalize the Territorial Emergency Response Plan.
5.4.9	We will assist community governments with technical assistance in identifying energy efficiency improvements for community government buildings and taking action to improve energy efficiency.
5.4.10	We will work with community governments to find solutions to land tenure issues which present barriers to community planning.
Priority 5.5: Supporting initiatives designed to increase the number of women running for elected office in the NWT.	
5.5.1	We will support the delivery of workshops that help to get women into politics.
5.5.2	We will support a communications campaign to increase the participation of women in politics.
5.5.3	We will improve gender equity in appointments to all territorial boards and agencies.

Mandate Commitments to Remain Unfulfilled

The GNWT continues to support Indigenous governments' administrative capacity through new training partnerships assisted by funding from the federal government. The first GNWT placement of interns under the pilot Gwich'in Internship Program occurred in 2018-19. The pilot program remains in progress while interns make their way through the three year rotation. Final evaluation by the GNWT, Gwich'in Tribal Council and Government of Canada will not be completed before the end of the 18th Legislative Assembly.

The GNWT is partnering with community governments to build water treatment plants using a bundled approach under one contract; however, the timeline for the current construction of water treatment plants will

surpass the end of the 18th Legislative Assembly. Construction has begun on three water treatment plants and all three are, expected to be operational by the end of 2020.

The GNWT conducted stakeholder engagement on potential amendments to the *Fire Prevention Act* in 2017 which identified issues requiring further consideration, including the need to work further with community governments and professional associations to discuss a legislative approach which is suitable for the Northwest Territories. The resulting timeline for introduction of the bill will surpass the end of the 18th Legislative Assembly.

Mandate Reference	Commitment Unfulfilled	Explanation
5.2.3	We will work with Aboriginal governments to jointly develop their human resource capacity, for example by finalizing and evaluating the existing pilot project with the Gwich'in Tribal Council.	Interns are part way through the three year rotation. Formal evaluation involving all three parties to the land claim will not occur prior to the end of the 18 th Legislative Assembly.



Mandate Reference	Commitment Unfulfilled	Explanation
5.4.6	We will install remote water monitoring stations in five additional communities and build three additional water treatment plants.	Construction has begun on three water treatment plants, expected to be operational by the end of 2020.
5.4.8	We will develop and propose amendments to the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> , and work with stakeholders to identify priorities for Community Fire Protection Plans.	Further collaboration with community governments and professional associations required before finalizing a legislative approach that involves for review of community plans by the Office of the Fire Marshal.



Economy, Environment and Climate Change

Significant Milestones and Actions in 2018-2019

Priority 1.1: Infrastructure Investments

- Final agreement with the federal government for funding of Tłı̄chǫ All-season Road signed
- Hay River fish processing plant construction begun

Priority 1.1 & Priority 1.2: Economic Diversification And Support For Resource Development

- Knowledge Economy development and support, including:
 - GNWT Knowledge Agenda Action Plan released
 - Regional ground temperature data released
- Economic Opportunities Strategy Performance Measures Report released
- Great Slave Lake Commercial Fishery Revitalization Strategy released and implemented, including:
 - Fish processing plant planning construction underway
 - Fish marketing and branding strategy developed
- Manufacturing Strategy Released

Priority 1.1: Workforce Development and Capacity Building

- Developed a needs assessment of required training for farmers and funded extension services for farmer training
- Take a Kid Gardening program implemented across the NWT

Priority 1.3 & Priority 1.4: Land and Resource Management and Environmental Stewardship

- Legislative, regulatory and policy review:
 - Bill 34: *Mineral Resources Act* introduced
 - Bill 36: an Act to Amend the *Petroleum Resources Act* introduced
 - Bill 37: an Act to Amend the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* introduced
 - Bill 38: *Protected Areas Act* and consequential amendments to *Territorial Parks Act* introduced
 - Bill 44: *Forest Act* introduced
 - Bill 46 *Public Land Act* to consolidate the *Commissioner's Land Act* and *Northwest Territories Land Act* introduced
- Land tenure approach that supports the agricultural sector developed
- Land Use and Sustainability Framework implementation approach developed
- Consultation concluded on a Wek'èezhì Land Use Planning governance structure
- Securities Administration and Processing System developed
- GNWT Approach to Contaminated Sites Management finalized
- Waste Resource Management Strategy and Implementation Plan released
- 2030 Climate Change Strategic Framework and Action Plan released
- 2030 Energy Strategy and Action Plan released, including greenhouse gas reduction targets as committed to under the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change
- Thaidene Néné establishment agreements with Indigenous governments and land transfer agreement with federal government finalized and signed

Appendix 1 – Significant Milestones and Actions in 2018-19



Education, Training and Youth Development

Significant Milestones and Actions in 2018-2019

Priority 2.1: Early Childhood Education and Youth Development

- Training plan for early childhood workers developed and implemented
- Regional Early Intervention Pilot Projects evaluated
- École Allain St. Cyr expansion completed
- Northern Distance Learning program expanded to eight additional small communities
- Shared service in school administration implementation plan released

Priority 2.3: Postsecondary Education

- Government response to the Aurora College Foundational Review and implementation plan released
- Bill 48 introduced to establish the *Post-Secondary Education Act*

Priority 2.4: Culture and Heritage

- A renewed Aboriginal Language and Culture-based Education Directive implemented including funding and an accountability framework
- Culture and Heritage Strategic Framework 4-Year Action Plan Released
- Aboriginal Languages Action Plan Released

Priority 2.5: Training and Skills Development

- Community government web-based training curriculum expanded to eight additional communities



Cost of Living

Significant Milestones and Actions in 2018-2019

Priority 3.1: Housing and Homelessness

- National Housing Strategy and federal Indigenous Housing Strategy participation
- NWT Housing Corporation Strategic Renewal advanced
- Removal of surplus housing units completed
- Community-based housing property management and enhanced on-site support implemented in Hay River Reserve and Kakisa
- Housing First piloted with community proponents in Behchokò, Fort Simpson and Aklavik
- Constructed support units for people experiencing homelessness in the Sahtu
- Constructed more purpose-built seniors housing
- Built 45 housing units for RCMP in regional centres under National Housing Strategy

Priority 3.2: Food Security

- Sustainable Livelihoods Action Plan released
- Bathurst Caribou Range Plan released

Appendix 1 – Significant Milestones and Actions in 2018-19

- Framework for Boreal Caribou Range Planning released
- Slave River Lowlands Bison Management Plan released
- Nahanni Bison Management Plan released
- Nutrition North Program improvements implemented

Priority 3.4: Energy Security

- 2030 Energy Strategy and 3-Year Action Plan released, including greenhouse gas reduction targets as committed to under the Pan-Canadian Framework, and implementation begun
- North Slave Watershed research released
- Inuvik High Point Wind Project baseline and regulatory work completed, regulatory applications filed
- Inuvik residual heat recovery system installation completed
- Sachs Harbour and Norman Wells wind monitoring projects completed
- Solar panels installed on Fort MacPherson seniors' complex
- Tulita solar panel installation completed

Priority 3.6: Childcare Availability and Affordability

- Early Learning Framework released



Community Wellness and Safety

Significant Milestones and Actions in 2018-2019

Priority 4.2: Seniors

- The Seniors Report is to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly in August 2019
- Implementation of the Continuing Care Implementation Plan

Priority 4.3: Access to Justice & Family and Community Violence

- The *Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act* receives Assent
- Release of the GNWT's Response to the Final Report from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Priority 4.4: Healthy Families and Lifestyles

- Release of the Sustainable Livelihoods Action Plan
- Implementation of the Oral Health Promotion and Prevention Program
- Implementation of the Change Management and Implementation Plan for Chronic Diseases Management
- Bill 40: *Smoking Control and Reduction Act* introduced
- Bill 41: *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* introduced



Governance

Significant Milestones and Actions in 2018-2019

Priority 5.1: Intergovernmental Relationships

- Developed Community Hazard and Risk Mitigation Plan to assist communities
- Completed the second phase of regulations under the *Wildlife Act*
- Updated Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans in all forested communities in the NWT
- Supported the development of the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework with Canada, Yukon and Nunavut.

Priority 5.2: Land, Resources, and Self-Government Agreements

- Bill C-88 *An Act to amend the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and the Canada Petroleum Resources Act* received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019 which reversed the merger of the regional land and water boards in the NWT and established a path forward for responsible co-management of Arctic offshore oil and gas
- Coordinated GNWT input into Bill C-69 Impact Assessment Act, which received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019, and will be coming into force on August 28, 2019 to replace the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*
- Began the review, under the Devolution Agreement, on the implementation of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*
- Began the negotiation of the management of the offshore resources with Canada and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

Priority 5.3: Openness, Transparency and Accountability

- *An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* receives Assent
- *Ombud Act* receives Assent
- GNWT Public Engagement Employee Guide was launched

Priority 5.4: Women in Politics

- Workshops delivered