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WHEREAS fossil fuel use contributes to climate change inducing greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is a signatory to the Pan-Canadian Framework for Clean Growth and Climate Change and is committed to meeting Federal benchmark for carbon pricing by 2019;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories has implemented Pan-Canadian Carbon Pricing in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories has adopted a Carbon Tax as the preferred option for carbon pricing;

AND WHEREAS communities in the NWT and their residents will see a direct increase in costs as a result of the carbon tax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to ensure:

- That 100% of the carbon tax revenue be recycled into the economy through transfers to households, business, industry and municipalities;
- That support regarding the implementation of the carbon tax is addressed to the satisfaction of the communities;
- That communities are proportionally funded to offset increased cost of municipal operations as a result of the carbon tax implementation;
- That it commits to the advancement of sustainable initiatives to reduce the reliance on non-renewable fuels; and
- That the implementation and reporting processes related to the carbon tax initiative are presented in a transparent manner.

Submitted by the City of Yellowknife

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2019-06 Carbon Pricing

The GNWT's proposed approach to recycling carbon tax revenue was approved in the 2019-20 Budget and includes:

- Heating Fuel Rebate - for residents, governments and business entities with less than 50 kilotonnes of annual greenhouse gas emissions, heating fuel will be 100 per cent rebated at the point of purchase.
- Electrical Power Producers Rebate - Northwest Territories Power Corporation and other power producers will be provided with an annual rebate of carbon tax paid on non-motive diesel purchased for generating electricity for distribution. This rebate will insulate municipalities from increased electricity costs that would otherwise result from the carbon tax on diesel used to generate electricity.
- Cost of Living Offset (COLO) – this tax-free benefit would be provided quarterly to all NWT residents. This benefit would increase annually as NWT carbon tax rates are increased.
- Large Emitters (50 kilotonnes or more annual greenhouse gas emissions) Offset in two parts:
 - an annual rebate for 75 per cent of the carbon tax collected on non-motive diesel and heating fuel and
 - 25 per cent of the carbon tax collected on non-motive diesel and heating fuel held in individualized trust accounts that will be able to be accessed for investments by each entity that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The GNWT continues to prioritize investments in alternative energy options to provide reliable, affordable alternatives to carbon-intensive fuels for communities and businesses.

The Department of Finance intends to provide an annual report on carbon pricing: raised revenues, rebate expenditures, and the investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This report will also be included in the Climate Change Strategy action plan reporting requirements.

2019-07 Aurora College Transition to Polytechnic University

The Government Response to the Findings and Recommendations of the Aurora College Foundational Review (Government Response) commits to the development of an Academic Program Review Framework.

For Aurora College to become an accredited polytechnic university it is critical that a system is in place to regularly and effectively review programs and that it meets national standards and best practices.