



## *The 15<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly: Our Vision and Goals*

### *Our Vision:*

Self-reliant individuals and families sharing the rewards and responsibilities of healthy communities and a prosperous and unified Northwest Territories.

### *Our Goals:*

#### *Goal 1: A strong northern voice and identity. This means...*

- All NWT leaders working together with mutual trust and respect.
- NWT indigenous cultures and languages that are a source of strength for present and future generations.
- Successful negotiation and implementation of Aboriginal land, resource, and self-government agreements in all regions.
- The Northwest Territories being a full partner, and having a strong, unified voice in the Canadian federation.
- Adequate resources available to support the operations of and investments by northern governments.

#### *Goal 2: Healthy, educated, people living in safe communities, who are able to contribute and take advantage of life's opportunities. This means...*

- Babies who are born healthy and become healthy adults.
- Children getting the care and nurturing they need.
- Youth, parents and adults who see wellness as the preferred alternative, and who make healthy and productive lifestyle choices for themselves and their families.
- Elders and persons with disabilities who are well, supported by their families and community and able to live with dignity.
- Housing that is adequate, affordable and accessible.



***Goal 3: Well-governed, sustainable communities and regions able to fulfill their potential. This means...***

- Community and regional goals are achieved by cooperation and shared responsibility among all NWT governments.
- All governments have clear, accountable and efficient governance structures.
- Communities and regions having the capacity they need to achieve their goals.

***Goal 4: A diversified economy that provides northerners with opportunities and choices. This means...***

- A traditional economy capable of creating and maintaining a good living and healthy lifestyle for those northerners who choose to participate in it.
- Renewable resource, small business and tourism ventures that are viable and sustainable in every community.
- A balanced approach to the economic development of all sectors that is sustainable over the long term.
- Northerners being the primary beneficiaries of the development of our resources.

***Goal 5: Care and protection of the natural environment. This means...***

- Respect for the land, water and traditional knowledge guiding decisions of governments, industry and individuals.
- Responsible, coordinated management of the environment to protect the land, water and wildlife.
- Resource development that balances economic benefits, social impacts and environmental preservation and protection.
- Governments acting on their responsibilities to clean up contaminated environmental sites.
- Responsible consumption and conservation of resources and energy by all governments, industries and individuals.

