

**NWT Association of Communities
2019 NEW Resolutions**

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CATEGORY B Issues which Pertain to Regional Concerns Only or Are Not Within Municipal Jurisdiction

This category will contain resolutions, which are of a regional concern only or are not within municipal jurisdiction. No action is taken on Category B resolutions.

CATEGORY C Matters Dealt with by the NWTAC in the Previous Three Years

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2019-01 **Taltson Hydro Project**

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife acknowledges the importance of clean, affordable power; AND WHEREAS all NWT communities are major consumer of electrical power;

AND WHEREAS the financial costs of electrical power represent a significant expenditure for the City; AND WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife recognizes that electrical power is a necessity for its residents; AND WHEREAS the cost of electric power can represent a significant expenditure for many households;

AND WHEREAS clean and affordable power is essential for continued economic development within all of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife encourages clean, renewable energy production to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the environment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to advance its efforts with respect to furthering a solution to effectively distribute clean energy from the Taltson Hydro project to Yellowknife and other key points in the Northwest Territories; to initiate indigenous engagement and partnership discussions to ensure success of the distribution solution; and to actively engage in energy market discussions with prospective customers to ensure diverse requirements are met as cost-effectively as possible.

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2019 -02 Duty to Consult

WHEREAS Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 provides constitutional protection to the indigenous and treaty rights of indigenous peoples in Canada.

WHEREAS The GNWT has a legal duty to consult and accommodate Aboriginal governments and organizations whenever it considers carrying out a government action that has the potential to adversely affect asserted or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights.

WHEREAS The duty to consult is a constitutional obligation that is rooted in Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982.

WHEREAS The Government of the Northwest Territories is still developing a framework regarding obligations and expectations related to conducting consultation as it relates to municipal activities.

WHEREAS The City of Yellowknife has been advised that the Government of the Northwest Territories could delegate procedural aspects of Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 to community governments.

WHEREAS a determination of the responsibilities of community governments in the procedural aspects of Section 35 Community Consultation are not yet defined.

WHEREAS community governments identify statutory consultation through Territorial legislation, such as the Cities, Towns of Villages Act and the Community Planning & Development Act and Section 35 Consultation is not defined within the legislation guiding municipal activities at this time.

WHEREAS Community governments are required to seek Ministerial approval on specific plans and by laws but are unable to confidently determine which aspects of Section 35 Consultation are required to form part of a project methodology or process.

WHEREAS Community governments seek to have strong working relationships with Indigenous peoples in Canada but have not received clear guidelines related to Ministerial expectations related to Community Consultation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to engage community governments in the development of amendments to applicable legislation in order to provide a clear regulatory framework related to delegation of procedural aspects of Section 35 Community Consultation, within which community governments who can then implement municipal projects.

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2019-03 Alternative Voting Methods

WHEREAS Section 52.1 .(1 } of the Local Authorities Elections Act authorizes a local authority, that is a municipality, to pass a by-law to provide for voting by way of mail-in-ballot or the casting of ballots at the office of the returning officer;

AND WHEREAS other jurisdictions within Canada allow for Alternative Voting Methods such as telephone voting and internet voting;

AND WHEREAS the acceptance of digital technology in society is increasing exponentially;

AND WHEREAS the use of technology can improve accessibility, enhance voter privacy and convenience, reduce ballot errors and increase efficiency of elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to amend the Local Authorities Elections Act to incorporate technological advancements and alternative voting methods such as, but not limited to telephone voting and internet voting.

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2019—04 Cannabis Revenue Sharing

WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed the Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c.16 (Bill C-45 which legalized non-medical marijuana (cannabis) in Canada effective October 17, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories enacted the Cannabis Products Act S.N.W.T. 2018,c.6 and the Cannabis Smoking Control Act S.N.W.T. 2018, c.6, to legalize the sale and use of cannabis in the Northwest Territories. effective October 17, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the 2018 Federal Budget affirms that it is the federal government's expectation that a substantial portion of the revenues from cannabis excise taxes provided to provinces and territories will be transferred to municipalities and local communities, who are on the front lines of legalization;

AND WHEREAS it will be the responsibility of local governments to establish and/or enforce regulations and policies related to zoning, business licensing, building code and public consumption, which will result in initial and ongoing costs:

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories has indicated that there will be no transfer of revenue from cannabis excise taxes received by the territorial government shared with municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC lobby the Territorial Government to provide 25% of the excise tax on cannabis that is shared with the Government of the Northwest Territories by the federal government, and the same share of any additional tax that the Government of the Northwest Territories imposes on the sale of cannabis, be shared with municipalities.

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2019- 05 Post - Secondary Education - Transformation

WHEREAS transformation of post-secondary education is essential to advancing and supporting the economic social and workforce development in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories undertook a review of Aurora College to ensure NWT residents have access to high quality postsecondary education in the NWT;

AND WHEREAS the Aurora College Foundational Review Report contained 67 recommendations, including transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories issued a response to the Aurora College Foundational Review Report and accepted the recommendation to transform Aurora College into a polytechnic university;

AND WHEREAS the transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university is an investment in the knowledge economy that will ensure both research investment and knowledge remain in the NWT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Northwest Territories take immediate steps to work with key partners, including municipalities, to create a successful vision for post• secondary education in the territory.

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2019-06 **Carbon Pricing**

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.

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2019-07 Aurora College Transition to Polytechnic University

WHEREAS The Aurora College Foundational review recommended keep programs

WHEREAS the GNWT vowed not to cut funding but has not allowed intake into the programs

WHEREAS the GNWT Aurora College Response accept the recommendation that the VP Education and Training to conduct a program review for both the Social Worker Diploma as well as the Bachelor of Education as a matter of priority to determine whether the programming: is of sufficient quality to continue, continue with major improvements required, or needs to be suspended/eliminated

WHEREAS intake for the Bachelor of Education Program and for the Social Work Diploma program has been suspended since 2017

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT continue to fund Aurora College to continue running the Bachelor of Education program and the Social Work program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff be retained to assist with the review of the Bachelor of Education Program and with the Social Work Diploma program to ensure enrolment can continue without a complete shutdown of the programs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT continue to prioritize the current programming of courses is its consultation with communities and government leaders to ensure all programs can start to work for the students of the NWT as soon as possible.

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2019-08 Infrastructure Funding Shortfall

WHEREAS The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has identified an infrastructure funding shortfall for many communities in the Northwest Territories; and

WHEREAS the members of the 18 Legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories assembly approved infrastructure investments of \$237 million for the 2018 -19 fiscal year and expects to spend \$397 million on infrastructure in 2018-19; and

WHEREAS approximately less than 10% of the budgeted infrastructure expenditure, or less than 5% of the actual infrastructure expenditure the 2018-2019 fiscal year would have been enough to close the identified infrastructure funding shortfall for municipalities and ensure fair and sustainable funding for all communities in the northwest territories.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The NWTAC asks that the members of the 18th Legislative Assembly to prioritize the funding of municipal infrastructure as identified by The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Municipal and Community Affairs for the incoming members of the 19th legislative assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The NWTAC ask the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Municipal and Community Affairs to ensure the members of the legislative assembly are provided with the report that identifies the historical underfunding of critical infrastructure funding for municipalities, and further advocate on behalf of municipalities as to the importance of this funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NWTAC request the Government of the Northwest Territories Departments of (maybe be multiple; Municipal and Community Affairs / Infrastructure / Finance) to revise the 2019/2020 and future years infrastructure investment budgets (Main Estimates) to provide an increased allocation in the amount of the identified shortfalls to community infrastructure funding

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2019-09 Multiyear Funding

WHEREAS Consistency of funding allows for Community Governments to provide quality and sustainable programs it is necessary for GNWT departments to commit to multi-year (3-5 year) contribution agreements for community programs;

WHEREAS multi-year contribution agreements support the sustainability of quality programs to serve community residents, allowing for multi-year planning and budgeting, and improved recruitment and retention of skilled staff;

WHEREAS single year funding results in challenges to program sustainability, including: gaps between fiscal year end reporting, opening of funding application processes, and notification of funding approval; inconsistency in funding allocations (noted decreases in funding amounts in the last 3-4 years); difficulty in recruiting and retaining skilled staff; inability of Community Governments to commit to long term employment of staff and may result in breaks in employment; challenges in supporting professional development and training of staff; and

WHEREAS single year funding results in unnecessary time demands for the application and reporting processes and that these processes are incongruent with the needs of the community and how funds will be allocated to best serve those needs and that contributions should be made to communities which allow them to best direct the use of the funds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT commit to multi-year program contribution agreements.

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2019-10 Climate Change Adaptation

WHEREAS Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;

AND WHEREAS The North is particularly vulnerable to climate change due to its reliance on temperature sensitive systems such as permafrost;

AND WHEREAS All NWT communities are experiencing the impacts of climate change;

AND WHEREAS the 2018 NWT Climate Change Forum and Charrette was an important gathering where communities voiced their concerns and the challenges they face in addressing vulnerabilities caused by the climate change.

AND WHEREAS taking proactive tactics to addressing climate change adaptation is the preferred approach;

AND WHEREAS We will see the best success by working collaboratively with our many partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NWT Association of Communities enact the following suite of climate change adaptation resolutions:

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2019-10-A Climate change models and forecasting for each NWT community

WHEREAS The ability of communities to predict the impacts of climate change is highly dependant upon having access to appropriately developed climate models;

AND WHEREAS Communities need access to up-to-date models and forecasts to support planning for a myriad of community government responsibilities including emergency preparedness and disaster planning, community development plans, infrastructure maintenance and replacement, recreation and trails, etc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Centre for Climate Services (CCCS) provide each community government with models and forecasting of expected climate trends and resulting risks.

AND FURTHER THAT CCCS deliver this information in a format that will align with standards being developed through the Northern Infrastructure Standardization Initiative;

AND FURTHER THAT CCCS make this information publicly accessible online;

AND FURTHER THAT CCCS lead efforts to assist communities in analysing, interpreting and applying climate information to support decision making.

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2019-10- B Permafrost

WHEREAS Permafrost thaw poses significant risks to community and privately owned infrastructure, the transportation network, access to the land, food security, waste management, and many other issues affecting residents;

AND WHEREAS the total costs of permafrost degradation on public assets is estimated to be in the order of \$1.3 billion.

AND WHEREAS Surface water has a significant impact on permafrost and the development and implementation of Community Drainage Plans is critical;

AND WHEREAS the Housing Corporation is an important partner with the communities in meeting the climate change adaptation challenge;

AND WHEREAS Communities wish to support their ratepayers by educating them about permafrost and climate change and how best to protect their properties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GNWT provide adequate funding and resources to assist municipalities in completing and implementing Community Drainage Plans;

AND FURTHER THAT the Housing Corp. adequately consult with communities about their development plans and ensure that they comply with all land use and adaptation plans;

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT develop requirements to ensure the consideration of permafrost thaw in all development and adaptation planning for NWT infrastructure.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT work with the NWT Association of Communities and other partners to develop plain language materials to educate the public about permafrost thaw and assist owners of privately-owned homes and other infrastructure in protecting their properties from the impacts of permafrost thaw.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT take a leadership role in conducting a vulnerability assessment of all community assets.

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2019-10-C Hazard mapping

WHEREAS Hazard mapping is a critical element in climate change adaptation and building the resiliency of communities;

AND WHEREAS Hazard mapping is not a one size fits all type of undertaking and requires collaboration across many disciplines and organizations;

AND WHEREAS securing funding to develop and apply Hazard Mapping is critical to their completion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GNWT work with the NWTAC and other partners to ensure that hazard maps are developed by the GNWT in a timely and strategic manner.

AND FURTHER THAT the federal government should ensure that adequate funding is available to complete hazard mapping for all NWT communities;

AND FURTHER THAT the NWT Association of Communities work with the GNWT and other partners to identify opportunities to support communities in participating in the development of hazard maps and their application to community planning by developing tools for outreach, communication, education and training.

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2019-10-D Governance and leadership on climate change in the GNWT

WHEREAS Leadership is essential to respond to the climate change challenges and coordinate efforts across departments and organizations;

AND WHEREAS The October 2017 Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Climate Change in the Northwest Territories found that ENR had not addressed deficiencies affecting its leadership on climate change that were identified more than 10 years ago.

AND WHEREAS ENR, in its response to the Auditor General's Report committed to examine its authority, roles, and responsibilities, and the resources required to effectively carry out the Climate Change Strategic Framework (CCSF).

AND WHEREAS The CCSF and draft Action Plan do not give adequate attention to authority, roles, responsibilities and resources to carry out the commitments made beyond stating the status quo.

AND WHEREAS The current configuration of GNWT departments and initiatives that have been tasked with addressing climate change do not support a strategic, multidisciplinary and collaborative approach.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GNWT ensure that ENR is given the appropriate recognition and authority to act as the lead for climate change in the Government of the Northwest Territories

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT commit to allocate the full complement of resources necessary for ENR to fulfill their responsibility as lead on climate change and for the CCSF to be successfully implemented. This includes the creation and staffing of permanent climate change positions within ENR and in other departments.

AND FURTHER THAT NWT Association of Communities work with the GNWT and other partners to advocate for federal funding and other resources to fill any funding or resource shortfalls.

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2019-10-E Climate Change Secretariat or Network

WHEREAS The Auditor General's Report found that in the absence of leadership from ENR on climate change, there has been a piecemeal and uncoordinated approach to adaptation efforts within the GNWT and amongst communities.

AND WHEREAS The Auditor General's Report found that ENR did not fulfill its commitment to provide departments and communities with information needed to take action on climate change;

AND WHEREAS Every regional consultation held by ENR during the 2016/17 CCSF engagement sessions raised the concern that existing climate change information and analysis was not shared, and that this was a barrier to adaptation;

AND WHEREAS A knowledgeable public will be better equipped to contribute to territorial efforts on climate change and build resilience in communities.

AND WHEREAS The Yukon and Nunavut both have a Climate Change Secretariat in place, as do many of the provinces.

AND WHEREAS An arms-length climate change centre (e.g. Secretariat/Office/Network) can provide effective co-ordination of all aspects of climate change adaptation and mitigation. A climate change centre will mobilize resources, including information and expertise to enable their citizens to take leadership on climate change issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GNWT create an arms-length climate change centre

AND FURTHER THAT Part of development of the CC Centre include investigation of effective models of climate change secretariat/offices that are providing leadership and coordination on climate change in Canada and abroad in order to find relevant examples and best practices which may be useful to the NWT. These findings will be shared with the public;

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT work with the NWT Association of Communities and other partners to support the development and implementation of an improved approach to leadership, coordination, and information sharing on climate change in the NWT, which should include a Climate Change Centre.

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2019-10-F Research

WHEREAS Most communities have not been involved in setting the research agendas in their communities;

AND WHEREAS Communities are often not made aware of the outcomes of the research being completed in their communities and many research papers must be purchased;

AND WHEREAS The lack of a northern university means that the academic knowledge base relating to Arctic issues is scattered throughout the country;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the GNWT and Federal Government work with the NWT Association of Communities, communities, and with its various partners to ensure that the research needs of the communities are being promoted and supported when setting research agendas;

AND FURTHER THAT communities engage the researchers who are already working in their communities to assist them in addressing their research needs.

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2019-10-G Bridging the community capacity gap

WHEREAS NWT communities are chronically underfunded by 37% and this funding shortfall limits their ability to be resilient in the face of climate change.

AND WHEREAS Lack of capacity was a recurring concern voiced by participants from every region at the 2018 Climate Change Forum and Charrette. Limited financial and human capacity, and difficulty accessing information, expertise and other resources is hampering progress to adapt to a changing climate.

AND WHEREAS Collaboration with communities on the development of Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plans will support transparency in priority-setting and accountability for actions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GNWT allow for the creation of Sustainability Coordinators for every community government in the NWT and adequately resource these positions.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT to create and adequately resource Pathfinder positions at a regional level to mobilize resources and support community and regional climate change adaptation efforts.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT provide funding and support to enable communities to participate in CCSF action plan development.

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2019-10-H Emergency management plans

WHEREAS Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent

AND WHEREAS This makes the importance of emergency planning and status of emergency plan completion and implementation in communities more critical

AND WHEREAS It is critical that emergency plans incorporate the consideration of climate change forecasting and predicted impacts into planning

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT GNWT allocate adequate funding and support to update emergency management plans to include climate change and provide resources to fully implement plans for every community in a timely and strategic manner.

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2019-10-I Adaptation Plans

WHEREAS the development of Adaptation Plans is a critical element in ensuring the resiliency of communities;

AND WHEREAS securing funding to develop and implement Community Adaptation Plans is critical to their completion;

AND WHEREAS the GNWT identified Supporting Communities both fiscally and from a resource basis as a priority within the Pan-Territorial Adaptation Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Government should ensure that adequate funding is available to ensure that Adaptation Plans are completed for all NWT communities including a thorough evaluation of all municipal infrastructure.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT assist communities to complete their Adaptation Planning and Hazard Mapping and Implementation;

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT explore opportunities to assist communities through the development of various tools.

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2019-11 Improved sharing of data for community energy use

WHEREAS it is difficult for the Arctic Energy Alliance to acquire data to report on community energy profiles, and some types of reporting is impossible due to formats and other restrictions on the data;

AND WHEREAS information on community energy use is a critical part of energy planning and supports efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS energy use data as it is currently received is generalized by company and region/territory;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Finance is an important partner in the collection, interpretation and dissemination of information to support decision-making on energy for the GNWT and all NWT communities and residents;

AND WHEREAS the GNWT is collecting data for their carbon tax program and to support federal requirements to report on greenhouse gas emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GNWT modify the legislation necessary to allow for the collection and sharing of aggregated energy data to enable partners, including the Arctic Energy Alliance and community governments to fully participate in tracking and goal setting with respect to Energy.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT provide clarification on how data will be collected and shared for their carbon tax program and greenhouse gas emissions reporting.

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WHEREAS Significant funding for renewable energy and GHG reduction initiatives in the North has been announced by the federal government as part of the implementation of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.

AND WHEREAS It is difficult for communities to determine how to access these funding opportunities.

AND WHEREAS The GNWT has created an Energy Strategy and Action Plan however it remains unclear how decisions on funding allocations will be made and how stakeholders can provide input.

AND WHEREAS During regional engagement sessions on energy, the GNWT heard that communities want more involvement in determining their energy futures and want to be at the table as partners in determining energy choices for their communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NWTAC be funded to create staff positions to assist communities in accessing funding, finding technical expertise and other resources they need to move ahead with their priority projects.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT develop a transparent and accountable process (i.e. a decision-making matrix) to support decisions on fund allocation. The process should include criteria that will allow the NWT to prioritize projects and make reasoned, transparent and defensible decisions on project funding.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT ensure that this decision-making approach will enable stakeholders to provide input so that it is an effective tool to help make the most of the opportunities created by federal climate change mitigation funding.

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT will work with the NWT Association of Communities, Arctic Energy Alliance and other partners to ensure the effective communication of tools and resources to communities to address energy challenges, including training and educational resources, technical support, and funding opportunities.

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2019-13 Resourcing to deal with backlog of Legislative Amendments

WHEREAS Numerous requests for legislation or legislative amendments are being put on-hold due to GNWT capacity

AND WHEREAS This is an issue has been compounding and will certainly continue to do so without action

AND WHEREAS Resolutions are not getting addressed and are being re-affirmed not because of a philosophical difference but because there are no resources being directed to the process of making the requested changes

AND WHEREAS Resolutions aside, the GNWT encourages community governments to regularly review their legislation (by-laws), this is not practiced by the GNWT

AND WHEREAS Many of the public consultations of the Standing Committee Reviews of proposed legislation are often more extensive than the one completed for the drafting

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Departments of MACA and Justice address the long standing backlog of legislative reviews, amendments and act creation

AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT explore alternate consultation processes that reduce the time and duplication and facilitate a broad participation by communities when reviewing or creating legislation.

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2019-14 **Importance of Local/ Regional School Programs to Ensure Future Success**

WHEREAS ECE has responsibility to provide essential and basic educational programming in the NWT to all communities.

AND WHEREAS it is recognized/acknowledged that there are deficiencies and lack of adequate programming and resources in many communities.

AND WHEREAS the GNWT has identified a desire to improve public education in the NWT via Education Renewal and “Early Childhood Framework.”

AND WHEREAS many residents of the NWT may lack the capacity to succeed at education, that the GNWT look at alternate programming.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Auditor General of Canada review education in 2019 to ensure that all NWT residents have the capacity to successfully enter post-secondary upon graduation.

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