

Questions for Federal Candidates 2025 Election



On behalf of the NWT Association of Communities, please accept these questions for Federal Candidates about issues important to our NWT communities. We would greatly appreciate your responses by April 11, 2025. Please email your answers to sara@nwtac.com.

We intend to post your responses on our webpage and follow up with our elected Member of Parliament in the future.

1. The United States has launched a trade war against Canada which threatens our economy and standard of living. Canadian municipalities propose a National Prosperity Partnership in which all levels of government work together to build a more prosperous and resilient Canada. Will you party support such a partnership?
2. The NWT is warming at about four times the global rate and weather-related emergencies are on the rise – as demonstrated by devastating floods and forest fires that have caused millions of dollars in damages and forced numerous community evacuations. How will you work with our local governments to increase resiliency to extreme weather events and the effects of climate change?
3. The cost of living in the NWT is 37% higher than the national average. How will you work with NWT communities to make life more affordable for Northerners?
4. Homelessness, mental health and addictions are serious issues in the North. How will your party work to ensure these issues get addressed and solutions developed?
5. Inadequate housing in terms of both quantity and quality is greatly affecting outcomes for our residents, whether it is in education, health, justice and many other areas. Will your party ensure that long term funding is made a priority, and will you work to find a flexible program that works for our Northern region?
6. It is essential that all communities have access to all telecommunications (including cellular coverage along current and future NWT highways) so they can participate in the digital economy as well as all aspects of digital life. How do you intend to advocate for these essential services to all NWT homes and improve service and reliability for all?

7. The Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) invests \$94.5 million in the NWT starting with \$18 million in 2024-2025. Is your party committed to funding the CCBF and would you support the permanent doubling of this fund as was done on a one-time basis in the past?



8. CBC North provides a vital link between the remote communities spread across Northern Canada. What is your party's stand on funding for CBC?