

Creation of a Northwest Territories Elders' Strategy

WHEREAS the population of elders in the Northwest Territories is the fastest growing sector of the population;

AND WHEREAS this population is expected to increase by 56 per cent to 9,400 people in the next 15 years;

AND WHEREAS 40 per cent of elders have income of less than \$25,000 per year and thus live in poverty;

AND WHEREAS this 19th Assembly agreed in its mandate to enable elders to age in place with dignity;

AND WHEREAS there is a need for a whole of government approach to provide and co-ordinate services and programs that respond to the complex needs of elders;

AND WHEREAS there are gaps in current programs and services such as accessing financial assistance for home maintenance and providing suitable, affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to revamp home care programming to elders across the territory by providing a broader range and more client-centered services;

AND WHEREAS most communities need programs and transportation for elders to combat their social isolation;

AND WHEREAS the National Elders Strategy is not designed to meet the needs of the Northwest Territories, and the Northwest Territories' "Our Elders, Our Communities" strategy needs updating;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, that the Government of the Northwest Territories develop a strategy by engaging Northwest Territories elders that provides a whole of government approach to enhance and coordinate programs and services to elders going forward;

AND FURTHER, that the Government respond to this motion within 120 days.

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Date of Introduction:
Date de presentation:

Disposition:
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Carried:
Adopté:

Moved by: Ms. Green
Proposé par: Mme. Green

Seconded by: Mrs. Martselos
Appuyée par: Mme. Martselos

Ruled Out of Order:
Déclarée irrecevable: