



**Government of the Northwest Territories Response to
Motion 30-19(2) Actions for Improved Housing Outcomes**

Motion

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to prioritize the review of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation as part of the Government Renewal Initiative;

AND FURTHER, that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation update its Mission Statement and policies to reflect its role in social wellness;

AND FURTHERMORE, that Northwest Territories Housing Corporation must include referrals to appropriate government programs prior to beginning the eviction process;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days.

GNWT Response

The Government of the Northwest Territories, through the Government Renewal Initiative, is committed to program and policy renewal through this whole-of-government endeavor. This process is already underway and will help the Government of the Northwest Territories ensure decisions are driven by value and public priorities. Housing is a key priority of the Government of the Northwest Territories. As such, the review of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation will provide valuable insights that will assist the Housing Corporation in keeping its programs and policies aligned with value and public priorities.

Concurrent with the government-wide renewal initiative, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation is undertaking a mandate review, which will include aspects of the Corporation such as the Mission Statement, policies and approach to partnerships. The recent renewal in the executive ranks of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation saw the appointment of a new President and CEO and an Associate Deputy Minister responsible for renewal. Both of these positions have been tasked with, among other things, ensuring that this mandate review is completed in an effective manner.

With regards to individuals potentially facing eviction, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation had recently revised its procedaures and now conducts an internal review of all such situations. This review – which is conducted before a formal eviction is underway – provides opportunities to refer clients to appropriate programs and services within the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation and to other supports outside the Corporation, as appropriate. “Last Chance” agreements provide yet another stage to identify opportunities for Housing Corporation staff to connect clients with complex needs to appropriate programs before the eviction process is underway.