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MEETING EDE 118-19-22

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022  
COMMITTEE ROOM A  
10:30 A.M.

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### AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
4. Public Matters
  - a) Technical Briefing on the Statement of Environmental Values with staff from the department of Environment and Natural Resources
5. In-Camera Matters
  - a) Confidential Correspondence:
    - i. 2022-08-23 – Minister of Lands
    - ii. 2022-08-24 – Minister of ITI
    - iii. 2022-08-24 – IGCS
    - iv. 2022-09-02 – Minister of Lands
    - v. 2022-09-07 – Minister of ITI
    - vi. 2022-09-15 – Minister of ITI
    - vii. 2022-09-16 – Minister of ITI
    - viii. 2022-09-19 – Minister of ENR
    - ix. 2022-09-19 – Minister of INF
    - x. 2022-09-20 – Minister of ENR
    - xi. 2022-09-26 – Minister of ENR
    - xii. 2022-09-26 – Minister of FIN
    - xiii. 2022-09-26 – Minister of INF
    - xiv. 2022-09-14 – Minister of Lands
    - xv. 2022-09-27 – Minister of INF

- xvi. 2022-09-28 – Minister of FIN
- xvii. 2022-10-03 – Minister of ITI
- xviii. 2022-10-05 – SCOSD
- xix. 2022-10-06 – Minister of ENR
- xx. 2022-10-06 – Minister of Lands

- 6. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20 at 10:30am
- 7. Adjournment

## **Deputy Minister's Speaking Notes**

### **Statement of Environmental Values**

- Good Morning.
- Thank you for the opportunity today to provide Committee with information on the Statement of Environmental Values.
- With me today I have the Director of Policy, Legislation and Communications, Natasha Hunter.
- The *Environmental Rights Act*, as amended in 2019, requires Executive Council to develop a Statement of Environmental Values.
- The Statement explains how environmental considerations, including the right to a healthy environment, will be integrated into decisions that might have a significant impact on the environment.
- The statement applies to decisions made by all GNWT departments, as well as Aurora College, BDIC, NTPC, and Housing NWT.
- ENR provided notice to the public of a 90-day period to provide comments in November 2021. ENR addressed the comments and the Statement was finalized in mid-May.
- The Statement was tabled June 3, 2022.

- I will now turn it over to Natasha Hunter, to go through a short presentation to provide more details on the development of the final Statement and how we incorporated feedback received through public engagement.



# Statement of Environmental Values

October 13, 2022

Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment

# Background

- *Environmental Rights Act* amended in 2019
- Section 17 of the ERA:
  - Requires a Statement of Environmental Values
  - Required public engagement
  - Sets a scope that includes all GNWT departments, NTPC, BDIC, Housing NWT and Aurora College
- NWT second jurisdiction in Canada



# Timeline

- Development of the draft SEV – **2021**
- 90-day Public Comment period began – **November 10, 2021**
- 150-day finalization period began – **February 10, 2022**
- Draft SEV provided to SCEDE
- Final SEV and What We Heard Report to SCEDE – **May 18, 2022**
- Minister of ENR tabled the document - **June 3, 2022**
- News Release and public launch – **June 7**



# Public Feedback

- November 2021 – Draft SEV went out for public engagement.
- ENR received feedback from Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Ecology North & Alternatives North, NWT Association of Landscape Architects and two NWT residents.





# What We Heard

- Feedback was received in these areas:
  - Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting
  - Authority and responsibility
  - Additions to the SEV
  - Recognizing Indigenous knowledge and the rights of Indigenous peoples



# Next Steps

- Ongoing Implementation
  - Coordination & administration
  - Monitoring advancements in best practices



# Questions?

