

**ALBERTA – NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Between:

The Government of **Alberta** (represented by the Premier) hereinafter referred to as “Alberta”

and

The Government of the **Northwest Territories** (represented by the Premier) hereinafter referred to as “NWT”

Whereas Alberta and NWT acknowledge their history of cooperation in a broad range of services, supports and initiatives,

Whereas Alberta and NWT recognize the growing potential in community and economic development in northern communities,

Whereas Alberta and NWT have mutual concerns and interest around matters respecting economic, climatic, demographic, social and logistical conditions affecting northern communities that are significantly different from southern Canadian communities,

Whereas a cooperative and coordinated approach can fundamentally benefit northern development,

And whereas Alberta and NWT welcome the opportunity to consider government action and private sector activities to develop a greater understanding of each other’s experience in northern development,

Therefore Alberta and NWT hereby agree to this Memorandum as outlined below.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum is to promote formal and informal cooperation and collaboration between Alberta and NWT. The Memorandum will also facilitate information sharing between the jurisdictions, enhance working relationships, and promote partnerships in areas of mutual interest. Without limiting the areas of mutual interest, Alberta and NWT agree to cooperate and share information related to the following:

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| Trade | Energy |
| Transportation | Environment |
| Tourism | Health and Social Services |
| Regional and Community Economic Development | Education Training and Skill Development |
| Resource Development | Research and Innovation |

It is recognized that programs and policies affecting northern development fall under the responsibility of many different Ministers in both Alberta and NWT.

The Alberta and NWT governments also recognize the importance of environmental stewardship, as an integral part of sustainable northern development.

NO LEGAL OR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS CREATED

This Memorandum is not a legally binding agreement. It is an expression and record of the purpose and intention of both the Alberta and NWT governments.

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed so as to affect the jurisdictional responsibility of either the Alberta or NWT governments or to impose any financial obligations on them.

COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Ministerial representatives responsible for economic development as appointed by the Premiers will be responsible for ensuring the purpose of the Memorandum is fulfilled. On an annual basis, the Ministerial representatives will review progress on advancing common priorities as outlined in this agreement.

DURATION

This Memorandum shall take effect upon signature by both the Premiers of Alberta and the NWT. The Memorandum shall be in effect for a period of five (5) years or until terminated by either party with six (6) months' notice.

AMENDMENT

This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement by both parties.

This Memorandum executed this ___ day of XX, 2017.

Honourable Rachel Notley
Premier
Government of Alberta

Honourable Bob McLeod
Premier
Government of the Northwest Territories