



Three Questions to NWT Candidates

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30 words or less...

The NWT Family Violence Action Plan: Phase II (2007 - 2010) is sun-setting in March 2012. The Coalition Against Family Violence has put forth 19 recommendations on priority areas which require continued funding. Do you support these recommendations?

A severe shortage of quality and affordable childcare exists across the NWT. Due to the lack of childcare options, women are unable to work, take training or attend wellness programs. If elected, would you commit to helping all communities in the NWT build affordable, quality licensed childcare facilities?

According to Status of Women Canada, "Gender-Based Analysis is a highly adaptable tool that you can use to work towards positive social and economic change. Every action, policy, program, project, and socio-economic trend affects men and women differently." If elected, what actions would you take to ensure the implementation of Gender-Based Analysis in new and existing GNWT policies, programs, and legislation?

Arlene Hache Candidate for Yellowknife Centre	As a member of the Coalition Against Family Violence, I participated in the development of the NWT Family Violence Action Plan III. I fully support implementation of all 19 recommendations.	As part of a commitment to institute an NWT Poverty Reduction Strategy, I would work to ensure women in Yellowknife and across the North have access to quality child care.	Require that a gender-based analysis be completed for each new piece of legislation or policy to measure and mitigate the differential impact it will have on men and women.
Kevin Menicoche Candidate for Nahendeh	Having read your report. I am in support of the recommendations. I see the effort you have in expanding current services, increasing the prevention by involving children and the holistic ...	I will continue to support the establishment of quality and affordable childcare facilities in all our small and remote communities.	There does have to be a Gender-based Analysis practiced with our GNWT. I will support a review and strategy to implement such a program. Failure to recognize that men and ...
Paul Voudrach Candidate for Inuvik Book Lake	I believe the Government needs to continue to support initiatives for prevention of family violence and safety and support for victims.	I am committed to supporting families in a variety of ways to ensure children are cared for and parents have access to opportunities which will allow them live healthy, independent ...	I can commit to supporting the government in considering how it's policies, programs and legislation impacts men and women, people of different socio-economic status, persons of ability and disability, as ...
Bob Bromley Candidate for Weledeh	I support the recommendations, the Coalition's work, and efforts to connect responses to family violence, poverty, and public housing reforms. Personal safety is a human right the GNWT must uphold.	I commit to helping all families access affordable, quality early childhood programs to enable women to participate outside the home and improve the life successes of young children.	Gender-based analysis in GNWT policy and programs design is long-over due. I will continue to push for gender-based analysis in GNWT public policy and program design.
Taig Connell Candidate for Mackenzie Delta	Yes I support the CAFV and it recommendation for continued support, there no place in the world for violence against women or anyone.	Yes I would commit to helping all communities in the NWT build affordable, quality licensed child care centres.	I would work hard on all committees in and outside the house to ensure that gender equality perspectives are considered at all levels and at all stages of program development.
Glen Abernethy Candidate for Great Slave	Yes, the recommendations create a cohesive system of supports for residents affected by family violence. Programs that address the reduction of trauma and the increased understanding of the dynamics of ...	Day care is critical for all families. As an MLA I am committed to helping establish and support affordable, high quality and licensed child care centers throughout the NWT.	I have, and will continue to actively promote the use of GBA within the GNWT. This includes continuing to demand that GBA training becomes mandatory for all employees developing policy, ...
Roy Courtoreille Candidate for Hay River North	I appreciate the amount of work that the committee has put into these recommendations and I do support the 19 recommendations that were put forward.	I would work with other MLAs to help other communities build affordable child care centres. I believe that women should be able to enter the workforce and not be hindered ...	I would work with other MLAs to ensure that the Gender-Based analysis is implemented into legislation and all existing polices & Programs
Eugene Pascal Candidate for Mackenzie Delta	I would have to familiarize myself with NWT Family Violence Action Plan and the 19 recommendation that were presented by the coalition before I would make any comment on this. ...	I do believe that everyone has a right to pursue work and/or training. Right now, the communities in the Beaufort/Delta, with the AHF funding, are able to provide this service. ...	I would have to check to see to what extent the GNWT has pursued this analysis and if the works in other places what are they about this.
Daryl Dolynny Candidate for Range Lake	Family violence rates in our territory are amongst the highest in the country. I support the work of the Coalition and the recommendations they have made on this important issue.	I am committed to working with other levels of government to help communities address this issue.	If elected, I would meet with the Status of Women to discuss how we can better incorporate "Gender-based Analysis" in the development of government policy, programs and legislation.
Beatrice Lepine Candidate for Hay River North	Absolutely - The key to ending family violence is having adequate funding support from all governments and corporations in the NWT to deal more effectively with the issue.	I see this area as fundamental to our economic and social growth - unless we offer women adequate support to ensure they can participate in opportunities we will not make progress ...	I would ask for a review of program and services being delivered by GNWT to ensure they are gender-based and consult groups like Status of Women council and NWT Native ...
Eddie T. Dillon Candidate for Nunakput	Yes, if all 19 recommendations are achievable. I also would like to know why the sunset clause was put in.	Yes, I would like to have the same affordable service in all our communities.	First, I would like to understand what means "gender-based analysis" and then I would like to make sure everyone in all communities are treated equally.
Norman Yakeleya Candidate for Sahtu	Yes, These 19 recommendations would need to be prioritized for implementation.	Yes, it maybe that our small communities would need more attention and requirements would need to be adjusted to meet their needs.	Once elected, I would discuss with other MLAs the issue and work with them to bring the gender-based analysis to the government and develop an action plan to address the ...
Jane Groenewegen Candidate for Hay River South	I do support the recommendations. I believe that the people who work on the front lines addressing these needs in our community on a daily basis are the best ones ...	I know that ECE has funding available for community organizations or individuals who would like to create child care spaces. The College also has online training available for people who ...	I believe that every GNWT policy or piece of proposed Legislation where applicable should have gender-based analysis applied to it right from the outset. Going back and changing existing legislation ...
Bob McLeod MLA for Yellowknife South	I support these 19 recommendations and would also support a recommitment by the 17th Legislative Assembly to make it a priority to work with communities, regions, organizations and individuals to decrease ...	Yes, I would commit to helping all communities in the NWT build affordable, quality licensed child care facilities. I support continued development of an early childhood education system that would ...	Equity of results is the first step in ensuring equality of men and women in our society. I would develop a gender-based analysis lens that would be incorporated in the ...
Tom Beaulieu Candidate for Tu Nedhe	I don't have access to the recommendations, however the plan was instrumental in improving the situation for many families. I would assume that key areas need to be to continued ...	I have made statements in the house about the lack of day-care in the smaller communities. I support the need to fund child care to improve the overall situation for ...	I haven thought of this too deeply and wish to think of it more before giving you my position.
Wendy Bisaro Candidate for Frame Lake	I support the 19 recommendations in Phase III. Progress has been made through implementation of Phases I and II – e.g. increased access to shelter services. Ongoing and constructive work must continue.	Licensed quality child care and early childhood programs essential; lack is closely linked to poverty levels and child health; need to increase access to childcare subsidy; community support for projects ...	Ensure that policies are developed and viewed through gender based lens; must recognize unique impact on women. Key time is during Business Plan Development and review. Education of employees important.
Duff Spence Candidate for Frame Lake	Family violence is a terrible problem for the NWT and I support providing the required support to victims of family violence. To stabilize operational funding to shelters is an important ...	Accessibility to affordable childcare is the foundation for women to improve their lives and the lives of their children. If elected I will support programs to provide affordable quality childcare ...	While Gender-based Analysis may provide positive results, currently the GNWT has not implemented a standardized approach to evaluate the effectiveness and effects of policy, programs or project. I would like ...
Beaton Mackenzie Candidate for Range Lake	I support the 19 recommendations in the report. A long time supporter of gender equality, I will advocate to have these recommendations be top priority in the 17th assembly.	I will address this need by working through available infrastructure to address the immediate needs while building a more permanent solution through a cooperative process with the communities.	I will work towards increasing knowledge and awareness of GBA for program leaders, policy and legislative writers to help gather information from all communities to make informed GBA decisions.
Victor Mercredi Candidate for Kam Lake	Yes, I support these recommendations	As a single parent of 3 boys I understand the need for affordable, quality licensed child care, and would completely support the development of these centres.	I would work with the appropriate departments and the Status of Women Council to educate, and further implement the Gender-Based Analysis.
Alfred Moses Candidate for Inuvik Boot Lake	yes, I do support these recommendations and if elected, would like to sit with your council to discuss in further detail.	Yes, I would commit to seeing this issue addressed. It is a concern for all communities particularly women who stay home to take care of their children. I would like ...	First, I would consult with the key stakeholders and create some recommendations and action items. The process would then have to be moved forward working with the right Departments to ...
David Wasylciw Candidate for Range Lake	These recommendations are important. I think that the new government will have to work closely with local organizations to prioritize and begin to put these recommendations into practice.	As a single father, I understand the need for affordable, quality childcare. If elected, I will work to ensure that families have access to childcare that meets their needs.	Government policies can affect gender, racial, and socio-economic groups differently. Gender-based analysis is one lens that will help ensure that government initiatives meet the needs of many different groups.
Patrick Scott Candidate for Great Slave	The Coalition has produced an excellent final report (March 31, 2011) that clearly outlines the justification for recommendations required to move forward. I would support each recommendation to build on their ...	The need for child care spaces has been sitting on the shelf for too long. It is time we invested in our youngest citizens and parents. So yes, I would ...	With unequal representation in the legislature, it is imperative that our policies, programs and legislation undergo gender analysis. I would establish a gender analysis unit within the Status Council or the office ...

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