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Three Questions to NWT Candidates

Status of Women Council
of the NWT

In order received.
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?

Mark Bogan
Candidate for Weledeh

As I have just won an action against a member of your coalition for sexual discrimination I am somewhat dubious of the recommendations validity. It has weaknesses in seeming to ...

Where needed and a demand is expressed, I am in favour of meeting daycare needs.

I am opposed to blanket gender-based analysis. It only serves to drive up program costs. An example that springs to mind is that of gender-based analysis of a new highway ...

Robert Hawkins
Candidate for Yellowknife Centre

GNWT should renew its commitment to assessing family violence and achieving the goals in the plan. As MLA, I will continue to advocate for the GNWT doing its fair share.

Like health care, building affordable, quality licensed child care centres will require contributions from the Federal Government and we should be seeking partnerships towards a solid Territorial daycare infrastructure.

It is time for a careful examination of the gender effects of policy and laws. I support the efforts of the Status of Women to make this a priority issue.

Darwin Rudkevitch
Candidate for Kam Lake

I do generally support the recommendations and I abhor any kind of family violence. I am however unsure whether continued funding would be possible for all areas.

Yes childcare issues are critical in the territory and in an ideal world I would promise to do all you ask but it would not be realistic. I do believe ...

Yes, I appreciate the value of gender-based analysis. But without analyzing the cost effectiveness of such changes it is difficult to say without adequate information what exact action I would ...

Bryan Sutherland
Candidate for Kam Lake

There is a serious lack of of quality, affordable, or preventive counseling for families under stresses that precipitate violence. Our current resources are not being allocated effectively, and at time

Can we consider expanding our grade-school program to include preschool and day-care services under the education budget? There is a debt/deficit crisis in the NWT, new spending must be balanced ...

The GNWT model of government must change to one where there are party politics in the NWT, the New System should follow the German model of government where a Women ...

Norman Smith
Candidate for Range Lake

Yes I would be in support of these recommendations.

I certainly support ensuring quality and affordable child care in every community in the North, however, your question infers that support is sought to build affordable, quality licensed child care ...

In considering gender equality it is important to solicit the views of women and men in the development and review of policies, programs and legislation. Our society is no longer ...

Dave Ramsay
Candidate for Kam Lake

Yes I support the 19 recommendations, the GNWT has a role to play in eradicating family violence in whatever form it takes.

I believe the GNWT could do much more to help in the area of early childhood development. It is one thing to just spring up new licensed facilities but we ...

First off It would be best if more women were elected to the Assembly. As far as full blown gender-analysis on programs is concerned I would be wary of the