



**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
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TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST
ASSEMBLÉE LÉGISLATIVE**

MEETING PA 09-20-25

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025
EAGLE ROOM, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
9:00 AM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
5. In Camera Matters
 - a) Briefing with the Office of the Auditor General of Canada
6. Public Review of the Auditor General of Canada's Report on the Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project
 - a) Officials from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories
7. New Business
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday January 27 at 8:30 A.M.
9. Adjournment



Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project

Response to the Report of the Auditor General of Canada

January 15, 2025



Audit Report and Recommendations

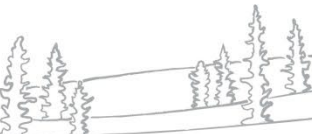
- The report made several recommendations of which the GNWT has agreed to (7) and disagreed with (1).
- Disagreement with respect to combining the Stanton Legacy Project with Stanton Renewal



Paragraph 19

OAG Recommendation:

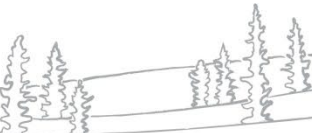
- assess and document innovations and project scope changes included in bidder proposals to determine whether they constitute a significant change that could impact the expected value for money
- update value-for-money assessments with the most up-to-date information available from bidders before finalizing contracts to confirm that value for money is still expected to be achieved



Paragraph 27

OAG Recommendation:

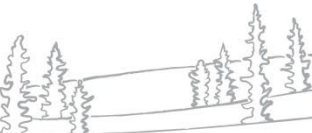
- Ensure that the conflict-of-interest declaration process:
 - Is completed by necessary individuals in a timely manner
 - Assesses disclosed relationships in a timely manner to determine whether a real or perceived conflict of interest is present and whether mitigation measures are required
 - Retains the results of the process in the procurement file



Paragraph 28

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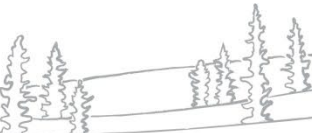
- For future procurement processes, should document interactions with bidders and ensure they are provided with equal access to consistent information



Paragraph 37

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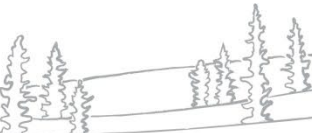
- update value-for-money analyses as arrangements change, to determine whether the arrangement maximizes public benefits
- for facility replacements, evaluate whether repurposing the existing capital assets to deliver other services provides value for money



Paragraph 48

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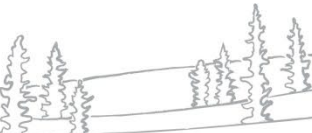
- should support the principles and intent of the Business Incentive Policy in future procurement processes by:
 - verifying that reported amounts spent to meet commitments to benefit registered local and Northwest Territories businesses are accurate
 - tracking, monitoring, and reporting on adherence to requirements in contracts and agreements in order to take corrective actions when commitments are not met
 - strengthening performance measurement for local and Northwest Territories content in future projects



Paragraph 52

OAG recommendation:

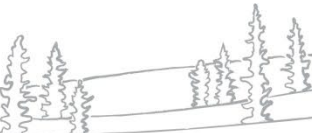
- should work to review, update, and monitor compliance with the guidance and policies related to project management, including public-private partnerships, to ensure consistency and that accountability is clear for all entities to support successful outcomes.



Paragraph 62

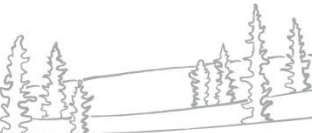
OAG Recommendation:

- Should develop full cost estimates for projects that include all capital, lifecycle, operating (including property taxes), maintenance, and other associated project costs to make sure project estimates are comprehensive and reasonable.



Paragraph 63

- should publicly report detailed and complete project costs for the Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project that supplement the reporting in the Public Accounts of the Government of Northwest Territories. This reporting should include
 - costs related to the legacy hospital building leasing arrangement over the 30-year term of the project
 - providing updates to total project costs when there are significant changes during the term of the project, such as for increased property taxes and operating expenses



Questions

