



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

MEETING GO 53-20-25

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025**  
**EAGLE ROOM, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**1:30 PM**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer/Reflection
3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
5. Public Matters
  - a) NTPC governance study: public briefing with Professor Monica Gattinger, Founding Chair, Positive Energy, University of Ottawa
  - b) Briefing with the Honourable Vince McKay, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, on the Active Living and the Safe Sport Frameworks
6. In Camera Matters
  - a) Debrief
  - b) Committee business: Bill 22, Legislation Act
  - c) Correspondence review:
    - i. 2025-05-26 – Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment – Confidential
    - ii. 2025-06-04 – Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation – Confidential
7. New Business
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 9 a.m.
9. Adjournment

# ***Public Confidence, Energy Decision-Making and the NTPC***

*Professor Monica Gattinger*

*Founding Chair, Positive Energy, University of Ottawa*

*Testimony to the Standing Committee on Government Operations,  
Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly*



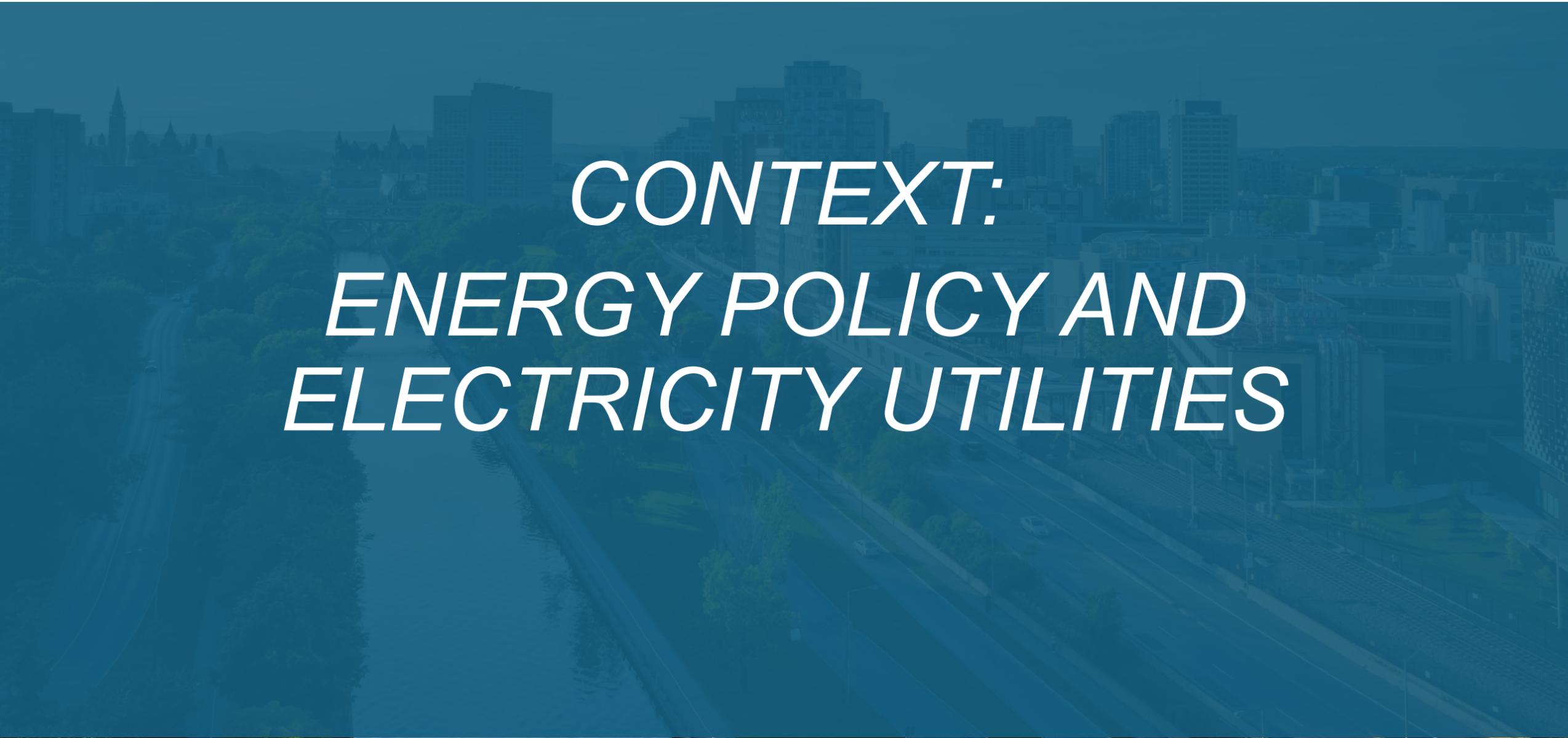
## Overview

Context: energy policy and electricity utilities

Public confidence: a three-legged stool

Reforming energy decision-making to build confidence

Key questions for the Committee to consider



*CONTEXT:  
ENERGY POLICY AND  
ELECTRICITY UTILITIES*

# Energy Policy

## Energy Trilemma



Finding a ***durable balance*** among economic, security and sustainability objectives that stands the test of time

# Durable Energy Policy

Striking a durable balance is forever a work in progress

Balance is shifting (back) towards affordability/economy and security

In Canada, durable balance means a balance that:

- ✓ Secures public confidence
- ✓ Secures investor confidence
- ✓ Respects Indigenous rights
- ✓ Maintains national unity (federally)

# Energy Policy and Electricity Utilities

- Growing role in energy transition and electrification
- Transforming mandates (e.g., supporting broader economic and climate goals)
- Pivotal role in public confidence in energy transition and electrification
- Growing role in reconciliation
- Big investors



# PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: A THREE-LEGGED STOOL

# Public Confidence: A Three-Legged Stool



**Citizen leg:** people want climate action

**Consumer leg:** reliable, affordable, safe energy

**Community leg:** people have concerns about new infrastructure



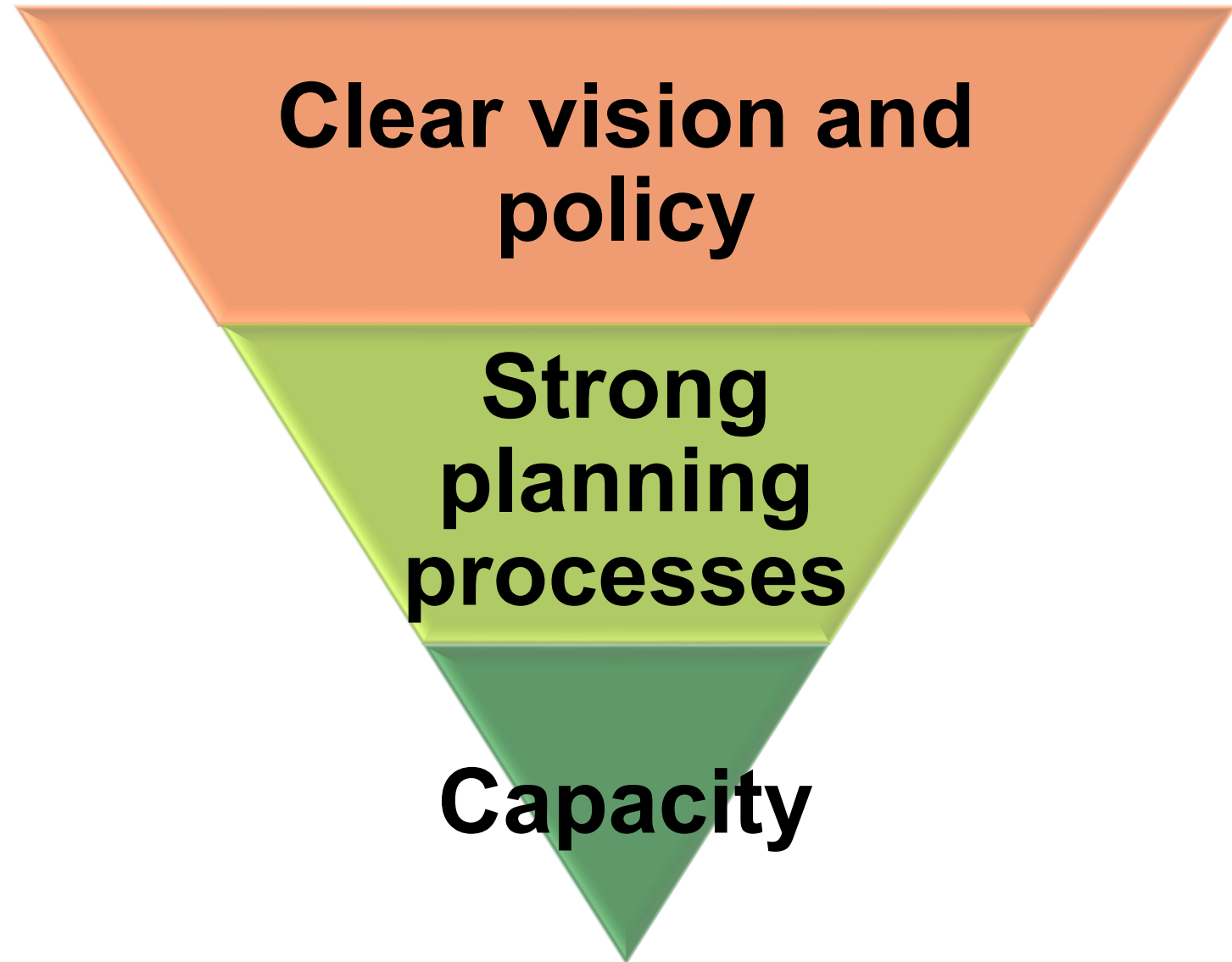


# REFORMING ENERGY DECISION-MAKING TO BUILD PUBLIC AND INVESTOR CONFIDENCE

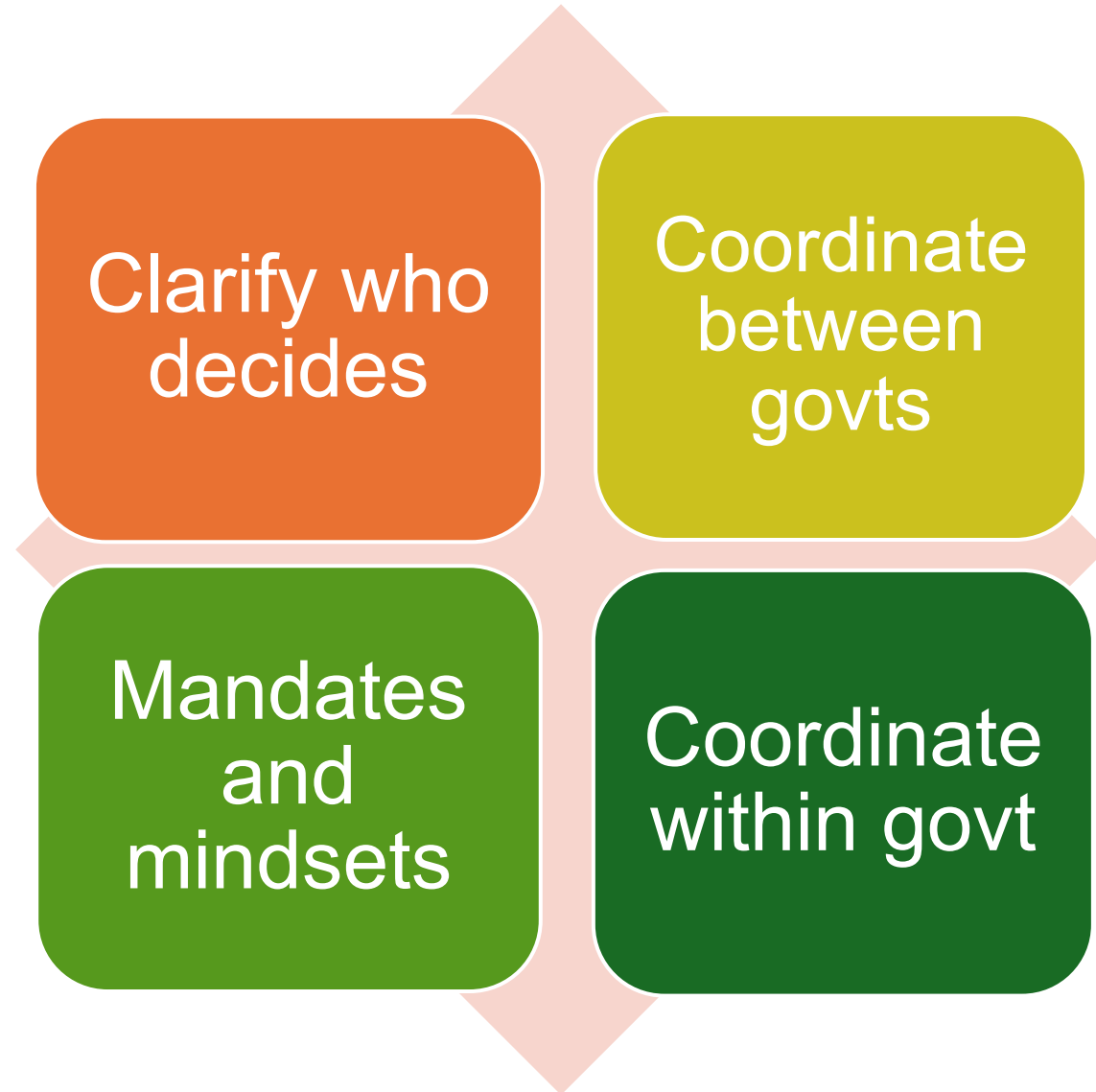
# Keys to successful reform

- Timely, clear, predictable decision-making
- Reform entire decision system
- Indigenous relationships

# At the broadest level



# At the operational level





# KEY QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER

# Key Questions

- Are reforms to NTPC governance being undertaken through the lens of the entire GNWT energy decision system?
- Is GNWT policy timely, clear and predictable enough for NTPC to understand its role in the broader energy system?
- Will reforms secure confidence of the public as citizens, consumers and community members?
- Will they secure the confidence of the NTPC as an investor?

# Key Questions

- Are energy planning processes robust and do the NTPC and other key organizations and rights holders have the capacity they need?
- Is it clear who (GNWT, PUB, NTPC) decides what, when and how for energy and cost allocation (rate base versus taxbase)?
- Are there adequate mechanisms for coordination within government and between governments?
- Do reforms need to be more about changing mandates or changing mindsets (org culture)?

# *QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION*

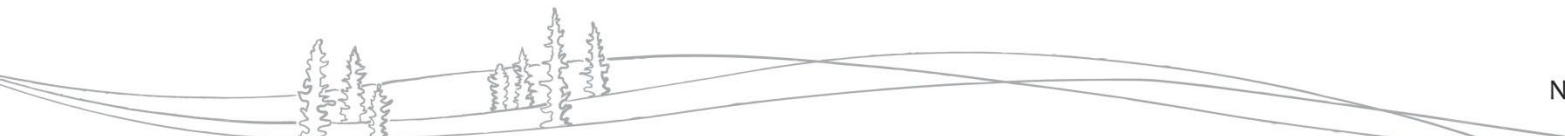
*For more on Positive Energy:  
<https://www.uottawa.ca/research-innovation/positive-energy>*



# NWT Active Living Framework and Sport Integrity

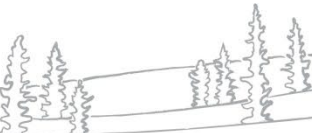
Presentation to the Standing Committee on Government Operations

June 13, 2025



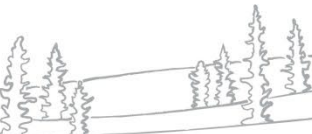
# Introduction

- MACA is implementing the Active Living Framework (ALF) 2023-2033: a strategic approach to recreation, sport, and physical activity.
  - It supports MACA's mandate of promoting the social well-being of communities by providing recreation and sport opportunities to residents.
  - It supports GNWT's mandate commitment to support the development and delivery of community-based wellness programs.



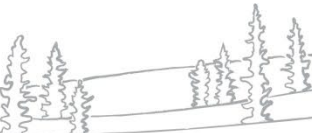
# Background

- Active living landscape in the NWT
  - Territorial and regional organizations
  - Territorial sports organizations
  - Community governments, schools, and non-government organizations
- 2005 – Sport and Recreation Council (SRC) established
  - Administer lottery program, provide shared administration and common vision and priorities for the system
- 2016 – SRC wound down
  - Lottery and funding to sector brought into MACA
  - Minister committed to developing a SPAR policy



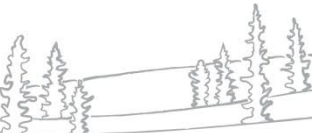
# Western Canada Lottery Act

- The Act was enacted in 2018 and established a Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund to disburse funds to:
  - Promote and deliver physical activity, sports and recreation programs,
  - Develop coaching,
  - Support high-performance athletes,
  - Operate the lottery program, and
  - Advance physical activity, sport and recreation in the NWT.



# NWT Active Living Framework 2023-2033

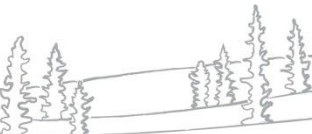
- A policy framework to guide GNWT planning and decisions about allocation of funding for active living.
- Sets out GNWT's vision, priorities and goals for active living.
- Informed by public engagement.



# NWT Active Living Framework 2023-2033

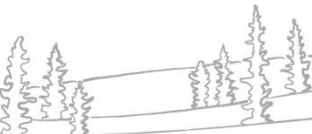
Six areas for action:

- Prioritize Indigenous cultures and practices
- Build sector capacity
- Celebrate and support local champions
- Improve access to, and increase opportunities for, participation in recreation, sport, and physical activity
- Promote the value of active living
- Invest in active living with sustainable, flexible funding



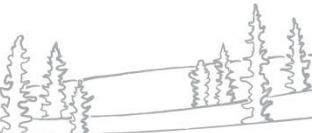
# Implementation

- 2024 – Advisory Committee established with representation from the key sector territorial and regional partners (ISCNWT, NWTRPA, SNF, MRA) and MACA SRY
- This group has worked collaboratively to produce:
  - A draft three-year Action Plan
  - A Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
  - A common reporting template to implement the M&E Plan



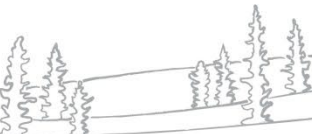
# Draft Action Plan

- Contains proposed actions to support Active Living Framework action areas and goals
- Highlights existing programs and activities that are aligned with the Framework
- Proposes new initiatives to drive change
- Focuses on setting a solid foundation for moving forward



# Future direction

- Sector challenges include:
  - Sustainability of Western Canada Lottery Program revenues
  - Partner funding has remained flat for 10 years
  - Impact of cost of living on ability to deliver programs
- Priorities for action in next three years:
  - Explore potential for achieving efficiencies through shared services
  - Explore potential for reducing duplication in programming



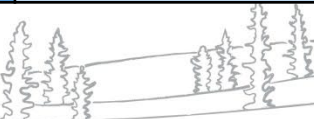
# What is SafeSport?

- Shift to Sport Integrity
  - Prevention of Harassment, Abuse and Discrimination in Sport
  - NWT has included concussions and injury prevention
  - Independent Third-Party Reporting Mechanism



# NWT Safe Sport Framework

Our Goal				
To foster a safe and welcoming environment through a consistent, intentional, and unified approach				
Strategy				
	<i>Consistent Policies</i>	<i>Minimum Training/ Requirements</i>	<i>Intentional Engagement</i>	<i>Custom Resources</i>
<b>Intention</b>	<i>All NT sport and recreation organizations will use aligned/ equivalent policies to ensure consistency and protect all stakeholders</i>	<i>All NT sport and recreational organizations will require minimum training standards for coaches, athletes/ participants, officials, administrators, volunteers, and others</i>	<i>All NT sport and recreation organizations will regularly engage with all stakeholders including athletes/participants</i>	<i>All NT sport and recreation organizations will have access to a safe sport hub designed for a northern approach</i>
<b>Top Priorities</b>	Safe Sport Policy Suite template aligned with NSO requirements and GNWT minimum standards	All coaches must meet minimum screening and safe sport training requirements (i.e.: Safe Sport, Making Ethical Decisions, Making Headway)	Safe Sport Expectations Webinars for athletes and coaches so behaviour expectations and responsibilities are clear	Safe Sport North Online Hub - one-stop-shop for all resources and educational material
<b>Priorities</b>	Concussion Policy and Return to Sport protocols for illness and injury	Online safe sport training for all stakeholders (athletes/ participants, officials, parents, administrators, volunteers)	Engagement strategy aimed at athletes/participants, coaches, parents, administrators, and others	Safe Sport Hotline for Northerners
<b>Recommended</b>	Independent third-party Case Manager for all NT safe sport complaints	Incentives to keep more trained coaches in the North	Use of multiple channels to engage with stakeholders (traditional and non-traditional methods)	Communication/ education campaigns to ensure continuous and ongoing awareness of Safe Sport
<b>Future Opportunities</b>	Gender and Indigenous-based analysis of policies through a Northern lens	Northern-based learning facilitators	Collaborate with other like-minded organizations (ie. AWGIC, Schools, communities) with consistent messages	Sustainable hub updated regularly by NT Safe Sport Coordinator with current safe sport messages and resources

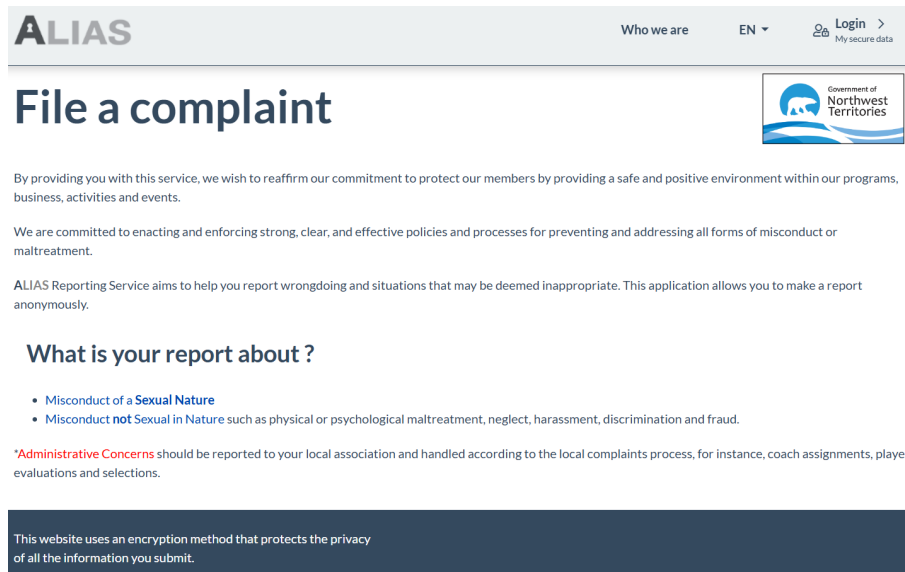


# NWT Safe Sport Framework

- TSO Implementation
  - Requirements for starting April 1, 2026
    - Mandatory Policies, incorporation of an independent third party
  - Governance and Policy supports
  - Opportunity for Sport Sector efficiencies and alignment
  - Sport Integrity training and resources



# NWT Independent Third Party - ALIAS



The screenshot shows the ALIAS website header with the logo, navigation links for 'Who we are', 'EN', and 'Login > My secure data'. The main heading is 'File a complaint'. Below it, a paragraph states the commitment to a safe environment. Another paragraph mentions the commitment to enforcing policies. A section titled 'What is your report about?' lists two bullet points: 'Misconduct of a Sexual Nature' and 'Misconduct not Sexual in Nature'. A footnote explains that 'Administrative Concerns' should be reported to the local association. A footer note states that the website uses encryption to protect privacy.

**ALIAS** Who we are EN Login > My secure data

## File a complaint

By providing you with this service, we wish to reaffirm our commitment to protect our members by providing a safe and positive environment within our programs, business, activities and events.

We are committed to enacting and enforcing strong, clear, and effective policies and processes for preventing and addressing all forms of misconduct or maltreatment.

ALIAS Reporting Service aims to help you report wrongdoing and situations that may be deemed inappropriate. This application allows you to make a report anonymously.

### What is your report about ?

- Misconduct of a **Sexual Nature**
- Misconduct **not Sexual in Nature** such as physical or psychological maltreatment, neglect, harassment, discrimination and fraud.

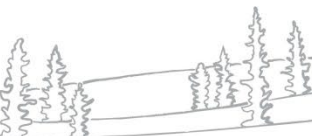
\*Administrative Concerns should be reported to your local association and handled according to the local complaints process, for instance, coach assignments, player evaluations and selections.

This website uses an encryption method that protects the privacy of all the information you submit.

- 3-year contract
- UCCMS complaints
- Available for participants of MACA-funded sport organizations

# Current Status

- Complete:
  - Bylaw review for compliance
  - Templates of sport integrity policies
- Next steps:
  - Agreement to work with ALIAS and the GNWT, or use of an equivalent third-party complaint investigation mechanism
  - Sport Organization Bylaw updates and Policy adoption
  - Increased public transparency



# Questions

