

Draft / Proposal for Joint Working Group

Terms of Reference

Joint Working Group

Purpose: To advocate for Northern Defence Investment in the NWT Economy

Canada has committed to spending 2% of its GDP on defence by 2032, which represents a credible, responsible, and achievable target date, that will allow Canada to ramp up its spending and procurement capacity on a realistic timeline.¹

The purpose of this document is to propose the following:

The Joint Working Group shall meet regularly to discuss matters of defence investment in the NWT, and by consensus finalize objectives and material to inform a proactive campaign to the Federal Government, in the interest of the NWT on matters such as, but not limited to:

- Mackenzie Valley Highway
- Bathurst Port
- Northern Airways
- FOB's

Composition:

The Joint Working Group shall be composed of a Chairperson and 3 additional members, with composition consisting of:

2 Regular Members

2 Members of Executive Council

Accountability

This Joint Working Group is accountable to the Legislative Assembly (TBC)

Scope

1. The JWG will review matters related to:

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¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/corporate/reports-publications/proactive-disclosure/cds-mandate-priorities-26-sept-2024/defence-spending.html>

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Term:

The working group will come into existence upon the adoption of a Motion of the Legislative Assembly and will discontinue upon the dissolution of the 20th Assembly.

Budget:

TBD

Quorum:

Quorum for the Joint Working Group will be three members including at least one Member of the Executive Council