



Government of  
Northwest Territories

**Government of the Northwest Territories Response to  
Motion 64-20(1): Naming of the 50<sup>th</sup> Street Affordable Housing Complex**

**Motion**

*NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, that the Executive Council of the Government of the Northwest Territories name the new 50-unit affordable housing complex on 50th Street in Yellowknife, the Anthony (Tony) W. J. Whitford Building;*

*AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories respond to this motion in 120 days.*

**GNWT Response**

The Government of the Northwest Territories understands the deep personal meaning behind this motion. Mr. Anthony W. J. Whitford was a true champion of people and community, and his legacy and contributions will continue to inspire us all. It is because of that legacy that the GNWT understand and appreciate the Members' intent in bringing this motion forward.

While the GNWT recognizes the meaningful and personal nature of naming buildings, particularly after the loss of NWT leaders such as Mr. Whitford, the GNWT believes that all residents should have an opportunity to take part in the naming of our government owned buildings. The GNWT further believes that established policies should be followed, and processes be open and transparent. By using established processes to name buildings we ensure multiple views and ideas are heard and factored into the GNWT decision-making.