



Dear MLAs:

Thank you for taking time to attend our industry event last night. We understand this is a very busy time during which you are establishing your agenda, Premier and Cabinet.

On behalf of the NWT Chamber of Commerce and the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines, we would like to recognize your commitment to all NWT residents. We hope our passion showed through regarding our economy, our capacity to build northern opportunities and, most importantly, that we want to work collaboratively with all of you.

Just a few highlights from last night for your review:

- We need to welcome junior explorers and understand why there is no exploration investment. It will be the juniors who will find the new mines
- We have a robust environmental regulatory process, however, the boards' permitting, and licensing processes are complex and unpredictable creating uncertainty and driving investment away
- We need to stop alienating land without evaluating the socio-economic benefits which might be lost to the NWT and its communities
- Infrastructure is critically lacking, and any infrastructure undertaking should include a partnership with Indigenous business development corporations
- The polytechnic institute being proposed for the North is critical in building capacity long-term for the mineral industry as well as the private business sector
- Bring the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act home. It has issues that need to be dealt with by northerners and those being affected by it (communities, Indigenous governments, the Government of the Northwest Territories, boards, and most directly "the industry")
- Work to understand the full mineral industry cycle from grassroots to closure and reclamation. The opportunities are endless, and it can be a renewable resource
- Mineral industry benefits are many, but impact benefit agreements are a thing of the past, let's create partnerships between public and Indigenous governments, communities and the mineral industry

In closing, we appreciate your commitment to join us last night. We hope the 19th Legislative Assembly is about change and working collaboratively with all stakeholders.

Respectfully,

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