



Northwest Territories Tourism Member Resolutions

Northwest Territories Tourism members address their concerns by adopting resolutions during the Annual General Meeting. Once presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting and adopted as a resolution, resolutions become the official position of Northwest Territories Tourism. Adopted resolutions are sent to the Government of the Northwest Territories or to other applicable Government/Agencies for consideration and response. The resolutions are discussed as agenda items during meetings of the Board of Directors to ensure these items remain priority and progress on these issues is advanced among other items.

2022 AGM Resolutions

The following resolutions were approved at the 2022 Annual General Meeting

RESOLUTION #1 – AIR ACCESS INTO AND WITHIN THE NWT

Be it resolved that NWT Tourism continue to advocate to the airlines for increased access to and within the north, that the flight schedules be consistent and reliable and meet the needs of the tourism sector, and that the planes flying into the north have the ability, and the consistency, to bring the cargo and baggage required for guests visiting the NWT.

Status: ONGOING

NWT Tourism worked very closely with airline and industry partners to highlight the tourism industry's concerns and needs. We have established open and consistent lines of communication with the airlines that service the NWT tourism industry. We are continuing work with the airlines to promote the routes for the NWT, as well as be aware of routes that connect with the hubs that serve the NWT for further marketing opportunities to help ensure the routes to the NWT continue to be viable. We will continue to work with the airlines and industry partners to ensure that the tourism industry is top of mind.

RESOLUTION #2 – ASSISTANCE FOR REMOTE LODGES TO TRANSITION TO NEW SATELLITE OPTIONS

Be it resolved that NWT Tourism continue to work with the GNWT to assist NWT Tourism members with finding and sourcing solutions for their remote communications needs.

Status: CLOSED

NWT Tourism worked with the GNWT, and many service providers to find viable solutions for remote communication needs. Starlink opened up their services to include the NWT and this has so far proven to be a working solution for remote communication needs in the NWT. We will continue to monitor and reassess if needed.

RESOLUTION #3 – EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL CAMPGROUND AND PARKS AND TERRITORIAL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS SEASON

Be it resolved that the NWT Tourism would advocate to the GNWT to have the NWT Territorial Campgrounds and Parks and Territorial Visitor Information Centers extend their closing date from the current mid-September date to the end of the warm weather season to be in line with the schedules in adjoining jurisdictions such as Alberta.

Status: CLOSED

It was determined that while desirable, keeping NWT Territorial campgrounds, parks and visitor information centers opened longer than currently planned is not financially viable at this time. Most of the infrastructure for these locations is very weather dependent and the change of seasons can happen very quickly, allowing time to properly plan to winterize each location is crucial, and changing over to infrastructure that would allow to operate later into the fall season is not financially possible at this time. However, NWT Tourism will continue to monitor the situation.

RESOLUTION #4 – IMPORTANCE OF THE WORKFORCE TO THE SUCCESS OF BUSINESSES IN THE TOURISM SECTOR

Be it resolved that NWT Tourism work with the GNWT departments and Aurora College to determine the status of the Tourism Training Action Plan. Furthermore, be it resolved that NWT Tourism continue to work with all governments, federal, Indigenous, territorial, and municipal, to find ways to mitigate the threat the labour shortage poses to the tourism industry in the NWT and capitalize on the significant opportunities that exist for NWT residents to be a part of the tourism industry workforce.

Status: ONGOING

NWT Tourism has met and discussed with several different levels of government and organizations over the last year, GNWT-ECE, Government of Canada-Immigration, CDETNO, Future Skills Canada, PTTIA, Tourism HR, TIAC, the many issues around labour shortage. The labour shortage is nationwide and is a very big concern in all industries.

This work is ongoing and will continue to be a priority going forward. We will continue to work with our partners at GNWT-ITI to advocate for training opportunities for residents of the NWT in the tourism industry.

RESOLUTION #5 – REDUCING THE IMPACT OF LAND LEASE COST INCREASES ON OUTFITTERS WITH OUTPOST CABINS

Be it resolved NWT Tourism work with GNWT department of Lands for a land lease solution that enables the Outfitters outpost cabins to be listed on a base/main camp(s) lease(s) and that single outpost cabins can be constructed by outfitters without the requirement of a lease.

Status: OPEN

There is still work to do with this resolution and it will be ongoing into the next year.