

## City Of Yellowknife Questions

### Economic Development

What is your overall vision for economic development in the NWT?

What actions or investments would you take to strengthen and diversify the economy?

**My overall vision for economic development is to strengthen and diversify the economy of the Northwest Territories (NWT), several actions and investments can be considered. Here are some potential strategies:**

- **Promote tourism: Invest in marketing campaigns to attract more tourists to the NWT. Develop and promote unique tourist attractions, cultural events, outdoor adventure activities, and indigenous cultural experiences.**
- **Support small businesses: Provide financial assistance, training programs, and mentorship to local entrepreneurs, especially those in sectors like agriculture, renewable energy, technology, and creative industries. Encourage diversification by nurturing a vibrant small business ecosystem.**
- **Expand mining and resource development: Support responsible mining projects and explore new resource development opportunities. Strengthen partnerships between government, indigenous communities, and mining companies to ensure environmental stewardship and benefit sharing.**
- **Enhance education and skills development: Invest in education and training programs aligned with emerging sectors, such as technology, renewable energy, and healthcare. Develop partnerships with educational institutions and industry stakeholders to address skills gaps and ensure a future-ready workforce.**
- **Promote agricultural development: Support initiatives that promote sustainable agriculture, including greenhouse farming, vertical farming, and traditional indigenous food production. Invest in research and development to improve crop yields in a challenging northern climate.**

With the Giant Mine remediation beginning, what actions would you take to maximize the economic benefits remaining in the north?

I believe this project has great potential to strengthen our economy, a great start would be to Develop skills and training programs: Establish training programs to equip local workers with the required skills and knowledge to participate in the project. This could include specialized training in environmental remediation, project management, construction, and other relevant areas. By investing in local talent development, you can ensure a skilled workforce to support future projects in the region.

Stimulate local supply chains: Prioritize sourcing goods, equipment, and services from local suppliers and manufacturers. By stimulating local supply chains, you can generate direct economic benefits for

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businesses in the NWT. Partnering with local suppliers can also help reduce transportation costs and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Support small business development: Provide financial assistance, mentoring programs, or access to capital for small businesses in the region. Supporting small business growth can fuel economic diversification, create job opportunities, and strengthen the overall economy.

### Emergency Management

What actions will you take or lobby to ensure that communities are adequately prepared for future emergencies?

All NWT Community Wildfire Protection Plans will be five years old or older in 2024. Will you commit to funding, or advocating for funding, updates to these plans for any community that will request one?

**In light of the recent wildfires and floods in the NWT (Northwest Territories), it is essential to take proactive measures to prepare for future emergencies effectively and both of these questions tie into each other. Here are some actions that can be taken:**

- **Conduct post-emergency reviews and evaluations: Conduct thorough post-emergency evaluations to identify areas for improvement. Assess the effectiveness of emergency response efforts, communication channels, and evacuation procedures. Apply lessons learned to update emergency plans and procedures accordingly. Review and update existing emergency response plans based on the findings, ensuring they address the specific challenges posed by wildfires and floods. Include details on evacuation procedures, communication protocols, resource allocation, and coordination with other emergency services.**
- **Improve community education and awareness: Conduct regular public awareness campaigns on wildfire and flood preparedness. Educate residents about safety measures, evacuation routes, and identification of high-risk areas. Encourage residents to create emergency kits and develop family emergency plans.**

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### Legislation

Do you support prioritizing these legislative reviews?

**I do support these legislative reviews.**

If you support prioritizing this legislation, will you work with the city council to advocate for change within this legislation?

**Yes, I believe it is essential that MLAS work in conjunction with the city council.**