RESOLUTION #2 – FROM NWT TOURISM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Navigating the changing landscape due to the effects of extreme weather events

Whereas there are significant and ongoing changes to the environment in the Northwest Territories; and

Whereas these changes, including increased wildfires, low water levels, and flooding, are becoming the new normal for the landscape that tourism businesses rely on to deliver a quality experience to their guests; and

Whereas the Northwest Territories requires new and upgraded infrastructure to support the changing landscapes and adapt to new environmental conditions; and

Whereas substantial investment and support programs are necessary from both territorial and federal governments to ensure the sustainability and resilience of the tourism sector; and

Whereas access to emerging regions is crucial for the future development and diversification of tourism businesses in the changing environment.

Be it resolved that NWT Tourism advocate for initiatives to support the tourism industry in adapting to climate change impacts, including:

1. Increased funding for climate-resilient infrastructure development in key tourism areas;
2. Creation of emergency response programs specifically tailored to address climate-related disruptions to tourism activities;
3. Support for tourism operators in developing and implementing sustainable practices that reduce their environmental impact and increases their resilience to climate change;
4. Funding to assist tourism businesses in retrofitting their facilities and equipment to better withstand extreme weather events and changing environmental conditions;
5. Collaboration to provide regular updates and forecasts to help the tourism industry plan for and adapt to future changes.

Be it further resolved that NWT Tourism work closely with territorial and federal government agencies to secure the necessary support for these initiatives, ensuring the long-term viability and success of the Northwest Territories tourism industry in the face of ongoing climate change challenges.

Moved by: Wendy Grater
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Resolution Committee Chair Signature