

May 21, 2019

Dear Stakeholder,

### **Seeking Public Feedback on Bills Before Committee**

The Standing Committee on Government Operations is currently reviewing the following two Bills: Bill 42: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act* and Bill 43: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*. The Committee is interested in hearing your views on the proposed Legislation.

#### **Bill 42: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act***

The Bill amends the *Petroleum Products Tax Act* to:

- Clarify that all existing provisions in the Act related to the current fuel tax are noted as such;
- Impose a carbon tax on petroleum products and natural gas;
- To provide an exemption from the fuel tax for petroleum products: delivered to or purchased by an Indian or Indian band on a reserve; or used by a designated municipal authority that is recognized by the Minister as representing a community;
- Make the necessary amendments for collection and administration of this tax in the same manner as the current fuel tax [i.e. purchasers are required to pay the tax and vendors and collectors are required to remit the tax to the GNWT];
- Allow the Minister to provide in regulations for rebates and grants;
- Increase the maximum fines and penalties (which may be imposed as administrative penalties or on summary conviction); and
- Set out a process for the appeal of an assessment of tax, interest or administrative penalties under the Act.

The Bill can be found at [https://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/bill\\_42.pdf](https://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/bill_42.pdf).

## **Bill 43: An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act**

The Bill amends the Income Tax Act to make changes in non-refundable tax credits claimed by multi-jurisdictional individual tax-filers, including

- Changes that restrict the Northwest Territories pension credit to Northwest Territories residents; and
- Changes that allow full pension and dividend credits to be claimed by Northwest Territories residents with business income earned outside the Territories.

The Bill also amends the Income Tax Act to provide a cost of living offset as a mechanism for returning carbon tax revenues to Northwest Territories residents.

The Bill can be found at [https://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/bill\\_43.pdf](https://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/bill_43.pdf).

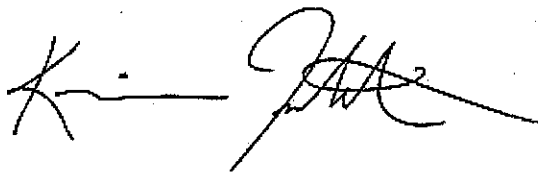
Committee will be conducting the following public consultations on these bills:

- June 11, 2019 at 12:00pm in Fort Providence – Community Hall
- June 11, 2019 at 7:00pm in Hay River – Community Centre
- June 13, 2019 at 7:00pm in Yellowknife – Committee Rm A Legislative Assembly Building
- June 17, 2019 at 6:00pm in Inuvik – Midnight Sun Complex (upstairs)

If you are interested in attending or making a public presentation to the Standing Committee, please check the Legislative Assembly Website at <https://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/documents-proceedings/events/all> for updates on the Committee's proposed travel schedule and times of the meetings.

Committee welcomes written submissions and will accept them until **5:00 p.m. June 28, 2019**. For any questions, or for submissions, please contact Jennifer Franki-Smith, Committee Clerk at (867) 767-9130 ext. 12009 or by e-mail at [jennifer\\_franki-smith@gov.nt.ca](mailto:jennifer_franki-smith@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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