



Alternatives North

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Alternatives North Staging People's Budget Meeting

Alternatives North is holding a People's Budget Consultation Meeting to gather input on spending priorities for the next territorial budgets.

The Meeting takes place Thursday April 21 at 7 PM at the Baker Centre, 5710 50 Avenue in Yellowknife.

Alternatives North is staging the consultation meeting to ensure residents have an opportunity to publicly make their views known. A summary of input from the meeting will be compiled and submitted to the Finance Department and all Members of the Legislative Assembly, and posted on the Alternatives North website.

Participants will be invited to consider the values they want to guide the budget process and from this determine priorities for spending or saving funds. Discussion will invite suggestions on new sources of revenue, on where expenditures should be increased or decreased, and where there are opportunities for increasing the efficiency of current spending.

The resulting input will be forwarded to government as advice on how to improve services to the public while protecting and promoting the environment and economy.

The Government of the NWT is not holding public meetings to gather input. It has publicized an opportunity to provide written input on GNWT budgeting, saying "Information gathered ...will be tabled during the May/June sitting of the Legislative Assembly to help inform debate on the 2016-2017 budget. Public recommendations for specific expenditure reductions and revenue options will be considered for inclusion in the 2017-2018 budget."

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