



Alternatives North

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Michael McLeod, MP
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Dear Mr. McLeod:

Media reports and your Government's announcement indicate that many public consultations are underway or planned on issues of importance to all Canadians. Alternatives North is writing to request your assurance that Northwest Territories riding residents will enjoy equal opportunities for participating in public consultation meetings, and to express our interest in taking part in these consultations.

To our knowledge, consultations topics include:

- the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- a national Climate Change Strategy, including arrangements for disposition of a multi-billion dollar climate change adjustment fund
- Canada Post mail delivery and corporate future
- electoral reform
- enhancements to the Canada Pension Plan
- a long-term approach to federal social housing funding
- improvements to labour market agreements and support programs
- Frontier and Offshore Regulatory Renewal Initiative

You may be aware of other consultations planned by your government. We would appreciate being informed of these others in your reply.

The practical difficulties of offering first-hand consultation opportunities in our large riding are well known. However, the facts of our geography should not be an endless barrier to NWT citizens engagement of the democracy. Yellowknifers in particular have expressed an interest in participating in the TPP, climate and electoral reform consultations.

We look forward to learning your plans and those of the ministries responsible for these consultations, and of any other consultation opportunities being offered to Canadians.

Best wishes,



Ben McDonald for Alternatives North

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Right Honorable Prime Justin Trudeau
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