

AURORA COLLEGE FOUNDATIONAL REVIEW

May 2018



Backgrounder

- The Aurora College Foundational Review (Review) was initiated in March 2017.
- The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment directed the department to undertake the Review in order to ensure that Aurora College Programs are managed effectively and efficiently, are meeting the diverse needs of students, and are responsive to changes in the labour market.
- In September 2017, the contract to conduct the Review was awarded to MNP LLP.
- The independent contractor worked with Members of the Legislative Assembly, representatives from Indigenous Governments and communities, Aurora College students and staff, northern employers, GNWT staff and other key stakeholders from across the territory.
- The Aurora College Foundational Review Report (Review Report) was delivered by MNP LLP in May 2018. The Review Report, and the recommendations contained within, was developed independently.
- The Review Report outlines a number of concerns, including the need for improvements in the areas of governance, operations, academic program processes, accountability, and student recruitment and retention. In response to these issues, the Review Report makes 67 recommendations.
- The transformation of Aurora College into a Northern Canada Polytechnic University has been put forward as an overarching recommendation.
- A Northern Canada Polytechnic University would combine elements of a Baccalaureate and Applied Studies Institution, a Polytechnic Institution, and a Community College developed in association with the secondary school system in the NWT.
- The GNWT will be developing a comprehensive response for each recommendation for discussion with and feedback from the Standing Committee on Social Development. It is anticipated that this response will be finalized and made public in fall 2018.

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