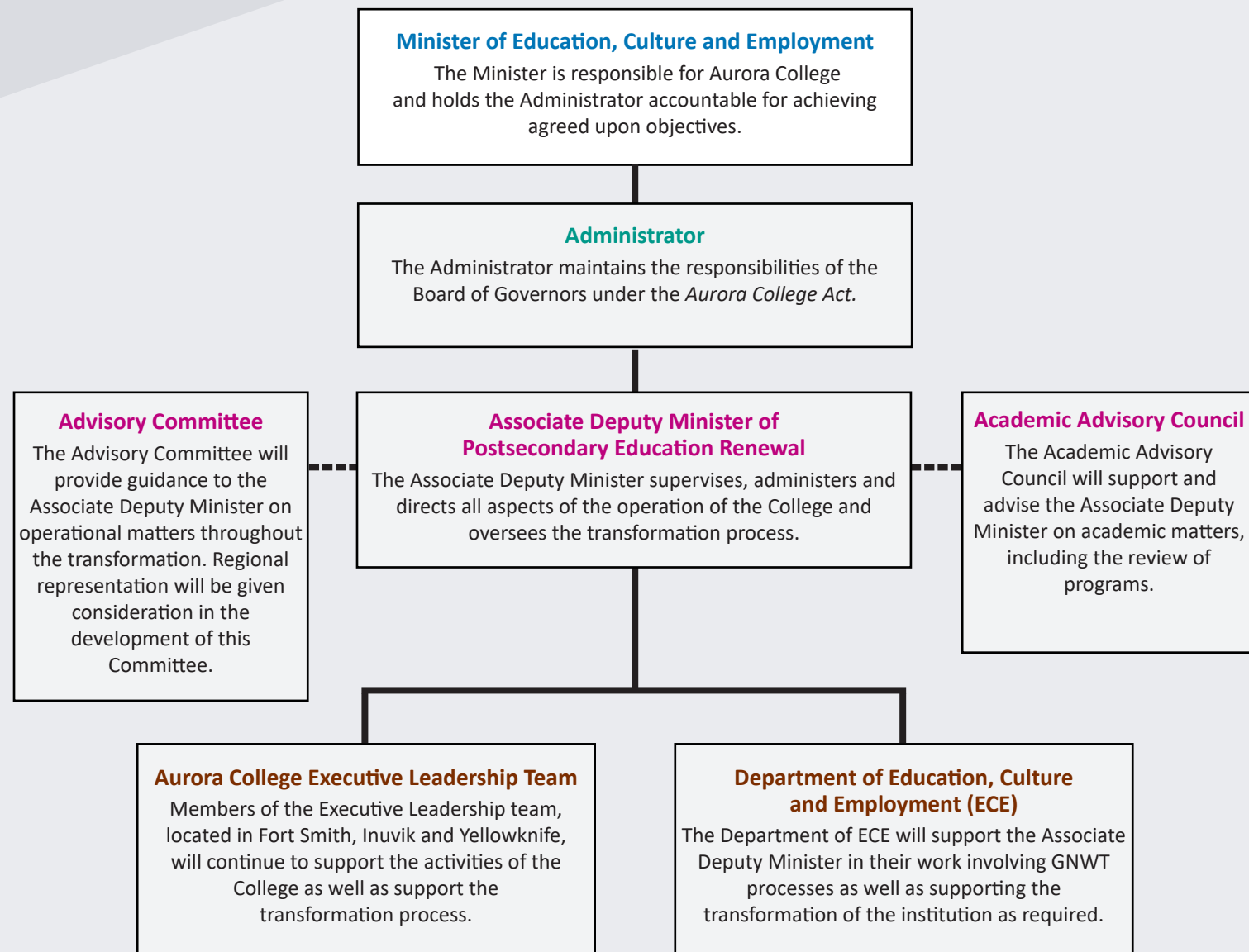


Governance Structure During Transformation



This revised governance model of the transformed College/Polytechnic University will be further considered as the transformation proceeds.

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» NEXT STEPS IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF AURORA COLLEGE INTO A POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY



The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is responsible for making sure that residents have access to high quality education after high school (postsecondary education) that prepares them for employment.

To ensure this happens, the Government is taking action in three areas:

- Developing a new law (legislation) that ensures all postsecondary institutions delivering programs in the territory operate in a way that gives residents comfort in the quality of education they receive.
- Transforming Aurora College into a polytechnic university, a multi-year process, to better meet the needs of NWT residents and employers, both now and into the future.
- Engaging the public and key stakeholders in the development of an NWT-wide vision for postsecondary education to guide the path to a polytechnic university.

The main objective of the new legislation is to ensure effective governance and quality assurance of postsecondary institutions in the NWT and their programs. This is a critical step toward increasing postsecondary opportunities for residents.

The transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university will take several years, and the planning process is beginning now. Rather than starting from scratch, the process will build on existing Aurora College infrastructure, programming and human resources over an extended period of time.

Ongoing Government investment, along with strong partnerships with new and existing industry, with other Canadian universities, the federal government, and community and Indigenous governments, will support academic and research excellence and increase student success at the polytechnic university. This approach is also expected to result in new opportunities for long-term growth at each campus, as well as improvements across the network of Community Learning Centres.

One of our first steps moving forward will be to engage residents, stakeholders, and community and Indigenous leaders to create a vision for all postsecondary education in the territory. This vision will help us focus efforts to support postsecondary education and research. It will also help us plan how to make the necessary changes to Aurora College.

NEXT STEPS

Aurora College Foundational Review

An independent assessment of Aurora College was conducted from November 2017 to May 2018, which resulted in the Aurora College Foundational Review Report.

Campus Community Meetings

The Review Report was taken to the campus communities of Fort Smith, Yellowknife and Inuvik and presented to Aurora College students and staff, and community and Indigenous leaders.

Government Response to College Review

The Government outlines its response to the recommendations in the Review Report based on input from the public, stakeholders and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

2018

Begin Transformation of Aurora College into a Polytechnic University

The government has committed to the transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university, but there are still a great number of decisions to be made about the new institution. These decisions will be informed by continued engagements with key stakeholders over the coming months and years.

Associate Deputy Minister of Postsecondary Education Renewal

The position of Associate Deputy Minister of Postsecondary Education Renewal will be created to oversee the strengthening of Aurora College and its transformation into a polytechnic university.

Key Milestones

To ensure that the transformation process stays on target, Key Milestones will be developed and regular reporting will update the public on progress.

Vision for Postsecondary Education

Changes to Aurora College must be guided by a vision of what quality and accessible postsecondary education means to the people of the NWT.

Postsecondary Education Legislation

Proposed legislation will be introduced to ensure all postsecondary institutions in the NWT are meeting consistent standards and there are opportunities for new institutions in the territory.

2019

Advisory Committee and an Academic Council

Established to provide Associate Deputy Minister expert advice and guidance on operational matters and academic programming and support services during the transformation of Aurora College.

Strategic Plan

Aurora College will develop a vision, mission, and goals to guide it towards the establishment of a polytechnic university.

Program Review Evaluation Framework

Developed to evaluate current and new academic programming. The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs will then be reviewed as a priority.

Policy Review

A comprehensive review and update of Aurora College's policies will take place.

Strengthening the foundation of Aurora College and transforming it into a polytechnic university will include many steps, including:

MOVING FORWARD...

- Continued implementation of Strategic Plan
- Development of strategic and co-investment partnerships with stakeholders, industry, federal government, Indigenous and community governments
- Financial Planning
- Capital Planning
- Completing Review of all programs
- Establishment of areas of specialization for each campus
- Development of a new Governance Model and re-introduction of the Board of Governors

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