

News release

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MP Bevington visited 19 NWT communities over three months

Northwest Territories - Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington is back on Parliament Hill following a comprehensive tour across the Northwest Territories this summer.

Bevington visited 19 communities across the NWT between June and August 2006. The tour included stops in: Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Inuvik, Aklavik, Colville Lake, Fort Good Hope, Fort Simpson, Nahanni Butte, Hay River, Hay River Reserve, Ulukhaktok, Wekweeti (Snare Lakes), Norman Wells, Fort Resolution, Kakisa, Wrigley, Fort Liard, Jean Marie River and Tuktoyaktuk.

The MP attended five of six Annual General Assemblies during the summer: The Tlicho Annual Gathering in Wekweeti (Snare Lakes); the Akaitcho Assembly in Fort Resolution; the Dene National Assembly on the Hay River Reserve; the Dehcho Assembly in Kakisa; and the Gwich'in Assembly in Aklavik. Bevington was originally scheduled to attend the Sahtu Secretariat Inc. and Sahtu Dene Council AGM in Deline in July, but could not attend when it was re-scheduled to September 7 and 8. Unfortunately those dates conflicted with the NDP Policy Convention in Quebec City.

Bevington met with residents, elders and leaders in each community to hear concerns and provide an opportunity for input on what issues they wanted him to fight for in the House of Commons. Matters brought to his attention repeatedly across the NWT included worries about the high cost of living, climate change, environmental impacts of mining and the proposed Mackenzie Valley Pipeline, pensions, child care and unsettled land claims.

“I worked very hard this summer to meet with as many constituents as my schedule would permit. I really enjoy serving the people of the Northwest Territories at the grassroots level. It has been one of my top priorities from day one. Unfortunately I did not reach all communities this summer, but I guarantee that I will make every effort to complete my territory-wide tour as soon as possible,” said Bevington.

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