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BEVINGTON SEEKS CONSULTATION ON NAME CHANGE FOR WESTERN ARCTIC RIDING

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES – Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington is seeking input from his constituents on changing the name of the federal riding to ‘Northwest Territories.’

“The name ‘Western Arctic’ is a hang-over from pre-division days and does not reflect the identity of the Northwest Territories,” said Bevington. “Canadians who live outside the NWT are confused about which riding I represent, and it makes more sense to call it what it is.”

The process of changing the name of a federal riding is neither a complicated, nor time consuming process. It requires tabling a Private Members Bill in the House of Commons, and the name can be changed again in the future if so desired.

Over the next few months, Bevington will be seeking feedback from all constituents across the Northwest Territories. If there is a majority of support, Bevington will pursue it during the 2008 winter session of Parliament.

“I believe it is time for a change, but the ultimate decision will be made by my constituents. I strongly urge them to send along their comments to my Yellowknife and Ottawa offices,” said Bevington.

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