

**BEVINGTON RELEASES NEW DEMOCRAT'S PLAN TO BUILD THE NORTH**  
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**YELLOWKNIFE** - New Democrat candidate Dennis Bevington today released the NDP's plan to build the North and protect Arctic Sovereignty, a plan which steers away from the wrongheaded approach to the North by Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

"The New Democrat Northern platform works to build Canada's North through investment in infrastructure, increasing the Northern Residents Tax Deduction, improving housing, creating an Economic Development Agency for the territories, supporting Northern post-secondary institutions, investing in health care and increasing scientific research," said Dennis Bevington, NDP candidate for the Western Arctic. "Unlike Stephen Harper's militaristic approach to Arctic Sovereignty New Democrats believe the best way to protect the North is to help Northerners build a better North."

In a letter to Northerners, New Democrat Leader Jack Layton said, "I know that Northerners have the skills, ability and desire to succeed, but your hopes have been held back by past Liberal and Conservative federal governments. Their grand announcements about the North tend to be aimed at gaining votes in Southern Canada, not helping Northerners build better lives. That's the way they've always done it. It's unfair and disrespectful. It must change. Northerners deserve a new approach."

On Sunday in Toronto, New Democrat leader Jack Layton released the party's National Platform. Also being released today is the New Democrat Aboriginal Platform at an event in Winnipeg. Copies of these documents are available either from Dennis Bevington's campaign or by visiting the New Democrat website at [www.ndp.ca](http://www.ndp.ca). The Northern Platform has been attached to this email. For copies in French, please email [info@nwtndp.ca](mailto:info@nwtndp.ca).