

## **Conservative budget cuts \$300 million plus from the North**

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**YELLOWKNIFE** – Analysis of the Conservative Government’s Expenditure Plan for fiscal year 2011-12 shows the Harper Conservatives plan to cut more than \$300 million dollars from Northern programs this year.

“Where were the Northern Conservative MPs and Minister when this budget was being planned? Why did they fail to stand up for the North?” said Dennis Bevington, the New Democrat candidate currently seeking re-election in Western Arctic. “What we are seeing here is another example of why Northerners can’t trust the Conservatives to look out for their needs.”

A detailed analysis of the Government Expenditure Plan and Main Estimates conducted by New Democratic Party Researchers has found the following cuts:

### **AGENCY CUT**

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Community Development funding \$17,024,000

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Northern Land, Resources and Environmental Management \$219,876,000

Grant for the advancement of scientific knowledge of the North \$50,000

Contribution for promoting the safe use, development, conservation and protection of the North’s natural resources \$57,607,000

Contributions for promoting the political, social and scientific development of Canada’s three territories \$1,337,000

Contributions for promoting regional development in Canada’s three territories \$15,585,000

**TOTAL CUTS \$311,479,000**