Julie Green, MLA candidate Yellowknife Centre – CPAWS Questionnaire

1. Barren Ground Caribou:

Would you support a GNWT policy that directs the territorial government to oppose the construction of infrastructure corridors (including roads) or any other industrial developments on caribou calving grounds?

No, I would not. I don't support this unilateral approach to policy making. The correct place to debate impacts and mitigations of infrastructure construction on caribou is in the regulatory process, specifically in an environmental assessment at the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. The co-management process gives land rights holders a place at the table to debate the benefits of economic development and the impact on land and animals. The MVRMA regulatory process makes Indigenous Government Organizations full partners with co-management authority. The new Bathurst Caribou Range Plan is also based on co-management. I don't see the value of preempting these inclusive processes by granting GNWT a unilateral position on this question. (At the same time, GNWT needs to expedite the implementation of the range plan with its co-management partners while there are still caribou on the tundra.)

2. Candidate Protected Areas:

If elected will you support the establishment of the previously nominated candidate protected areas?

Yes.

3. Planning Ahead - Investing in Local Environmental Stewardship Capacity:

Do you support that the GNWT should have a focus on collaborating, promoting and contributing to proposals that bring new investment into innovative programs that increase the local capacity of Indigenous Governments and regional land and resource management departments?

Yes.