

To CPAWS in response to questions to All Candidates Questionnaire

Q1: 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?

A1: No, I would not be able to support this policy. I don't think it needs to be all or nothing. Banff National Park is a pristine example of how we can be good environmental stewards yet find ways to have infrastructure (roads) through these areas, and help build our economy.

Q2: If elected will you support the establishment of the previously nominated candidate protected areas?

A2: I cannot immediately agree to support this. I think there needs to be consultation and collaboration with local Indigenous governments, industry and affected residents. If this work has already been done, I am not aware.

Q3: Do you support that the GNWT should have a focus on collaborating and contributing to proposals that bring new investment and innovative programs that increase the local capacity of Indigenous Governments and regional land and resource management departments?

A3: Absolutely, it is always wise to engage with local knowledge.

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