

Deputy Ministers Appointed for New GNWT Departments

YELLOWKNIFE (April 4, 2005) - Premier Joe Handley appointed Peter Vician as Deputy Minister for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI), and Robert Bailey as Deputy Minister for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) effective April 1, 2005.

“As the Deputy Minister of the former Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, Mr. Vician will bring continuity and leadership to the government’s role in economic development for the Northwest Territories,” stated Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment Brendan Bell.

Mr. Vician was appointed Deputy Minister of the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development (RWED) in December 2003. He also served as the Deputy Minister of the Department of Transportation from 1999-2003.

“I look forward to the expertise that Mr. Bailey brings to this new department,” stated Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Michael Miltenberger. “His extensive service in the environment and natural resource sector within government will assist in establishing a solid beginning for ENR.”

Mr. Bailey was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations position with the RWED in 1998. He also served as the Director of Forest Management for RWED from 1996-1998 and as Director of Forest Fire Management from 1987-1996.

The appointments are effective immediately.

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