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Former GNWT Cabinet Minister Dave Ramsay to contest Frame Lake seat in October 1st Territorial Election

Yellowknife, NWT.

Former GNWT Cabinet Minister, Dave Ramsay, who served in the NWT Legislative Assembly from 2003-2015, is announcing his intention to run in the October 1st Territorial Election in the riding of Frame Lake.

“This city and Territory holds so much hope and promise, but it seems the last four years has shown very little evidence of progress. We are at a real crossroads in our development: housing values are falling, the cost of living is still rising and it seems like we aren’t doing enough to push the economy along. It is time to wake up to the reality that the mines that provide jobs, commerce and government revenue are not going to last forever and Yellowknifers, in particular, are going to feel those impacts worsening over time if action isn’t taken now. I have a lot of ideas of how to improve our trajectory.”

Ramsay has close to 20 years of elected political experience. He served as a Yellowknife City Councillor from 1997-1999 and again from 2000-2003. He was in the Legislature from 2003-2015 where he served as Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Minister of Transportation, and Minister of the Public Utilities Board. Ramsay was also Vice President and President of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region from 2011-2015. Since 2016, he has owned and operated a consulting business in the NWT, focusing on business development and government and Indigenous relations. He also sits on the Board of Directors of Denendeh Investments Incorporated and Fortune Minerals.

“I see opportunity everywhere. My experience in the private sector this past four years has really motivated me to want to get to work on a course correction for this Territory. What we need in the next Assembly are team players, people who want to find consensus on all issues ranging from the economy, to climate change, to health care and education. My track record demonstrates my ability to be a balanced, approachable, and dedicated MLA and Minister. I have the ability to bring people together which is what needs to happen to ensure progress.”

Ramsay will be contesting the riding of Frame Lake, which he has some history with.

“I had told some potential Kam Lake candidates that I was not going to be running there this fall. From 2003-2007, I represented a large section of the Frame Lake riding when it was a part of Kam Lake, so I have a personal connection to the riding from that experience. As I go door to

door in the riding and throughout the leadup to October 1st, I look forward to hearing residents' concerns and providing Frame Lake with a very clear option in this pivotal election."

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