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**Tab 1**

**2023 NWT Association of  
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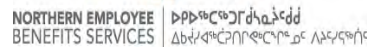
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The NWT Association of Communities would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Infrastructure and the Department of Environment and Climate Change for their generous donation to our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.



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# What Do Your Fees Buy?

## ADVOCACY

The NWTAC works **year-round** on advocacy for its members, meeting with **elected officials** and **government representatives** at all levels to promote the interests of NWT communities. These advocacy efforts are informed by the **resolutions** passed at each Annual General Meeting.

## RESOURCES

The NWTAC produces resources like **Smart Management Practices**, sample **policies** and other templates, **posters**, comprehensive **toolkits**, and **videos** for use by members. The NWTAC can support members with custom pieces as well, upon request.

### NWTAC Group Purchasing Program

This program offers member communities **major discounts** on the purchase of a wide range of supplies needed for running a community government. The Purchasing Program is a **strategic partnership** with the Trade Division of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC), one of the largest public sector buying groups in Canada. With **145 approved suppliers** serving 800 member communities, AAMDC brings major buying power to negotiation of member discounts. Items like tires, auto parts, fencing and posts, office supplies, safety equipment, construction equipment, and fuel tanks are only some of the products available at discounted rates.

### Toolkits

The NWTAC has developed a series of Toolkits to support communities!

Our Toolkits cover such topics as:

- Healthy Communities
- Built Environment
- Hiring and Managing Your SAO
- Strategic Planning
- Community Research
- Community Emergency Planning

### Smart Management Practices (SMPs)

The NWTAC has SMPs covering the following areas:

- Planning
- Climate Change
- Good Governance
- Energy
- Healthy Communities
- Preventing Internal Crime

### CLIMATE CHANGE

The NWTAC has worked with partners to develop a northern-focused set of climate change-related **standards and guidelines**, a course through the **School of Community Government**, and has undertaken **studies** on the impacts of climate change in our communities.

### ELECTION SUPPORT

Customized **posters** encouraging community members to vote and to run for elected office, materials outlining the **responsibilities of elected officials**, and information about **identification** requirements are all services provided by the NWTAC.

### HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

With our partners at Health and Social Services, the NWTAC has developed a **Healthy Communities Toolkit** to guide community governments. This includes sections on **alcohol, smoking, healthy eating, physical activity, and mental health**.

### COMMUNITY FUNDING

The NWTAC continues to advocate for **fair community funding** from the GNWT, providing information and resources to community members, elected officials, and directly to Members of Legislative Assembly about the **impact of dollars invested at the community level**, and the importance of services provided by community governments.

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### Services and Expenses Covered by NCIP

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**Loss Prevention Incentive Program:** \$5.5 million has been made available to communities since 2010 for good claims experience and inspections of community buildings. Each community that is a part of NCIP has **annual funds available** to them for simply doing inspections on their buildings to identify existing hazards.

**Appraisal Program:** All buildings, contents, mobile equipment and emergency vehicles are **appraised and updated each year including funding reports** which project the costs and timeframes for the replacement of major building components over the next 25 years. This is very valuable for **budgeting and planning** of building maintenance and the asset management of your property.

**Asset Management:** Working in conjunction with MACA, NCIP is developing **inspection forms** for buildings, mobile equipment and emergency vehicles, **maintenance videos** for heavy trucks and equipment and information on **best practices**.

**Risk Management, Legal Review and Research:** NCIP regularly covers **research costs** on subjects such as procurement, contracting, request for proposals, by-laws, policies, and procedures that can affect communities in the way they do business. The NWTAC has an **online resource library** of bylaws, policies and procedures which we continually develop and add to annually.

**Contract Review:** NCIP helps communities **review contracts** and can pay for the development of professionally reviewed agreements for the performance of contracted services. NCIP continually adds new **sample contracts** to the NWTAC's online resource library.

**Safety Videos:** NCIP offers a suite of **more than 80 short safety videos** on one USB stick, for use in staff training.

**Posters and Advertising:** **Anti-vandalism** posters distributed to all the communities to increase awareness of the damage of vandalism and reduce senseless acts. Advertising has been placed to remind the public to be mindful of pot-holes; advertising has proven to be a **defense against legal action** in some jurisdictions.

**Lessons from Losses:** NCIP distributes bulletins to members, highlighting losses involving such topics as property, liability, auto and criminal losses. *Lessons from Losses* include details of the loss event, what lead to the loss and how-to steps to **avoid similar losses**.

**Legislation and Standards:** NCIP and the NWTAC regularly participates in the review, amendment and update of NWT **legislation and regulations** that have an impact on community governments including assisting the **Canadian Standards Association** in the development of various new standards for the North.

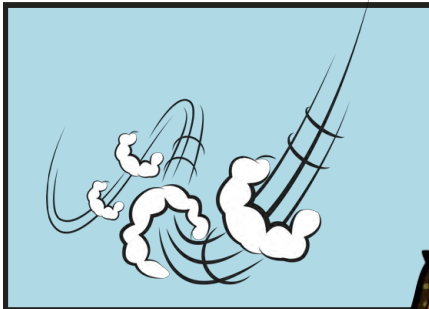


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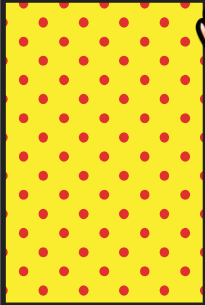
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**Tab 2**

**2023 NWT Association of  
Communities  
AGM**



**2022 Annual General Meeting  
56<sup>th</sup> AGM**

**Minutes  
September 14 – September 17, 2022**

## **Minutes**

The Chairperson (President Alty) called the meeting to order 3:00 pm.

### ***Welcome from President Alty***

President Alty welcomed everyone to the 56<sup>th</sup> AGM of the NWTAC. She thanked the sponsors of this year's AGM without who our AGM could not be a success. She thanked the Board of Directors and staff for their hard work and dedication.

### ***ADOPTION OF THE 2022 AGENDA***

Moved by Mayor Norman Anikina (Hamlet of Sachs Harbour) and seconded by Mayor Frank Pope (Town of Norman Wells) that the agenda for the 2022 Annual General Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### ***PRESIDENTS REPORT***

The President's Report was moved by Mayor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) and seconded by Councillor Tyron Raddi (Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk).

**CARRIED**

### ***ADOPTION OF THE 2021 AGM MINUTES***

Moved by Gilbert Thrasher (Hamlet of Paulatuk) and seconded by Mayor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) that the 2021 AGM minutes be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### ***ADOPTION OF THE 2020-2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

Moved Mayor Richard Nerysoo (Hamlet of Fort McPherson) and seconded by Mayor Fred Daniels (Town of Fort Smith) that the 2020 – 2021 Financial Statements be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022-2023 NWTAC BUDGET**

Moved Councillor James Andre (Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic) and seconded by Mayor Michael St. Amour (Hamlet of Enterprise) that the 2022-2023 Budget be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**NWTAC POLICY & BYLAW**

Moved by Mayor Richard Nerysoo (Hamlet of Fort McPherson) and seconded by Councillor Kevin Campbell (Town of Fort Smith) to accept the 2022 Re-affirmed policies of the NWTAC as follows.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith Dohey (Town of Hay River) and seconded by Councillor Gilbert Thrasher (Hamlet of Paulatuk) to accept the 2022 Standing Policies of the NWTAC as follows.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Mayor Frank Pope (Town of Norman Wells) and seconded by Mayor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) to accept the 2022 Deleted policies of the NWTAC as follows.

**CARRIED**

<b>Standing</b>	<b>Re-Affirm</b>	<b>Delete</b>
ST-22-19-01	RA-22-21-01	DL-22-20-04
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**NWT Association of Communities  
2022 NEW Resolutions**

<b><i>Resolution No.</i></b>	<b><i>Name of Resolution</i></b>	<b><i>Page</i></b>
2022-01	Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home Program	
2022-02	Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund) Renewal	



**NWTAC Resolutions are divided into the following categories:**

**CATEGORY A      Territorial Wide Municipal Issues**

This category will contain resolutions on issues that are of a direct or indirect concern to all territorial Communities.

**CATEGORY B      Issues which Pertain to Regional Concerns  
Only or Are Not Within Municipal  
Jurisdiction**

This category will contain resolutions, which are of a regional concern only or are not within municipal jurisdiction. No action is taken on Category B resolutions.

**CATEGORY C      Matters Dealt with by the NWTAC in the Previous  
Three Years**

This category will contain resolutions relating to specific matters, which have already been considered by the NWT Association of Communities within the previous three years.

**2022-01    Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home Program**

**WHEREAS**, approximately 31% of the population of Canada lives in communities of 30 thousand or less and yet the Rural and Remote funding allocation is about 6% of the overall Reaching Home annual budget; and

**WHEREAS**, research from Canada and the US indicates that while homelessness is prevalent in rural and remote communities, it remains significantly underfunded; and

**WHEREAS**, this chronic underfunding means that the infrastructure is not in place in rural communities to enable them to jump on capital opportunities such as the Rapid Housing Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Housing Strategy has five streams of funding under the Reaching Home program designated for communities with populations above 25k; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Federal Government increases the amount of the Rural and Remote stream of the Reaching Home program from its current level of \$11 million per year to \$50 million per year; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Federal Government gather data on rural housing and homelessness, including via the implementation of a national homelessness count for rural and remote communities; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Federal Government ensure that updates to the National Housing Strategy include measures to set aside meaningful funding for the provision of social and affordable housing in rural and remote communities.

**Category A**

**Concurrence**



## **2022-02 Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund) Renewal**

**WHEREAS** the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides \$2.2 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism; and

**WHEREAS** Municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, cultural and recreational facilities; and

**WHEREAS** in Budget 2019 and Budget 2021 the federal government leveraged the CCBF as a proven mechanism to deliver infrastructure funding quickly by doubling the value of the fund in those years; and

**WHEREAS** each *Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund (2014-2024)* signed between the federal government and the provinces and territories is scheduled for renegotiation and renewal by April 1, 2024; Infrastructure Canada is leading a renewal engagement process with the aim of securing agreements in principle by September 2023; the scope of the CCBF renewal process includes decisions on signatories and program delivery partners, data collection and reporting and public communications, among other important program design considerations; and

**WHEREAS** reforms are needed to ensure that the Fund's growth and volume maintain pace with Canada's economic growth, the historic increase in construction prices, and the historic growth of federal sales tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework acknowledges longstanding inequalities in transportation, energy, communications, employment, community infrastructure, health and education continue to disadvantage people, especially Indigenous peoples, in Canada's Arctic and North; and

**WHEREAS** Infrastructure Canada's practice of applying the current 2 per cent index at \$100 million increments has caused municipalities to receive less funding than allocated; and

**WHEREAS** Budget 2022 signalled the federal government's intent to tie CCBF funding to actions by provinces, territories and municipalities to increase housing supply where it makes sense to do so, marking an important new direction for the Fund; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the federal government ensure that municipalities are meaningfully engaged in the development of the 2024-2034 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements through FCM and provincial and territorial municipal associations; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the 2024-2025 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements modernize this critical municipal funding program by increasing the indexation from 2 per cent to 3.5 per cent annually, by eliminating the current practice of applying the index at \$100 million increments, and permanently triple the current funding allocation for the three Territories.

**Category A**

**Concurrence**

## ***ELECTION OF OFFICERS***

Nomination Committee was chaired by Mayor Raymond Ruben.

This year the positions of President and Directors for both Cities, Towns and Villages as well as Hamlets, Charter Communities, Tlicho Government and Community Governments were up for election.

The 2022-2023 Board of Directors is as follows:

President	Mayor Rebecca Alty City of Yellowknife
Vice President, Cities/Towns/Villages	Mayor Kandis Jameson Town of Hay River
Vice President, Hamlets/Charter Communities Tlicho Government/Community Governments	Mayor Raymond Ruben Hamlet of Paulatuk
Director, City/Towns/Villages	Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski Town of Inuvik
Director, City/Towns/Villages	Councillor Kevin Campbell Town of Fort Smith
Director, Charter Communities/ Hamlet/Tlicho Government/ Community Governments	Councillor Barb Hart Hamlet of Enterprise
Director, Charter Communities/ Hamlet/ Tlicho Government/ Community Governments	Chief Doreen Arrowmaker Community Government of Gameti

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned ~ 5:00 pm. Saturday, September 17, 2022.

**NWTAC Board of Director Virtual Meeting  
March 16, 2022  
Minutes**

***ATTENDANCE***

Mayor Rebecca Alty	City of Yellowknife
Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski	Town of Inuvik
Mayor Ray Ruben	Hamlet of Paulatuk
Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya	Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk
Councillor Barb Hart	Hamlet of Enterprise

***Staff***

Sara Brown	Chief Executive Officer
Karen Kuronen	Manager, Northern Communities Insurance Program
Yvonne Fleming	Senior Financial Officer/Executive Assistant

***REGRETS***

Mayor Kandice Jameson	Town of Hay River
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:12 am

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

Moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya to accept the agenda.

**CARRIED**

***APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2021 BOARD MINUTES***

Moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya to accept the December 9, 2021 Board Minutes.

**CARRIED**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Alty welcomed everyone back to the first in person meeting since COVID began. Her update included the retirement of one staff member, the hiring of three new ones. She as well updated the Board on her recent meetings with the FCM, Territorial and Federal Government. She said the NWTAC continues to support the COVID response in terms of hosting the Mayors and Chiefs meetings (12 in 2021 and 2 in 2022) as well as administering the Vaccine Promotion Fund. She said they hosted a a Pan-Territorial Meeting with the three Associations and our respective MP's. She said the NWTAC certainly has lots in common in terms of our Federal Platforms and it was certainly interesting to hear from MP McLeod about his concerns about dollars not being spent and what that means in terms of securing additional funds. President Alty said she looks forward to discussing the strategic plan as well as the resolutions and a very productive Board Meeting. The President's report was moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Deputy Mayor Ryan Hart.

**CARRIED**

## ***ACTIVITIES UPDATE***

Sara Brown updated the Board on activities of the NWTAC. Copy of this update is available upon request. Moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Mayor Ray Ruben to accept the activities update.

**CARRIED**

## ***COVID -19***

The NWTAC continues to host the Mayors and Chiefs meeting and as mentioned in President Alty's report there was 12 in 2021 and 2 in 2022.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Councillor Barb Hart to remove the HR Policy – mandatory vaccinations for all staff of the NWTAC to include the Board as well. It was noted that this policy was drafted by legal council for the NWTAC.

**CARRIED**

## ***ADVOCACY***

The Board discussed advocacy topics in regards to Territorial Advocacy and Federal Advocacy. Territorial Issues including the funding gap and the MOU. It was the recommendation of the board to not pursue the MOU any further. Issues discussed under Federal Advocacy included FCM, Pan-Territorial MP/Association Meeting, Solstice project and housing.



## **2022 AGM PLANNING**

Sara and Yvonne updated the Board on AGM Planning. With the dates of the AGM changed to June 9 – 11, 2022 AGM planning continues. The Board discussed the resolutions of the NWTAC and it was noted that a lot of work will go into the review and recommendations of this years resolutions as some of them will now time out. This is a work in progress. The Board also discussed the vaccine/testing/masking requirement that was previously put in place by the board for the AGM when it was scheduled for March 2022. It was the recommendation of the Board the vaccine requirement be removed from AGM requirements.

## **2020-2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Moved by Mayor Ray Ruben and second by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya to approve the 2020-2021 Financial Statements.

**CARRIED**

## **VARIANCE REPORT**

Moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski to accept the variance report.

**CARRIED**

## **2022-2023 BUDGET**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Councillor Barb Hart to accept the 2022-2023 Budget of the NWT Association of Communities.

**CARRIED**

## **STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW AND ACTION PLAN**

Sara presented the Board with the strategic plan and action plan. Updates have been recommended to the action plan. Sara Brown will update the action plan and proceed with future actions.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Barb Hart to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 3:15pm.

**CARRIED**

**NWTAC Board of Director Virtual Meeting  
November 16, 2022  
Minutes**

***ATTENDANCE***

Mayor Rebecca Alty	City of Yellowknife
Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski	Town of Inuvik
Mayor Kandis Jameson	Town of Hay River
Councillor Barb Hart	Hamlet of Enterprise
Chief Doreen Arrowmaker	Community Government of Gameti

***Staff***

Sara Brown	Chief Executive Officer
Karen Kuronen	Manager, Northern Communities Insurance Program
Yvonne Fleming	Senior Financial Officer/Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 1:40pm

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

Moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski to accept the agenda.

**CARRIED**

***APPROVAL OF 2022 AGM Minutes and March 16, 2022 BOARD MINUTES***

Moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Councillor Barb Hart to accept the 2022 AGM Minutes and the March 16, 2022 Board Minutes.

**CARRIED**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Alty welcomed everyone to the first Board Meeting of the newly elected board at our September AGM. She said our meeting is broken into two parts – today we will be doing orientation for and dealing with NWTAC business and tomorrow we will do the same for our Insurance Program. Finally on Thursday we have a meeting with MACA, ENR and Lands Minister, Shane Thompson.

Present Alty said it was a great AGM and I look forward to the session to debrief about it with you. It was so exciting to participate in the announcement of \$20 M to construct all 29 Wildfire breaks in the NWT. To go from 83 years to complete to 8 years is so amazing.

Working with Solstice Public Affaires she said, we had a busy spring and summer. We had a number of in person meetings in Yellowknife including Jagmeet Singh and Minister Leblanc. We also attended numerous virtual meetings with Ministers due to COVID restrictions. So far we have had virtual meetings with:

- Minister Wilkenson of Natural Resources Canada
- Minister Bennett – Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Minister Hussen – Minister of Housing & Diversity & Inclusion

We would like to discuss doing a trip to Ottawa in the new year to do some in person advocacy. This is later on in the agenda.

She highlighted a meeting that we called with the three Territorial Associations and respective MP's. It was great to have a constructive discussion and strategize about how we might advocate together. She said it was fantastic to chat because although all the Territories are a little different, we share so much in common. We left the meeting very buoyed by the messaging from all three MP's.

In a subsequent meeting that we called with the Territorial Associations and the Ministers of Municipal and Community Affairs we took an even deeper dive about how we could more effectively advocate with a consistent ask both at a Municipal Level and also at the Provincial/ Territorial tables. Again there were so many of the same challenges facing communities across the North. Based on the confidential advocacy document we received yesterday, it looks like this advocacy work has had some traction.

Challenges in communities with Infrastructure have really brought the funding gap to the forefront in the Legislative Assembly while they were reviewing and approving budgets. Lots of discussion on the floor and lots of press which is a good thing. We continued to remind everyone about the gap and also had a fruitful meeting with Minister Thompson. Although we have still not been able to get the amounts broken down by community. A number of us are involved in the development of Funding Policies out of which we hope we will finally get that community breakdown.

I was also very excited to hear that the FCM's board meeting that was scheduled to be in Yellowknife in Sept 2021 has been rescheduled to September 2023.

She said she looked forward to a productive Board meeting and am hoping to continue to move the NWTAC forward in providing the communities we serve with the best representation possible.

## ***NWTAC ORIENTATION***

The NWTAC's CEO Sara Brown walked new and old board members through the NWTAC orientation. Copy of the orientation upon request.

## **AGM DEBRIEF**

The Board discussed the 2022 AGM held in Yellowknife in September. Everyone thought the AGM was a good meeting and it was so nice to be back together and see everyone after the past three years with COVID.

## ***2021-2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

Moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Chief Doreen Arrowmakerr to accept the 2021-2022 Financial Statements of the NWTAC.

**CARREID**

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

It was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Councillor Barb Hart that the NWTAC appoint Avery Cooper & Co. as the auditors for the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

**CARRIED**

## ***SETTING OF RESERVES***

It was moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski that the NWTAC internally restrict \$50,000.00 of the unrestricted accumulated surplus as a reserve for future projects at the discretion of the NWTAC Board of Directors and \$150,000 for Operating Reserve. This reserve shall be prepared in accordance with the standards established by the Accounting Standards Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants and the NWTAC Auditors, Avery, Cooper and Co.

**CARRIED**

## ***ACTIVITY UPDATE***

Sara presented the Board with an activity update of what the Association has been involved in. To highlight she included; COVID-19, Funding Review, Lands, social Determinants, climate change, advocacy and ATIPP.

***ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING***

It was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 3:15pm.

**CARRIED**





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Director	Councillor Kevin Campbell
Director	Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski
Director	Chief Doreen Arrowmaker
Director	Councillor Bart Hart

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2021 – Present	Rebecca Alty
2019 – 2021	Lynn Napier
2018 – 2019	Clarence Wood
2014 – 2018	Charles Furlong
2013 – 2014	Tina Gargan
2012 – 2013	Merven Gruben
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2000-2005	Blake Lyons
2000- (Term Ended November 2000)	George Roach
1998-1999	George Roach
1997-1998	George Roach
1996-1997	Dennis Bevington
1995-1996	Dennis Bevington
1994-1995	Dennis Bevington
(Term Began November 1994)	
1994	Pat McMahon
(Term Ended November 1994)	
1993-1994	Pat McMahon
1992-1993	Pat McMahon
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1990-1991	Pat McMahon
1989-1990	Pat McMahon
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A scenic photograph of a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The sky is a clear, deep blue. In the foreground, a large pile of driftwood is scattered across the dark sand. The water is calm, reflecting the light from the sun. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees stretches across the horizon.

**Tab 3**

**2023 NWT Association of  
Communities  
AGM**



**NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES**  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

**NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the year ended March 31, 2022

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## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING

The accompanying non-consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management, which is responsible for the reliability, integrity and objectivity of the information provided. They have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Where necessary, the statements include amounts that are based on informed judgments and estimates by management, giving appropriate consideration to reasonable limits of materiality.

In discharging its responsibility for the integrity and fairness of the non-consolidated financial statements and for the accounting systems from which they are derived, management maintains the necessary system of internal controls designed to provide assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded, and proper records are maintained. These controls include quality standards in hiring and training employees, written policies and procedures manuals, and accountability for performance within appropriate and well-defined areas of responsibility. The Board's management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the Board's affairs in accordance with the requirements of applicable laws and sound business principles, and for maintaining appropriate standards of conduct.

Avery Cooper & Co. Ltd. Chartered Professional Accountants provide an independent, objective audit to express an opinion on the non-consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

Sara Brown, P.Eng.  
Chief Executive Officer  
NWT Association of Communities

September 29, 2022

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of  
NWT Association of Communities

### *Opinion*

We have audited the Non-Consolidated financial statements of NWT Association of Communities (the "Association"), which comprise the Non-Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as at March 31, 2022, and the Non-Consolidated Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Assets, and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Non-Consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying Non-Consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Non-Consolidated financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2022, and the Non-Consolidated results of its operations and its Non-Consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the Non-Consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Non-Consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Non-Consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Non-Consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Non-Consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Non-Consolidated financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

- ♦ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Non-Consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ♦ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- ♦ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- ♦ Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Non-Consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ♦ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Non-Consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Non-Consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*Avery Cooper & Co. Ltd.*

Avery Cooper & Co. Ltd.  
Chartered Professional Accountants  
Yellowknife, NT

September 29, 2022

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2022

### ASSETS

	2022	2021
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 961,472	\$ 905,627
Term deposit (note 3)	135,883	131,806
Accounts receivable (note 4)	384,475	246,460
Prepaid expenses and deposits	13,469	32,817
	1,495,299	1,316,710
<b>INVESTMENTS (note 5)</b>	179,411	157,911
<b>DUE FROM RELATED PARTY (note 9)</b>	-	19,687
<b>TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (note 6)</b>	9,000	8,306
	<b>\$ 1,683,710</b>	<b>\$ 1,502,614</b>

### LIABILITIES

<b>CURRENT</b>		
Wages and benefits payable	\$ 71,262	\$ 85,824
Trade payables and accruals	123,962	97,564
Deferred revenue (note 7)	282,495	212,855
Contributions repayable	6,150	-
	483,869	396,243
<b>EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (note 8)</b>	71,706	78,020
	555,575	474,263
<b>RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (note 9)</b>		

### NET ASSETS

<b>RESERVES</b>		
(NOTE 15) per page 3	200,000	200,000
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS per page 3</b>	919,135	820,045
<b>INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS per page 3</b>	9,000	8,306
	1,128,135	1,028,351
	<b>\$ 1,683,710</b>	<b>\$ 1,502,614</b>

Approved:

 Director

 Director

See accompanying notes



# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>note 11</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Actual</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Admin recoveries	\$ 560,700	\$ 572,114	\$ 561,250
Contributions for special projects	593,550	996,164	536,879
GNWT core funding	230,000	230,000	230,000
Membership fees	113,550	112,555	112,815
Annual General Meetings	120,000	-	52,886
Supportive membership	15,000	15,000	15,000
Investment income	12,000	6,056	5,829
Canada Covid-19 subsidies	60,000	-	281,574
	<u>1,704,800</u>	<u>1,931,889</u>	<u>1,796,233</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Annual General Meeting	95,000	400	51,865
Communications	9,000	7,327	9,430
Computer	12,000	21,172	13,490
Honoraria	15,000	13,200	8,950
Insurance	1,200	1,048	1,048
Interest and bank charges	1,700	2,286	1,144
Memberships	2,500	1,908	1,050
Office and administration	7,000	4,321	5,752
Office photocopy	5,500	1,297	3,780
Office publications	1,500	499	1,619
Professional fees	23,000	26,550	25,211
Rent	54,000	53,701	50,458
Salaries and benefits	829,095	903,831	928,750
Special projects	548,550	801,977	345,975
Travel	15,000	828	408
Travel - Board members	20,000	3,148	2,408
	<u>1,640,045</u>	<u>1,843,493</u>	<u>1,451,338</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>64,755</u>	<u>88,396</u>	<u>344,895</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)</b>			
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(4,500)	(3,288)	(2,183)
Gain (loss) on sale of investments	-	14,522	(4,182)
Bad debts (recovery)	-	(3,999)	4,246
Change in market value of investments	-	4,153	63,047
	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>11,388</u>	<u>60,928</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 60,255</u>	<u>\$ 99,784</u>	<u>\$ 405,823</u>

See accompanying notes

## NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

### NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	Reserves (note 15)	Accumulated Surplus	Invested in Capital Assets	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>BALANCE, opening</b>	\$ 200,000	\$ 820,045	\$ 8,306	\$ 1,028,351	\$ 622,528
Excess of revenues over expenses per page 2	-	99,784	-	99,784	405,823
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	3,288	(3,288)	-	-
Purchase of tangible capital assets	-	(3,982)	3,982	-	-
<b>BALANCE, closing</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 919,135</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,128,135</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,351</b>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (note 18)</b>		
<b>Cash received from:</b>		
Fees, recoveries, and other	\$ 798,810	\$ 1,244,749
GNWT contributions	699,095	590,350
Government of Canada contributions	366,646	147,249
Investment income	<u>6,980</u>	<u>6,563</u>
	<u>1,871,531</u>	<u>1,988,911</u>
<b>Cash paid for:</b>		
Materials and services	895,629	553,419
Salaries and benefits	<u>905,020</u>	<u>894,967</u>
	<u>1,800,649</u>	<u>1,448,386</u>
	<u>70,882</u>	<u>540,525</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Increase in term deposit	(4,076)	(1,265)
Purchase of investments	(6,979)	(69,648)
Purchase of tangible capital assets	<u>(3,982)</u>	<u>(2,652)</u>
	<u>(15,037)</u>	<u>(73,565)</u>
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>	55,845	466,960
<b>CASH, opening</b>	<u>905,627</u>	<u>438,667</u>
<b>CASH, closing</b>	<u>\$ 961,472</u>	<u>\$ 905,627</u>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

NWT Association of Communities (the "Association" or "NWTAC") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated on November 21, 1973 under the *Societies Act* of the Northwest Territories. NWTAC provides administrative and support services to its membership, Northern Communities Insurance Program (NCIP), and Northern Communities Insurance Exchange (NORCIX). The Association is exempt from income taxes under paragraph 149(1)(l) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant accounting policies are detailed as follows:

#### (a) Basis of presentation

The Association has elected to report each controlled entity by providing the disclosure as set out in Note 10. Accordingly, these non-consolidated financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of NWTAC and exclude the accounts of NCIP and NORCIX. The financial position, results of operations and cash flows of NCIP and NORCIX are presented in a separate set of financial statements that do not include the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Association.

#### (b) Cash equivalents

The Association considers all investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition, and bank loans with no fixed terms of repayment to be cash equivalents.

#### (c) Financial instruments

The Association initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Association subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.

#### (d) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost. The Association provides for amortization using the straight-line method at rates designed to amortize the cost of the tangible capital assets over their estimated useful lives. One half of the year's amortization is recorded in the year of acquisition. No amortization is recorded in the year of disposal. The annual amortization rates are as follows:

Computer equipment	3 years
Office equipment	5 years

Amortization of leasehold improvements is recorded over the remaining term of the lease plus the first renewal option.

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

#### (d) Tangible capital assets, continued

Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, the contributed capital asset is recorded at nominal value.

#### (e) Employee future benefits

Under the terms and conditions of employment, the Association's long-term employees may earn post-employment severance benefits based on years of service which can be carried forward. The benefits are paid upon resignation or retirement of an employee. The expected cost of providing such benefits accrue when employees render service, provided that payment of the benefits is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

#### (f) Pension plan

Defined contribution plan accounting is applied to a multi-employer plan, whereby contributions are expensed when due as the Association has insufficient information to apply defined benefit plan accounting.

#### (g) Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Externally restricted contributions received or receivable related to expenses of future years are deferred and recognized as revenue in the same year or years in which the related expenses are incurred.

Restricted contributions for the purchase of capital assets that will be amortized are deferred and recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired capital assets.

Restricted contributions for expenses of the current year are recognized as revenue in the current year.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the current year when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and ultimate collection is reasonably assured.

Membership fees are recognized as revenue when received or receivable.

#### (h) Government assistance

Government and other grants related to tangible capital assets are accounted for as deferred government assistance and amortized on the same basis as the related tangible capital assets. Operating grants are accounted for as revenue when earned.

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

#### (i) Contributed materials and services

The Association recognizes contributions of materials and services, but only when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services are used in the normal course of the Association's operations and would otherwise have been purchased.

#### (j) Allocation of expenses

The Association engages in administrative and support services. The costs of special projects include the costs of personnel, premises and other expenses that are directly related to providing the special projects. NWTAC also incurs a number of general support expenses that are common to the administration of the Association and each of its special projects. Accordingly, such expenses are allocated among special projects consistently each year based on time, space, per capita basis, or proportionately on the same percentage as the direct costs of the project.

General support, including communications, computer, insurance, office and administration, office photocopy, office publications, and postage and courier expenses, are allocated to special projects on a per capita basis. Rent expense is allocated based on square footage. Salaries and benefits expense is allocated based on actual time.

#### (k) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of these non-consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make certain judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the non-consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates are used in determining the useful lives of depreciable assets, employee future benefits, and allocating common administrative and general support expenses to special projects.



# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 3. TERM DEPOSIT

The Association invests in redeemable guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) with the Bank of Montreal, with annual interest rates of 0.95% and 1.82%, an aggregate cost of \$135,000 (2021 - \$130,000), a fair value of \$135,883 (2021 - \$131,806) including accrued interest, maturing May 26, 2022 and February 8, 2022.

### 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2022	2021
Contributions for special projects:		
GNWT - HSS - Community Healthy Living (Schedule 1)	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500
GNWT - HSS - The Dope Experience	220,207	-
GNWT - HSS - Community Vaccine Promotion Fund	22,522	-
GNWT - ENR - Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund	2,000	-
GNWT - ENR - Plain Language Document	3,200	-
	285,429	37,500
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	56,185	56,185
Government of Canada - Emergency Wage and Rent Subsidies	-	87,505
Annual General Meeting	7,700	33,350
Membership fees	18,354	15,057
Interest income	882	1,806
Admin recoveries & Other	20,925	16,058
	389,475	247,461
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	5,000	1,001
	\$ 384,475	\$ 246,460

### 5. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of common and preferred shares managed by the Bank of Montreal with an aggregate cost of \$124,170 (2021 - \$110,453) and market value of \$179,411 (2021 - \$157,911). Net investment income for the period is as follows:

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 5. INVESTMENTS, continued

	2022	2021
Realized investment income:		
Interest from term deposit	\$ 1,259	\$ 2,467
Dividends from investments in shares	4,797	3,362
Gain (loss) on sale of investments	14,522	(4,182)
	20,578	1,647
Unrealized investment income:		
Change in market value of investments	4,153	63,047
Net investment income	\$ 24,731	\$ 64,694

### 6. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2022		2021	
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net	Net
Computer equipment	\$ 16,167	\$ 11,521	\$ 4,646	\$ 2,210
Leasehold improvements	132,523	132,523	-	-
Office equipment	23,149	18,795	4,354	6,096
	\$ 171,839	\$ 162,839	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,306

### 7. DEFERRED REVENUE

As detailed in Schedule 1, deferred revenue represents membership fees received in advance, and externally restricted money received related to future special project expenses to be recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Changes in deferred revenue during the period are summarized as follows:

	2022	2021
Opening balance	\$ 212,855	\$ 154,552
Cash funding received	1,567,902	1,345,549
Contributions Repayable	(6,150)	-
Contributions receivable	287,929	37,500
Adjustments	(19,687)	-
Revenue recognized	(1,760,354)	(1,324,746)
	\$ 282,495	\$ 212,855

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 7. DEFERRED REVENUE, continued

	2022	2021
Deferred revenue at March 31, 2022 consists of the following:		
Membership fees received in advance	\$ 44,789	\$ 42,159
Annual general meeting revenue received in advance	31,500	-
Contributions for special projects received in advance	206,206	170,696
	\$ 282,495	\$ 212,855

The Association has various contribution agreements with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Departments of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), and Health and Social Services (HSS) to fund special projects. Agreements stipulate that any money advanced to NWTAC and not expended prior to the termination or expiry of the contract shall be refunded to the GNWT.

Salaries and benefits expenses allocated to special projects during the year is \$211,384 (2021 - \$197,405), representing the administration component of project costs. Such allocations are based on the provisions of the respective contribution agreements as a percentage of project costs. Total aggregate salaries and benefits expense of the Association during the year is \$903,831 (2021 - \$932,900).

Unexpended Video Based Learning Pilot Project funding of \$6,150 repayable at year-end.

### 8. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

Employees are entitled to severance pay if, among other things, an employee has 10 or more years of continuous employment, at the weekly rate of pay to a maximum of 13 weeks.

Changes during the period to employee future benefits are as follows:

	2022	2021
EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS, opening	\$ 78,020	\$ 46,789
Severance benefits earned by employees during the year	16,326	31,231
Severance benefits paid to employees during the year	(22,640)	-
EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS, closing	\$ 71,706	\$ 78,020
	2022	2021
DUE FROM RELATED PARTY, opening	\$ 19,687	\$ 20,665
Severance benefits earned by employees during the period	2,953	(978)
Severance benefits paid to employees during the year	(22,640)	-
DUE FROM RELATED PARTY, closing	\$ -	\$ 19,687

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 8. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS, continued

Net employee future benefits obligation is \$71,706 (2021 - \$78,020).

Except otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the obligation will not be settled within the coming year. Accordingly, the obligation is presented as a non-current liability on the non-consolidated statement of financial position.

The Association intends to recover NCIP's portion and settle the obligation simultaneously.

### 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Parties related by direct control through a common Board of Directors include:

(a) Northern Communities Insurance Program (NCIP), a program offered to members of the NWTAC, which insures property, liability, automobile and other risks that communities in the NWT are required to insure. NCIP is subject to the same tax treatment as the NWTAC, and

(b) Northern Communities Insurance Exchange (NORCIX), an unincorporated formal Insurance Reciprocal Exchange licensed in the NWT, is governed by the NWT Insurance Act to administer insurance on behalf of NCIP subscribers. The Exchange is exempt from income taxes under paragraph 149.1(1)(d.3) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). The Exchange is economically dependent on the premiums paid into the Exchange by the subscribing communities of the Insurance Reciprocal Exchange.

The transactions, consisting of fees charged by the Association to provide various administrative services to related parties, are in the normal course of operations and are recorded at fair value. Such services include the cost for providing staff, offices, communications, and other office expenses. Except as otherwise noted, amounts due to or from related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and due on demand, with no specified terms of repayment. Reimbursable expenses paid on behalf of related parties are excluded from revenues and expenses.

#### (a) Transactions

	2022 note 11	2021
Revenues		
Admin recoveries - NCIP	\$ 484,780	\$ 468,022
Admin recoveries - NORCIX	87,334	83,937
AGM Sponsorship - NCIP	-	7,500
	\$ 572,114	\$ 559,459

#### (b) Due from related party

Due from NCIP	\$ -	\$ 19,687
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# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS, continued

The balance consists of the accumulated cost of severance benefits which are recoverable from NCIP when benefits are paid upon resignation or retirement of an employee. It is management's opinion that the balance will not be settled within the coming year. Accordingly, the balance is presented as a non-current asset on the non-consolidated statement of financial position.

### 10. CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Summary financial information at March 31, 2022 and for the year then ended from the most recent audited financial statements of NCIP and NORCIX are as follows:

	<u>NCIP</u>	<u>NORCIX</u>
Total assets	\$ 2,511,924	\$ 20,929,749
Total liabilities	<u>(531,333)</u>	<u>(3,331,810)</u>
Net assets	<u>\$ 1,980,591</u>	<u>\$ 17,597,939</u>
Revenues	\$ 4,149,339	\$ 3,779,418
Expenses	<u>(4,118,885)</u>	<u>(1,936,632)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 30,454</u>	<u>\$ 1,842,786</u>
Net cash from operating activities	\$ 366,254	\$ 560,979
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(40,503)</u>	<u>(666,088)</u>
Increase in cash	<u>\$ 325,751</u>	<u>\$ (105,109)</u>

At March 31, 2022 the net assets of NORCIX of \$17,579,939 (2021 - \$15,755,153) includes \$5,880,177 (2021 - \$6,509,766) in internally restricted net assets for its Loss Prevention Incentive Programs. Net assets of NCIP of \$1,980,591 (2021 - \$1,808,703) includes \$243,716 (2021 - \$Nil) in internally restricted net assets for its Loss Prevention Reserve.

### 11. BUDGET AMOUNTS

The 2022 budget included in the non-consolidated statement of operations on page 2 was approved by the Board of Directors on February 16, 2021, is unaudited, and is presented for information purposes only.

### 12. COMMITMENTS

The Association has entered into operating leases including for the premises expiring May 31, 2025 and office equipment expiring February 25, 2027. Future minimum lease payments for operating leases are as follows:

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 12. COMMITMENTS, continued

2023	\$	51,291
2024		51,291
2025		51,291
2026		9,840
2027		<u>1,421</u>
	\$	<u>165,134</u>

The operating lease for office space carries an option to extend the term for a further period of five year.

### 13. PENSION PLAN

Eligible employees of the Association are members of the Northern Employee Benefits Services (NEBS) Pension Plan (the Plan), a contributory defined benefit plan. The Plan is administered by NEBS as part of benefits program providing insurance, health care and pension benefits for employees of member employers in the North. NEBS is a member owned, not-for-profit corporation of which the Association is a member.

The Plan is governed by the Northern Employee Benefits Services Pension Plan Act (in force October 1, 2015) (the Act) and a Plan Text document maintained by the administrator of the Plan. Both the Act and the Plan Text document provide that participating employers are liable for their share of any funding shortfalls in the Plan as determined on a going concern basis, and on Plan windup. The Act and the Plan Text document provide that any going concern shortfalls, should they arise, are to be paid down over no more than 15 years and that contribution rates may be increased if necessary to do so.

Pursuant to the Act, the Plan is exempt from compliance with the Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985 (PBSA) and is not required to be funded on a solvency basis.

As at January 1, 2022, the NEBS Pension Plan has a preliminary going concern surplus of \$65,900,000 (2021 - \$45,100,000) and a funded ratio of 124.0% (2021 - 118.0%). The Plan serves 3,655 employee members and 118 participating employers.

Participating employers in the Plan, including the Association are required to make contributions to the plan of 8% (2021 - 8%) of pensionable earnings, and to remit employee contributions of 8% (2021 - 8%). These contributions cover current service costs and a provision for adverse deviation.

Sufficient information is not available to use defined benefit plan accounting. As such, defined contribution plan accounting is used. During the period, employee contributions to the Plan is \$47,762 (2021 - \$51,926), and employer contributions to the Plan is \$47,762 (2021 - \$51,926).

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## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 13. PENSION PLAN, continued

As at January 1, 2022, the Northern Employee Benefits Services Pension Plan is in a preliminary solvency deficiency position of \$164,719,700 (2021 - \$142,700,000). While the Association does not intend to terminate its participation in the Plan for the foreseeable future, the Association would be obligated, per the NEBS Act, for its share of the solvency deficiency upon withdrawal. The Association's obligation, as Plan Sponsor, would be calculated based on actuarial estimates for all active, deferred and retired employees.

### 14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Association's financial instruments consist of cash, term deposits, accounts receivable, investments, trade payables and accruals, contributions repayable, and wages and benefits payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest rate, market, currency, credit, liquidity or cash flow risks arising from these financial instruments and that the fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Transactions in financial instruments may result in an entity assuming or transferring to another party one or more of the financial risks described below. The required disclosures provide information that assists users of non-consolidated financial statements in assessing the extent of risk related to financial instruments.

The Association has credit cards limits totaling \$50,000 available from US Bank Canada, a division of U.S. Bank National Association.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether the factors are specific to the instrument or all instruments traded in the market.

### 15. RESERVES

The NWTAC internally restricted \$200,000 (2021 - \$200,000) of the unrestricted accumulated surplus for the following reserves:

(i) a general reserve for \$50,000 (2021 - \$50,000) for future special projects at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

(ii) an operating reserve for \$150,000 (2021 - \$150,000) approved by the Board of Directors on February 16, 2021. The reserve is to stabilize the Association's finances by providing a cushion against unexpected events, losses of income, and large unbudgeted expenses.

No transfers made from or to the reserves in the current year.



# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2022

### 16. CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS

The Association entered into the following multi-year contribution agreements with departments of the GNWT and the Government of Canada so the Association may continue to provide future services in the communities:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Project / Term</u>
Canada - CIRNAC	Community Building Foundation Evaluations 2020-2023
Canada - CIRNAC	Climate Change Preparedness in the North (CCPN)

Future maximum contributions remaining under these agreements are as follows:

2023	<u>\$ 232,000</u>
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### 17. COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, there was a global outbreak of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, which has had a significant impact on organizations and companies through the restrictions put in place by federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments regarding travel, business operations and isolation or quarantine orders.

While the Association is unable to quantify the overall financial effect of these events, it continues to take measures to mitigate the effects of the current crisis.

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### 18. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The reconciliation during the period of the excess of revenues over expenses to cash flows used for operating activities is as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses per page 2	\$ 99,784	\$ 405,823
Items not requiring cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,288	2,183
Change in market value of investments	(4,153)	(63,047)
Loss (gain) on sale of investments	(14,522)	4,182
Accrued interest income	(882)	(1,806)
Net severance benefits	18,407	97,062
Bad debts	<u>(3,999)</u>	<u>(4,246)</u>
	<u>97,923</u>	<u>440,151</u>
Net change in non-cash operating working capital accounts:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(134,016)	71,973
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and deposits	19,348	(17,726)
Increase (decrease) in wages and benefits payable	(14,562)	5,724
(Decrease) increase in trade payables and accruals	26,398	(17,900)
Decrease in contributions repayable	6,150	-
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue	<u>69,641</u>	<u>58,303</u>
	<u>(27,041)</u>	<u>100,374</u>
Cash flows used for operating activities per page 4	<u>\$ 70,882</u>	<u>\$ 540,525</u>

**NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES**

**SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED REVENUE**  
For the year ended March 31, 2022

Projects	Opening balance	Cash funding received	(note 4) Funding receivable	Repayments	adjustments	Total funding available	Revenue recognized	Closing balance
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES</b>								
<b>Members</b>								
Membership fees received in advance	\$ 42,159	\$ 115,185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,344	\$ 112,555	\$ 44,789
Annual general meeting	-	23,800	7,700	-	-	31,500	-	31,500
<b>Northern Community Insurance Program (NCIP)</b>								
Administrative recoveries received in advance	-	504,467	-	-	(19,687)	484,780	484,780	-
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>								
<b>Government of Canada</b>								
<b>Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)</b>								
INAC Municipal Building Foundation Evaluations 2020-2023	145,425	85,000	-	-	-	230,425	68,980	161,445
Climate Change Preparedness in the North	19,121	231,000	-	-	-	250,121	210,161	39,960
Total INAC	164,546	316,000	-	-	-	480,546	279,141	201,406
Total Government of Canada	164,546	316,000	-	-	-	480,546	279,141	201,406

See accompanying notes.

**NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES**

**SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED REVENUE**

For the year ended March 31, 2022

Projects	Opening balance	Cash funding received	(note 4) Funding receivable	Repayments adjustments	Total funding available	Revenue recognized	Closing balance
<b>Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)</b>							
<b>GNWT - Department of Health and Social Services</b>							
Community Health Wellness Initiatives	-	37,500	37,500	-	75,000	75,000	-
Community Vaccine Fund	-	57,750	22,522	-	80,272	80,272	-
The Dope Experience	-	250,000	220,207	-	470,207	470,207	-
<b>Total HSS</b>	-	<b>345,250</b>	<b>280,229</b>	-	<b>625,479</b>	<b>625,479</b>	-
<b>GNWT - Department of Municipal and Community Affairs</b>							
Core Support	-	230,000	-	-	230,000	230,000	-
DMAF Project	-	20,000	-	-	20,000	20,000	-
Video Based Learning Pilot Project	6,150	-	-	(6,150)	-	-	-
<b>Total MACA</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>250,000</b>	-	<b>(6,150)</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	-
<b>GNWT - Department of Environment and Natural Resources</b>							
Plain Language Summary	-	13,200	-	-	13,200	8,400	4,800
<b>Total ENR</b>	-	<b>13,200</b>	-	-	<b>13,200</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>4,800</b>
<b>Total GNWT</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>608,450</b>	<b>280,229</b>	<b>(6,150)</b>	<b>888,679</b>	<b>883,879</b>	<b>4,800</b>
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>170,696</b>	<b>924,450</b>	<b>280,229</b>	<b>(6,150)</b>	<b>1,369,225</b>	<b>1,163,019</b>	<b>206,206</b>
<b>Total recoveries and contributions</b>	<b>\$ 212,855</b>	<b>\$ 1,567,902</b>	<b>\$ 287,929</b>	<b>\$ (6,150)</b>	<b>\$ 2,042,849</b>	<b>\$ 1,760,355</b>	<b>\$ 282,495</b>

See accompanying notes.

## NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

### SCHEDULE OF CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS IN THE NORTH PROGRAM

For the year ended March 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Actual</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ 231,000	\$ 210,161
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and wages	160,000	160,000
Travel, accommodation and meals	20,000	651
Training/workshops	27,000	21,250
Professional fees	-	6,145
Communications	2,000	-
Office supplies and equipment	1,000	1,115
Administration costs (10%)	21,000	21,000
	<u>231,000</u>	<u>210,161</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>AMOUNT DEFERRED FROM CIRNAC</b>		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ 231,000	\$ 231,000
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	<u>(231,000)</u>	<u>(210,161)</u>
Opening Deferred	-	19,121
Amount Deferred	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 39,960</u>

## NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

### SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOUNDATION EVALUATIONS PROGRAM For the year ended March 31, 2022

	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ -	\$ 68,980
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Professional fees	-	2,000
Communications	-	2,000
Administration costs		18,997
Consulting fees	-	45,983
	<u>-</u>	<u>68,980</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>AMOUNT DEFERRED FROM CIRNAC</b>		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ -	\$ 85,000
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	-	(68,980)
Opening Deferred	-	145,425
Amount Deferred	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 161,445</u>

A scenic photograph of a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is a clear, deep blue. In the foreground, a large pile of driftwood is scattered across the dark sand. The water is calm, reflecting the light from the sun. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees stretches along the shoreline.

**Tab 4**

**2023 NWT Association of  
Communities  
AGM**

# NWT Association of Communities

## 2023-2024 DRAFT Budget

	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Draft Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
Government of the NWT Core Funding	230,000	230,000	230,000.00	230,000
Contributions for Special projects	593,550	996,164	1,085,000	1,067,000
Admin Recoveries	560,700	572,114	566,400	584,500
Membership Dues	113,550	112,555	113,550	114,500
AGM Revenues	120,000	-	125,000	125,000
Supportive Membership	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Interest Income	12,000	6,056	10,000	9,500
Other Government Funding(CEWS/CERS)	60,000	-	0	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,704,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,704,800</b>	<b>\$ 2,144,950</b>	<b>\$ 2,145,500</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
AGM Expenses	95,000	400	100,000	110,000
Communications	9,000	7,327	9,000	9,000
Computer Expenses	12,000	21,172	15,000	24,000
Honoraria	15,000	13,200	15,000	20,000
Insurance	1,200	1,048	1,200	600
Interest and Bank Charges	1,700	2,286	2,300	2,500
Membership Dues	2,500	1,908	2,500	2,500
Office and Administration	6,500	4,321	7,000	7,000
Office Photocopy	5,500	1,297	3,000	3,000
Office Publications	1,500	499	1,500	1,500
Postage and Courier	500		500	200
Professional Fees	23,000	26,550	34,000	35,000
Rent	54,000	53,701	56,000	72,500
Salaries & Benefits Core	829,095	903,831	1,035,000	926,300
Salaries and Benefits Special Projects				440,800
Special Projects	548,550	801,977	820,000	446,200
Travel Board	20,000	3,148	22,000	22,000
Travel Chief Executive Officer	15,000	828	16,000	16,000
Travel Staff	-			3,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,640,045</b>	<b>1,843,493</b>	<b>2,140,000</b>	<b>2,142,100</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues over expenses from operations</b>	<b>64,755</b>	<b>88,396</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>3,400</b>
<b>Bad Debts</b>		<b>(3,999)</b>		
<b>Change in Market value of investments</b>		<b>4,153</b>		
<b>Gain on sale of investments</b>		<b>14,522</b>		
<b>Amortization of tangible assets</b>	<b>(4,500)</b>	<b>(3,288)</b>	<b>(4,500)</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>
<b>Loss of disposal on capital assets</b>				
<b>Loss on sale of tangible assets</b>				
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>(4,500)</b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>(4,500)</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 60,255</b>	<b>\$ 99,784</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>





A scenic photograph of a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows. The foreground is filled with large pieces of driftwood on a dark, sandy beach. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees stretches across the horizon. The sky is a clear, deep blue, and the water of a lake or sea is visible on the right side of the frame.

**Tab 5**

**2023 NWT Association of  
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AGM**



# Association Bylaws

## 2023

The Bylaws describe the Vision and Mission of the NWT Association of Communities, Membership Rules and Responsibilities, Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and how the association shall be run.

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## **NWTAC VISION:**

Working together to achieve all that our communities want to be.

## **NWTAC MISSION:**

We are working together to serve our communities by addressing common issues, delivering programs and exchanging information. We are the unified voice for communities on municipal goals determined by our members.

## **ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

### **1.1 Defined Terms**

For the purposes of these Bylaws, the terms set out below shall have the following meaning:

- (a) "Act" means the Societies Act R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c. S-11, as amended from time to time;
- (b) "AGM" means the Annual General Meeting to be held pursuant to Section 9.1, hereof;
- (c) "Associate Member" means any society, corporation, Community Government, or board situated within the geographic boundaries of the Northwest Territories the activities of which include, but are not restricted to, the provision of services in or for a Municipal Corporation;
- (d) "Association" means the Northwest Territories Association of Communities;
- (e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association established pursuant to Article 4, hereof;
- (f) "Caucus" means Caucus One or Caucus Two;
- (g) "Caucus One" means those Members that are a City, Town or Village; "Caucus Two" means those Members that are a Hamlet, Settlement, Charter Community, Tlicheo Government, Community Government or Municipal Corporation not included in Caucus One.
- (h) "Charter Community" means a municipal corporation with the status of a charter community as defined in the Charter Communities Act S.N.W.T. 2003, c. 22 s.1;
- (i) "Chief Executive Officer" means that individual appointed to such position pursuant to Section 4.3, hereof;
- (j) "Community Government" means a council, self government group or other group of persons in respect of an area where a Municipal Corporation does not exist, which carries out activities that include, but are not restricted to, the provision of services similar to those provided in or for a Municipal Corporation;
- (k) "Council" means the council of a Municipal Corporation or a body of individuals belonging to a Community Government having similar rights and obligations as members of a council of a Municipal Corporation;
- (l) "Delegate" means, for the purposes of attending and voting at any meeting of the Association, an individual that is:

- (ii) the Senior Administrative Officer of a Member who has been authorized by the Member to participate at a meeting of the Association, such authorization to be delivered in writing to the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Member before the commencement of such meeting of the Association; or
- (iii) a member of the Council of the Member;
- (m) "Director(s)" means the director(s) of the Association appointed to the Board in accordance with these Bylaws;
- (n) "Dues" means those dues established pursuant to Section 3.1, hereof;
- (o) "Good Standing" means in respect of a Member, Associate Member, Supporting, that all Dues have been paid by such member and that there are no other amounts payable to the Association by such member that are in arrears, as shown in the records of the Association;
- (p) "Honorary Life Member" means an individual that has been granted honorary life membership pursuant to Section 2.3, hereof;
- (q) "Member" means a Municipal Corporation or Community Government that has complied with the requirements of Section 2.2 of the Bylaws;
- (r) "Municipal Corporation" means any entity defined as a Municipal Corporation in the Interpretation Act, R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c I-8 or any other Northwest Territories enactment.
- (s) "Senior Administrative Officer" means that individual appointed to such position by a member community;
- (t) "Special Meeting" means a special meeting of the Association contemplated in Section 9.5, hereof;
- (u) "Supporting Member" means a profit or non-profit organization which has been approved for membership by the Board and has paid all Dues required by the Association.
- (v) "Voting Card" means a card issued by the Association to the Member for the purpose of casting a vote at the meeting of the Association for which the card is issued.

## **ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.1 Members**

Any Municipal Corporation or Community Government in the Northwest Territories is eligible to become a Member.

### **2.2 Terms of Admission**

All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer. Upon payment of Dues and subject to the written approval of the Board, an applicant that is eligible for membership in accordance with Section 2.1 above shall receive a copy of the Bylaws and be enrolled as a Member. Acceptance of a copy of the Bylaws of the Association by the new Member shall constitute its adherence to the terms thereof.

### **2.3 Non-voting Members**

An Associate Member is entitled to receive a copy of the Bylaws and may attend the AGM and may have the privilege of the floor, but shall have no vote, nor shall their representatives be entitled to be elected to any office in the Association.

Applications for associate membership shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer. Upon payment of Dues and subject to the written approval of the Board, applicants under this section who meet the definition of Associate Member shall be enrolled as an Associate Member.

An honorary life membership may be conferred upon an individual authorized by the NWTAC Board of Directors. An Honorary Life Member is entitled to receive a copy of the Bylaws, is not required to pay Dues, and shall have no vote.”

Supporting Members may be admitted to membership in the Association if a Supporting Member application, satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer is submitted, any required membership Dues are paid and the written approval of the Board is obtained. A Supporting Member is entitled to receive a copy of the Bylaws and may attend the AGM as an observer, but may not have the privilege of the floor and shall have no vote.

### **2.4 Withdrawal from Membership**

Any Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member of the Association may withdraw from the Association by submitting to the Chief Executive Officer a notice of withdrawal in writing and by discharging any lawful liability upon the books of the Association against such Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member at the time of withdrawal and such withdrawal shall take effect after any lawful liability upon the books of the Association against such Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member. Immediately upon delivery of the notice of withdrawal to the Chief Executive Officer, any and all rights and privileges of the Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member, as the case may be, shall cease.

If such notice of withdrawal in writing is received before March 31 of any year, that Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member, as the case may be, will be refunded Dues paid for that year. However, if such notice of withdrawal in writing is received after March 31 of any year all Dues paid for that year shall be unconditionally forfeited to the Association.

### **2.5 Expulsion from Membership**

Any Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member that is not in Good Standing for a continuous period of one (1) year shall automatically cease to be a Member, Associate Member, or Supporting Member, as the case may be, effective as of January 2 immediately following the completion of the aforesaid continuous period of one (1) year.

### **2.6 Readmission to Membership**

Any Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member who has withdrawn or who has been expelled from the Association may be reinstated as a Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member upon complying with the provisions of Section 2.2 or 2.3 respectively and upon payment of current and unpaid accounts.

## **ARTICLE 3 - DUES**

### **3.1 Establishment of Dues**

The annual Dues of Members, Associate Members and Supporting Members shall be determined by the Members at the AGM or any Special Meeting.



### **3.2 Time for Payment**

The Dues of all Members, Associate Members and Supporting Members shall be payable by April 1 of each year.

## **ARTICLE 4 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **4.1 Board Composition**

The Board shall consist of seven (7) Directors: the President, two (2) Vice-Presidents and four (4) Directors. One (1) Vice-President and 2 Directors shall be elected by the members from Caucus One and one (1) Vice-President and two (2) Directors shall be elected by the members from Caucus Two. The President may be elected from either Caucus as per Section 4.11.1.

The Chief Executive Officer shall be entitled to attend and participate at all Board meetings, except they shall not be entitled to vote on any matter put before the Directors for a vote.

In no event shall more than one (1) Director from any Member be permitted to serve as a Board Director at the same time.

### **4.2 Qualifications of the Board**

Except for the Chief Executive Officer, only an individual that is a member of a Council of a Member in Good Standing is eligible to be a Director.

### **4.3 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer**

The Directors shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer, also known as the Executive Director, as and when required.

### **4.4 Election of Directors**

The President shall be elected at an AGM, and shall hold office for two (2) years following the AGM at which he/she was elected.

The Vice-Presidents shall be elected at an AGM, and shall hold office for two (2) years following the AGM at which he/she was elected.

Four (4) Directors (two (2) Directors from each Caucus) shall be elected at an AGM and shall hold office for a period of two (2) years following the AGM at which he/she was elected.

Elections of the Directors shall be ordered in such a manner that:

- 4.4.1 at each second AGM (for example, odd numbered years) the President, the Vice-President for Caucus One and the Vice-President for Caucus Two shall be elected; and
- 4.4.2 at each alternative second AGM (for example, even numbered years) two (2) Directors from each Caucus shall be elected.

#### **4.5 Board Meeting**

Board meetings may be formally called by

- 4.5.1 the President; or
- 4.5.2 any Director on the direction in writing of two (2) Directors.

Notice of the time and place of every Board meeting shall be given by the Chief Executive Officer or any Director to each other Director personally, by telephone, by email, or by facsimile transmission not less than seven (7) days before the date and time fixed for the holding of such Board meeting, provided that any Board meeting may be held at any time and place without such notice if all the Directors are present thereat and signify their waiver of such notice at such meeting.

Directors may participate in any Board meeting by conference telephone call, videoconference or other electronic means that permits each Director to hear and be heard at such meetings. Any resolution passed by the Directors at such meeting shall have the same effect as if all Directors were physically present at such meeting.

#### **4.6 Board Quorum**

Four (4) Directors, including the President or one (1) of the Vice-Presidents, shall constitute a quorum.

#### **4.7 Remuneration and Expenses**

Subject to the approval of a majority of the Directors at a Board meeting, (except for attendance at the AGM, Board meetings held in conjunction with the AGM and teleconference Board meetings under 1.5 hours duration), a Director traveling to Board meetings or otherwise for the purpose of discharging his obligations as a Director engaged in the business and affairs of the Association may be reimbursed for the following expenses and receive the following honoraria:

- 4.7.1 hotel room costs or fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for private accommodation
- 4.7.2 meals and incidentals reimbursed as per Government of the Northwest Territories reimbursement policy and rates in effect at the time;
- 4.7.3 economy class return airfare to the meeting attended by the Director;
- 4.7.4 ground transportation as per the Government of the Northwest Territories reimbursement policy and rates in effect at the time;
- 4.7.5 Honorarium
  - 4.7.5.1 for a full day meeting, the lesser of two hundred and twenty (\$220.00) dollars or the actual lost income from business or employment incurred by the Director for such day;
  - 4.7.5.2 for a half day, the lesser of one hundred and ten (\$110.00) dollars or the actual lost income from business or employment incurred by the Director for such half day;

All claims for honoraria or reimbursement of those expenses set forth in this Section must be set out on the Association's expense form, accompanied by reasonably acceptable receipts, invoices or vouchers and submitted to the Chief Executive Officer within thirty (30) days from the date upon which such expenses are incurred or honoraria earned.

Notwithstanding any provision within these bylaws to the contrary, if a Director is absent from a Board meeting without the permission of the Board, the Director shall not be entitled to any honoraria or reimbursement for any expenses set forth herein relating to the day(s) of such absence. For the purposes of these Bylaws, absent means absent from all or any portion of a Board meeting without the consent of a majority of the Directors participating at such Board meeting.

Any changes to remuneration or honorarium to be provided to the Directors shall be determined for the immediately ensuing year by the Members at the AGM.

#### **4.8 Voting**

At Board meetings, each Director, including the chairman of the meeting shall have one (1) vote. Every matter to be voted upon shall be decided by not less than a majority of the votes cast. In the case of a tie, the motion shall be lost.

#### **4.9 Disqualification of a Director**

A Director is disqualified immediately and a vacancy on the Board shall exist if:

- 4.9.5 a Director resigns in writing from his position of Director or from his/her position as President or Vice-President;
- 4.9.6 a Director ceases to be a member of a Council; or
- 4.9.7 a Director is absent from two (2) consecutive Board meetings without the advance consent of the Board and it is resolved by a majority of the Directors participating in the immediately following Board meeting that the Director be removed. The Director affected by such resolution shall not be entitled to vote on such resolution in any manner.

#### **4.10 Board Vacancies**

Should a vacancy on the Board occur, the following shall apply, subject to Section 4.1:

4.10.5 If the vacancy involves the director serving as President:

- (i) the Vice President of the same caucus as the departing President shall become President.

4.10.5.2 If that position is vacant as well, then the remaining Vice President shall become President

4.10.5.3 The appointment as President shall be for the unexpired portion of the departing President's term or the next opportunity for an election at an AGM, whichever comes first

4.10.5.3.1 At the next AGM, an election shall be held for the position of President for the unexpired portion of the departing President's term if any remains.

4.10.6 if the vacancy involves the director serving as a Vice-President:

- (i) the President shall appoint a successor from among the Directors that have been elected by the former Vice President's Caucus to fill the vacancy in the position of Vice-President for the affected Caucus to serve for the unexpired portion of the former Vice-President's term or the next opportunity for an election at an AGM, whichever comes first

4.10.6.2 At the next AGM, an election shall be held for the position of Vice President for the unexpired portion of the departing President's term if any remains

4.10.6.3 If the position is filled by a Director whose initial term for which they were elected has not expired, then they may return to their original elected position when the term as vice-president is completed;

4.10.7 if the vacancy involves a Director that is not the President or a Vice-President:

- (i) the position shall first be offered to another representative of the community of the disqualified directors if the community remains a Member in Good Standing and is from the same caucus;

4.10.7.2 If the offer above is declined then the President will appoint a member of a Council from a Member in Good Standing from the same Caucus to fill the vacancy in the Director position;

4.10.7.3 The appointment shall be to serve for the unexpired portion of the Director's term or the next opportunity for an election at an AGM, whichever comes first;

4.10.7.4 If there is no Director returning from an appointment as Vice-President as per clause 7.19(b)(iii) then at the next AGM, an election shall be held for the director's position for the unexpired portion of the departing director's term if any remains.

#### **4.11 Procedure for Elections**

Nominations may be made by the nominating committee, as per Article 6 of these Bylaws, or from the floor.

##### **4.11.5 President and Vice Presidents**

First call for nominations for these positions shall be called during the first day of an AGM. Second call for nominations for these positions shall be on the second day. Third and final call for nominations for the position of President shall be during the morning of the last day of the AGM. Once the election of the President has been completed, the third and final call for the position of Vice President shall be called.

The President shall be elected by the Members at large. The Vice-President for Caucus One shall be elected by the Members within Caucus One. The Vice-President for Caucus Two shall be elected by the Members within Caucus Two.

A Director may run for the position of President and/or Vice President for the Caucus to which such Director belongs. If he/she is unsuccessful he/she shall retain his/her Director position for the term of which they were elected. If he/she is elected, his/her Director position will be deemed to be vacant and Section 4.10(c) shall apply.

#### 4.11.6 Directors

First call for nominations for the Director positions shall be called during the first day of an AGM. Second call for nominations shall be in the morning of the second day. Third and final call for nominations shall be during the last day of the AGM following the election for President and Vice-Presidents of Caucuses.

Directors for Caucus One shall be elected from and by the Members within that Caucus. Directors for Caucus Two shall be elected from and by the Members within that Caucus.

The two (2) candidates with the most votes within their Caucus shall be elected as Directors.

#### 4.11.7 Candidate Speeches

Each candidate with an accepted nomination for President, Vice-President or Director, shall have the opportunity to speak to the members for a period of no more than two minutes prior to their respective elections.

## **ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**

### **5.1 The President**

The President shall preside at the AGM and all Special Meetings. He or she shall sign all instruments that require his or her signature and shall perform all duties incidental to his or her office, as well as such other duties and powers as may from time to time be assigned to the President by the Members.

The President shall be a member of the Board and shall have one vote at any meeting of the Board.

### **5.2 Vice-President**

Vice-Presidents shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all of the duties of the President in the absence of the President or the disability or refusal to act by the President. If the President is absent, the duties shall be carried out by whichever Vice-President is present at the time action is required. If both Vice-Presidents are available, the exercise of the President's duties and powers shall alternate between the two (2) Vice-Presidents and be exercised firstly by the Vice-President chosen by the majority of the Directors present.

### **5.3 The Power and Authority of the Board**

The Board may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Association pursuant to and consistent with objects that are not, by the Bylaws of the Society or by law, expressly directed or required to be done by the Society at a meeting of the Members or otherwise.

### **5.4 Chief Executive Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer shall have the care and custody of all funds of the Association and shall deposit the same in such bank account or bank accounts as is reasonable. He or she shall sign or counter-sign such instruments that require the signature of the Chief Executive Officer. He or she shall issue or cause to be issued notices of meetings of the Association when directed to do so by the Board, and shall be responsible for the preparation and custody of the minutes of Association meetings, Directors meeting minutes, Director's correspondence and financial records. He or she shall conform to all lawful orders given to him or her by the Board.

The Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be kept all books, papers, records, correspondence, contracts and other documents belonging to the Association and shall cause the same to be delivered up when required by the Act or when authorized by the Board to such person as may be named by the Board.

## **ARTICLE 6 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **6.1 Appointment of Nominating Committee**

During the AGM each year, the Vice-Presidents shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three (3) persons. A member of the nominating committee cannot continue as a member of that committee if he or she becomes a candidate for the Board position to be elected at the AGM.

### **6.2 Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee shall be responsible for the recommendation of names for offices of the President, Vice-Presidents and Directors. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Members at the AGM.

### **6.3 Member Consent Required for Nomination**

The nominating committee shall recommend persons for election as Directors in accordance with the provisions in Article 4 of these Bylaws, but in no case shall a Member be recommended by the nominating committee unless he or she has given their consent to act if elected.

### **6.4 Floor Nominations**

Nominations for President, Vice-Presidents and Directors may be made from the floor and will be submitted to the Members at the AGM.

## **ARTICLE 7 - RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

### **7.1 Resolutions**

The Vice-Presidents shall appoint at least two (2) Directors to sit on the resolution committee. The resolution committee shall accept and process resolutions that may be presented by Members.

### **7.2 Communication of Resolutions**

Prior to the AGM, the resolution committee shall communicate for the purpose of considering all resolutions and submit its recommendations on each resolution to the AGM.

### **7.3 Rules and Procedures**

The Board shall establish rules and procedures for the consideration of resolutions, including a process for the consideration of resolutions between annual meetings.

#### **7.4 Board Resolutions**

The Board may also submit resolutions for consideration at the AGM or any Special Meeting.

#### **7.5 Introduction of Resolutions**

No Member shall have the right to introduce a resolution on the floor of any meeting that has not been approved at a regular or Special Meeting of the Council of the Member, except resolutions of congratulations, condolence, or appreciation.

### **ARTICLE 8 - OTHER COMMITTEES**

#### **8.1 Other Committees**

Standing committees of the Association as desired from time to time may be established by the Directors. Subject to Section 5.3 of the Bylaws, such committees shall be given such scope and powers set out in the resolution of the Directors and shall continue to exist until dissolved by a further resolution of the Directors.

The Board may establish any sub-committee comprised of Directors and, subject to Section 5.3 of the Bylaws, may delegate to such sub-committee such powers and duties as may be deemed necessary by the Board. Such sub-committee shall be given such scope and powers set out in the resolution of the Directors and shall continue to exist until dissolved by a further resolution of the Directors.

### **ARTICLE 9 - MEETINGS**

#### **9.1 Annual General Meeting**

##### 9.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually such time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

#### **9.2 Quorum at the Annual General Meeting**

A quorum at an AGM shall consist of a majority of the Members in Good Standing

#### **9.3 Participation at the Annual General Meeting**

While only Members in Good Standing are entitled to vote at the AGM, any Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member or Honorary Life Member may attend and observe at these meetings and the various programs offered there.

#### **9.4 Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice of the AGM shall be given by the Chief Executive Officer by sending a notice by facsimile, by other electronic means by which written messages may be sent or by ordinary post to the address of each Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member and Honorary Life Member at least twenty-one days (21) before the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be held at the place specified in the notice.

### **9.5 Special Meetings**

Upon delivery by mail, facsimile or email to the office of the Association of a written request for a Special Meeting from no less than fifty (50%) percent of the Members, the President shall call a special meeting of the Association.

The Board may also call a Special Meeting when the majority of the Board considers one necessary.

### **9.6 Time of Special Meetings**

If a Special Meeting is called pursuant to Section 9.5, such Special Meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days after the request is received at the Association office or the Board calls such Special Meeting, as the case may be.

### **9.7 Notice of a Special Meeting**

Notice of a Special Meeting shall be given by the Chief Executive by sending a notice by facsimile, by other electronic means by which written messages may be sent or by ordinary post to the address of each Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member and Honorary Life Member at least twenty-one days (21) before the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be held at the place specified in the notice.

### **9.8 Quorum at a Special Meeting**

A quorum at a Special Meeting shall consist of a majority of the Members in Good Standing.

### **9.9 Representations of Members**

Each Member in Good Standing may be represented at the AGM or any Special Meeting by as many Delegates as it may appoint for that purpose and each Delegate shall have the right to take part in all discussions at the meeting.

### **9.10 Member Meeting by Conference Call**

Delegates of Members in Good Standing may participate in any meeting of the Members by conference telephone call, videoconference or other electronic means that permits each Delegate to hear and be heard at such meeting. The chairman of the meeting will cause to be recorded in the minutes of such meeting:

9.10.1 the name of each Member in Good Standing participating in such meeting;

9.10.2 the name of each Delegate participating in such meeting; and

9.10.3 the number of votes present and cast on behalf of each Member in Good Standing participating in such meeting.

## **ARTICLE 10 - VOTING**

### **10.1 Number of Votes**

At the AGM or any Special Meeting, each Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to vote on the basis of the Member's population. The number of votes for each Member shall be determined as follows:

10.1.1 populations less than one thousand five hundred (1500) receive two (2) votes;

10.1.2 populations between one thousand five hundred and one (1501) and two thousand four hundred and ninety-nine (2499) receive three (3) votes;



10.1.3 populations between two thousand five hundred (2500) and three thousand four hundred and ninety-nine (3499) receive four (4) votes;

10.1.4 populations between three thousand five hundred (3500) and four thousand four hundred and ninety-nine (4499) receive five (5) votes; and

10.1.5 populations in excess of four thousand and five hundred (4500) receive six (6) votes.

Subject to Section 9.10, at each meeting of the Members, one Voting Card shall be issued to a Delegate of each Member in Good Standing for each vote that such Member is entitled to under this Section 10.1. If no Delegate of a Member personally attends such meeting, the requisite number of Voting Cards may be issued to a Delegate of a different Member in Good Standing on behalf of the Member not in attendance if the Member not in attendance delivers written authorization to that effect to the Chief Executive Officer before the commencement of such meeting.

## **10.2 Majority Vote**

Subject to any provisions to the contrary which may be contained in these Bylaws or may be prescribed by law, all questions arising at any meeting of the Association shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. In the case of a tie, the motion shall be declared lost. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of voting card(s), but any holder of a voting card may demand that a poll be taken. Such poll shall be taken in such as a manner as the individual chairing the meeting shall direct.

## **10.3 Alternative Methods of Voting**

Voting may be conducted by mail, facsimile or by other electronic means by which a written message may be sent.

# **ARTICLE 11 - ACCOUNTS**

## **11.1 Financial Records**

All financial records of the Association shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied and shall be retained for not less than the legal period prescribed by the Income Tax Act, Canada.

## **11.2 Audit**

An auditor appointed by the Board shall audit the books, financial accounts and records of the Society at least once each year.

## **11.3 Financial Reporting**

The Chief Executive Officer or such person designated by the Chief Executive Officer will present the audited financial statements of the Association for the preceding year to the AGM each year.

## **11.4 Financial Statements**

The audited financial statements of the Association for the preceding year shall be available for the inspection by the Members at the AGM.

### **11.5 Budget**

At each AGM, the Chief Executive Officer or such person designated by the Chief Executive Officer shall present to the Association, an operating budget for the current fiscal period that has been approved by the Board.

## **ARTICLE 12 - BORROWING POWERS**

### **12.1 Borrowing Funds**

The Board may, by majority vote, borrow funds for the current operations of the Association, but the total of such funds shall not, at any time, exceed one-half (1/2) of the Association's revenue in the preceding fiscal year.

### **12.1 Capital Expenditures**

The Board may, with the approval of a majority of the Members at a Special Meeting or at an AGM, borrow funds for capital expenditures in the amount and on such terms and conditions authorized by the Members

## **ARTICLE 13 - GENERAL**

### **13.1 Execution of Documents**

Documents shall be executed in the following manner:

13.1.1 cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of monies, notes, acceptances and bills of exchange may be drawn, accepted, endorsed and signed by:

13.1.1.1 any two (2) Directors;

13.1.1.2 one (1) Director together with one (1) of:

13.1.1.2.1 the Chief Executive Officer; or

13.1.1.2.2 the Finance Officer of the Association;

or

13.1.1.2.3 if authorized in advance and in writing by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer together with the Finance Officer of the Association; and

13.1.2 contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring execution on behalf of the Association (under seal or otherwise) that are not contemplated in Section 13(1)(a) may be signed by:

13.1.2.1 the President together with a Vice-President;

13.1.2.2 the President or a Vice-President together with the Chief Executive Officer;

13.1.2.3 if authorized in writing by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer alone; or

13.1.2.4 other parties authorized in advance and in writing by the Board from time to time.

**13.2 Seal**

The seal of the Association shall consist of the word “seal” in a circle formed by the words “Northwest Territories Association of Communities”. The seal shall be kept at the office of the Association and shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except in the presence of two (2) Directors or such other parties authorized in advance and in writing by the Board from time to time.

**13.3 Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Association shall terminate on March 31 of each year.

**13.4 Minutes and Records**

The Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be recorded accurate, legible, written minutes of the proceedings of each of the AGM, all Special Meetings and all Board meetings. The books and records of the Association may be inspected at the offices of the Association by any Member, Associate Member or Honorary Life Member at any time during business hours upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer.

**13.5 Altering, Rescinding or Repealing Bylaws**

The Bylaws of the Association may be rescinded, altered or added to in accordance with Section 6 of the Act.

**13.6 Interpretation**

Any question or dispute relating to:

- 13.6.1 the interpretation and application of any provision contained in these Bylaws or any other constating documents of the Association;
- 13.6.2 the eligibility of any applicant to become a Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member of the Association;
- 13.6.3 the compliance of a Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member with these Bylaws or any other constating documents of the Association; or
- 13.6.4 any matter related to the operation of the Association pursuant to these Bylaws shall be referred to the Board, whose written decision shall be final.

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Director

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Date

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**Tab 6**

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**NWT Association of Communities  
2023 Resolutions**

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**NWTAC Resolutions are divided into the following categories:**

**CATEGORY A            Territorial Wide Municipal Issues**

This category will contain resolutions on issues that are of a direct or indirect concern to all territorial Communities.

**CATEGORY B            Issues which Pertain to Regional Concerns Only or Are Not Within Municipal Jurisdiction**

This category will contain resolutions, which are of a regional concern only or are not within municipal jurisdiction. No action is taken on Category B resolutions.

**CATEGORY C            Matters Dealt with by the NWTAC in the Previous Three Years**

This category will contain resolutions relating to specific matters, which have already been considered by the NWT Association of Communities within the previous three years.

## **2023-01 Senior Citizen & Vulnerable People Emergency Services and Shelters**

**WHEREAS:** in the vast majority of the communities in the NWT there are significant gaps in the availability of and access to emergency services response for senior citizens and other vulnerable peoples who may find themselves homeless or requiring emergency assistance services to ensure their own wellbeing.

**AND WHEREAS:** although the Government of the NWT and the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly identified this issue as one of its priorities, the level of access to services in communities is declining and, in many instances, support facilities and services are being curtailed or shuttered.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly immediately take action to have the appropriate departments undertake a review of service levels and access to services for emergency services offered to senior citizens and vulnerable persons in all NWT communities and that this review will be completed by the end of the term of this government.

Submitted by: The Town of Fort Smith

**Category A**

## **2023-02 NWT Mental Health Issue Responses**

**WHEREAS:** The Minister of Health acknowledged that there is a Mental Health Crisis within the NWT that was further heightened by the Covid-19 pandemic shut-ins and by an extensive gap in counselling services throughout the communities across the NWT.

**AND WHEREAS:** In the majority of the cases and more specially in the communities, the initial response to mental health issue calls is by the RCMP or local bylaw enforcement officers whose only tool to respond to these complicated mental health issues is incarceration at the detachment or in larger communities' confinement at a health centre.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the GNWT prioritize the resources and funding solutions to allow for measured responses to mental health issues calls in accordance with new policies and practices such as ride-along by qualified social services/wellness workers and other innovative response tools.

Submitted by: The Town of Fort Smith

**Category A**

## **2023-03 Review of MTS**

**WHEREAS:** Marine Transportation Services is responsible for the efficient delivery of fuel products and freight to Nunakput communities.

**AND WHEREAS:** Nunakput communities are experiencing logistical issues that bring into question the performance of MTS.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** We request that the GNWT conduct a third-party management review of MTS by a firm experienced in the marine freight industry and that their terms of reference include:

- a) Suitability of vessels that are used for both river and sea navigation,
- b) Scheduling
- c) Financial consequence to MTS when timely delivery of freight is not carried out,
- d) Communications to communities,
- e) Review of senior management personnel particularly as it applies to marine experience and business acumen,
- f) The potential for contracting out to private sector,
- g) Comparative analysis of using road transportation to Tuktoyaktuk for furtherance to Nunakput communities (Alaska Highway, Dempster Highway, Highway 10).

Submitted by: Hamlet of Ulukhaktok

**Category A**



## **2023-04 Community Renewable Energy Cap**

**WHEREAS** the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly set as a priority to “Reduce the cost of power and increase the use of alternative and renewable energy”,

**WHEREAS:** The Government of the NWT has committed to the 2030 Energy Strategy which outlines long term secure and sustainable energy outcomes that reduces green house gases allowing communities to reduce fossil fuel dependency realizing renewable energy sources.

**WHEREAS** the utilization of renewable energy sources is crucial for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating the impacts of climate change;

**WHEREAS** net-metering allows individuals, businesses, and communities to contribute to the local power grid, enhancing the overall resilience and reliability of the electrical system;

**WHEREAS** expanding the net-metering capacity will encourage widespread adoption of renewable energy technologies, fostering sustainable development and supporting local economies;

**WHEREAS** the GNWT along with the utilities have placed a cap of 20% on intermittent renewable generation out of grid stability concern,

**WHEREAS** most of the communities have reached that cap, and expressed this cap and associated conditions to be an impediment in achieving their energy goals,

**WHEREAS** the GNWT released early 2022 a 'Renewable Energy Penetration Analysis' report, whose first key finding is as follows: “Remote off-grid communities in the NWT can likely accept up to 45% intermittent renewable energy into their electricity grids without compromising their stability.”

**WHEREAS** the GNWT 2022-2025 Energy Action Plan has an action item titled “Give policy direction to the PUB to address intermittent renewable generation community capacity limits”

**WHEREAS** this action item comes with associated funding as follow : 30k\$ for 22/23, none for 23/24, and none for 24/25,

**WHEREAS** the availability of federal funding related to renewable energy deployment is time sensitive,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 20% cap is revised, according to the Analysis report and to the benefit of community energy autonomy, with no further delay nor further impediment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the GNWT prioritize the 2030 Energy Strategy and ensure that there are no infrastructure shortfalls to prevent communities from implementing renewable energy sources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the GNWT and the utilities collaborate with local governments, renewable energy organizations, and community stakeholders to identify and address any barriers or challenges hindering the widespread adoption of net-metering systems.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the GNWT allocate sufficient funding and incentives to support the installation of renewable energy systems and facilitate the expansion of net metering capacity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the GNWT regularly review and update the net-metering program and renewable energy caps, ensuring its effectiveness and responsiveness to changing technological advancements and community needs.

Submitted by: Town of Fort Smith, Village of Fort Simpson, NWTAC Board

**Category A**

**2023-05 – Resources must be included with Increased Engagement and Responsibilities**

**WHEREAS** it is heartening to see the increased engagement of community governments in the design of various strategies of the GNWT

**WHEREAS** many of these strategies recognize the importance of the participation of community governments in order to ensure the success of programs in their respective communities

**WHEREAS** community governments are best positioned to understand the needs of their communities

**WHEREAS** community governments are currently underfunded to the tune of 37%

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** assigning or downloading responsibilities in GNWT strategies must be accompanied with the resources to complete them

Submitted by: NWTAC Board

**Category A**

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**Tab 7**

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## 2023 Prior Year Resolutions



## Resolution Breakdown

### **Re-affirm**

(RA) Refers to a resolution whose objective has not been achieved and which should be actively pursued by the NWTAC Board of Directors.

### **Standing**

(ST) Refers to a resolution that reflects a standing policy of the NWTAC. The objective may have been achieved once but may have to be restated because of a change in government ministers or department personnel. It also refers to a resolution not requiring active pursuit for one reason or another.

### **Delete**

(DL) These resolutions have been deleted from the NWTAC policy manual.

### **Expired**

(EX) As per resolution 2020-15 Lifespan of a Resolution, every NWTAC resolution has a lifespan of 4 years. It can be brought back for action at another time.

### **Internal**

(INT) Internal policies are administrative matters.

NB. All active policies are reviewed on an annual basis for discussion / presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

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RA- 23-22-01	<b>Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home Program</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> approximately 31% of the population of Canada lives in communities of 30 thousand or less and yet the Rural and Remote funding allocation is about 6% of the overall Reaching Home annual budget; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> research from Canada and the US indicates that while homelessness is prevalent in rural and remote communities, it remains significantly underfunded; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> this chronic underfunding means that the infrastructure is not in place in rural communities to enable them to jump on capital opportunities such as the Rapid Housing Initiative; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the National Housing Strategy has five streams of funding under the Reaching Home program designated for communities with populations above 25k; therefore, be it</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the Federal Government increases the amount of the Rural and Remote stream of the Reaching Home program from its current level of \$11 million per year to</p>	<b>Housing NWT</b>	<p>The GNWT supports the request for expanded federal funding, in the form of the rural and remote stream of the Reaching Home Program and continues to advocate for funding directed to benefit the whole of the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>Housing NWT is cognizant of the acute challenges and limited funding available to support members in remote, rural communities who are presently homeless or are at risk of homelessness and welcomes greater support from the federal government for our most vulnerable community members.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</b></p>

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		<p>\$50 million per year; and be it further</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the Federal Government gather data on rural housing and homelessness, including via the implementation of a national homelessness count for rural and remote communities; and be it further</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the Federal Government ensure that updates to the National Housing Strategy include measures to set aside meaningful funding for the provision of social and affordable housing in rural and remote communities.</p>		
RA-23-22-02	<b>Canada Community-Building Fund (Gax Tax Fund) Renewal</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides \$2.2 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>A permanent increase to the annual CCBF allocation for the territories is the most reliable and sustainable option to meaningfully address municipal needs in the north.</p> <p>The current Canada-NWT Administrative Agreement for the CCBF (formerly the Gas Tax Fund) expires on March 31, 2024. Canada has not yet initiated any discussions about renewal of the agreements.</p> <p>The GNWT has been engaging the Governments of Nunavut and Yukon to identify common pressures, themes and linkages to Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework to support strategic engagement and federal funding advocacy, including renewal of the CCBF.</p> <p>In renewal discussions, the GNWT will advocate for an ongoing funding increase for community governments in the NWT under the CCBF in the new agreement.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</b></p>



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		<p>community, cultural and recreational facilities; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in Budget 2019 and Budget 2021 the federal government leveraged the CCBF as a proven mechanism to deliver infrastructure funding quickly by doubling the value of the fund in those years; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> each <i>Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund (2014-2024)</i> signed between the federal government and the provinces and territories is scheduled for renegotiation and renewal by April 1, 2024; Infrastructure Canada is leading a renewal engagement process with the aim of securing agreements in principle by September 2023; the scope of the CCBF renewal process includes decisions on signatories and program delivery partners, data collection and reporting and public communications, among other important program design considerations; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> reforms are needed to ensure that the Fund's growth and volume maintain pace with Canada's economic growth, the historic increase in construction prices, and the</p>		

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		<p>historic growth of federal sales tax revenues; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework acknowledges longstanding inequalities in transportation, energy, communications, employment, community infrastructure, health and education continue to disadvantage people, especially Indigenous peoples, in Canada's Arctic and North; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Infrastructure Canada's practice of applying the current 2 percent index at \$100 million increments has caused municipalities to receive less funding than allocated: and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Budget 2022 signalled the federal government's intent to tie CCBF funding to actions by provinces, territories, and municipalities to increase housing supply where it makes sense to do so, marking an important new direction for the Fund; now, therefore, be it</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the federal government ensure that municipalities are meaningfully engaged in the development of</p>		

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		<p>the 2024-2034 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements through FCM and provincial and territorial municipal associations; and be it further</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the 2024-2025 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements modernize this critical municipal funding program by increasing the indexation from 2 percent to 3.5 percent annually, by eliminating the current practice of applying the index at \$100 million increments, and permanently triple the current funding allocation for the three Territories.</p>		

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RA-23-21-01	<b>Amendment to Disaster Assistance Policy – Solid Waste Management Facility Fires</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> NWT communities that are responsible for operation and management of a municipal solid waste management facility will not have adequate financial resources to support the cost of extraordinary, emergency firefighting and associated environmental protection related activities during a community solid waste management facility fire.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the cost of firefighting and environmental protection activities associated with a solid waste management facility fire will not be adequately covered through Northern Communities Insurance Program.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> increasing environmental regulations are equating to significant costs associated with emergency firefighting and associated air quality and water quality monitoring and mitigation.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT has recently ruled that a disaster classification requires proof of widespread damage that affects a significant number of people’s properties.</p>	<b>MACA</b>	N/A – Resolution was introduced in 2021.	<p>GNWT policies are designed to ensure that our decisions are consistent and fair, while taking into account the needs of residents and communities across the Northwest Territories. It is important that we follow our own policies when we make our decisions.</p> <p>The Disaster Assistance Policy provides guidance to how the GNWT may provide financial assistance to community governments, small businesses, or residents of the Northwest Territories who have suffered widespread damage as a result of a disaster. The intent of the Disaster Assistance Policy is to ensure overall community recovery in terms of infrastructure, essential services and functioning after a disaster. It is not a compensation program and it is not an insurance policy to recover actual losses.</p> <p>The Policy outlines that appropriate and reasonable measures to prevent and minimize damage should be taken by community governments, small businesses and residents. As part of the policy changes made by the Department effective April 1, 2007, communities are expected to establish a reserve to provide for unanticipated events; and were given additional authority and increased resources through the Community Public Infrastructure Fund and the Gas Tax Program to provide additional capacity to deal with emergency situations.</p>	<p>The GNWT remains committed to developing policies that ensure that decisions are consistent and fair, while taking into account the needs of residents and community governments. It is important that the GNWT follow its own policies when decisions are made.</p> <p>The Disaster Assistance Policy has been in place since 1981 and was updated in 2022 to help the GNWT better meet the intent of the Policy, which remains unchanged.</p> <p>Amendments to the “Definitions” section align with the Policy’s principles and provide clarification as to what constitutes an eligible emergency and what is excluded. They exclude emergencies that affect a single sector or property; as such solid waste management facility fires are not eligible under the DAP.</p> <p>Community governments should take appropriate and reasonable measures to plan for, and to prevent and minimize damage.</p> <p>It is recommended that communities take a proactive approach to identify and address issues within their solid waste facilities to reduce the likelihood of future incidents occurring. Most recently through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program 28 communities are receiving funding to improve their solid waste facilities and incorporate</p>

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		<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT has recently ruled that environmental contaminants resulting from a significant solid waste management facility fire do not represent a risk to the health, safety and welfare of residents.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to recognize extraordinary, emergency fires at solid waste management facilities as a potential disaster that can lead to significant municipal property destruction, significant environmental damage, and put peoples' health, safety and welfare at risk.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy be updated to include the specific indication that extraordinary, emergency solid waste management facility fires can be considered a disaster.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy's maximum assistance payable be increased from \$100,000 to</p>		<p>The Policy has been in place since 1981, and was last reviewed in 2005 with no change in the definitions since that time.</p> <p>The GNWT carefully considered the request by the Town of Hay River. A review of the circumstances of the Hay River landfill fire concluded that the event did not meet the criteria as set out in the Policy.</p> <p>Dump fires are not typically covered by disaster assistance in other jurisdictions and are not eligible under the federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements. There is no history in the Northwest Territories of the Disaster Assistance Policy being used for this type of incident. A review and modernization of the Disaster Assistance Policy by the department is being considered in the context of the 2021 flooding season.</p>	<p>best practices for solid waste management.</p> <p>MACA also continues to support community governments by providing training on solid waste management and can provide specialized expertise and is available to work with community governments upon request. MACA encourages community governments to participate in other training and educational opportunities such as those offered through the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)'s Northern Lights Chapter (e.g. Landfill Fire Training). MACA will continue to work with community governments to explore opportunities to support their ongoing solid waste program needs and proactively find solutions for preventing future solid waste site incidents.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – Some recent improvements in terms of amounts allocated for flooding to be in alignment with federal policy.</b></p>

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		<p>\$1,000,000 to more appropriately cover the costs associated with or prevention of a community disaster.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the fiscal status of the community should have no bearing on the eligibility or amount of coverage under the GNWT Disaster Assistance Policy.</p>				
RA-23-21-02	<b>Property Tax Forgiveness When Property is Destroyed by Fire</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> in the event that an improvement is damaged or destroyed by fire and the damage or destruction is so significant as to render the taxable property unfit for further use or occupation, the Property Assessment and Taxation Act grants the Council of a municipal taxing authority to enact a by-law to reduce or rebate a portion of the property taxes, upon application by the assessed owner;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the ability to reduce or rebate a portion of</p>	<b>MACA</b>	N/A – Resolution was introduced in 2021.	<p>MACA is undertaking a review of the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and its corresponding policies and procedures in order to bring forward a Legislative Proposal during the 19th Legislative Assembly. A number of issues have long been identified with the Act, which have led to a lack of clarity, administrative challenges, inconsistent application and potential complaints. This issue was brought forward by the municipal taxation authorities. Senior Administrative Officers identified this during stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>A phased approach to amend the Act is planned, in order to prioritize some of the less complex administrative issues</p>	<p>MACA is using a phased approach to advance amendments to the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> (PATA).</p> <p>The first phase is addressing known administrative issues such as increasing the terms of appointments for members of both the Municipal and Territorial Boards of Revisions, while the second phase is intended to address more complex issues of property taxation and authorities such as the writing off property tax debt.</p> <p>Bill 66, <i>An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> addresses the first phase amendments, and was introduced and received First and</p>

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		<p>the property taxes when fire damages or destroys an improvement and renders it unfit for further use is a reasonable action;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the current requirement to enact a by-law to effect the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes under these circumstances introduces additional burden and potentially significant time delays, and unnecessarily brings public attention to what can be a very personal tragedy;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes on a specific property under these conditions is largely prescriptive and can be achieved administratively without requiring policy direction from the Council of a municipal taxing authority;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider amending the Property Assessment and Taxation Act to enable the</p>		<p>before other more complicated or technical areas of the legislation.</p> <p>As part of the legislative review process, MACA will be taking into consideration those areas of the Act that may present regulatory hardship to affected community governments. MACA is completing preliminary research to further determine issues related to assessment which may require legislative or administrative solutions.</p> <p>MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada to identify common practices in property assessment and taxation and how these practices can be adapted to best fit our unique challenges and needs.</p>	<p>Second Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 66 will receive Third Reading in the Winter session (February/March 2023).</p> <p>MACA has established a Working Group to advance phase 2 that includes the departments of Lands and Finance, Local Administrators of Government of the NWT and the NWT Association of Communities. Given the complexity of taxation law, MACA has contracted a lawyer with expertise in taxation law to conduct research on the identified issues and propose recommendations for legislative amendments.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – NWTAC has been contacted to begin review of amendments to the Act.</b></p>

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		Senior Administrative Officer of a municipal taxing authority to approve, upon application by the assessed owner, the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes when an improvement is damaged or destroyed by a fire that has rendered it unfit for further use or occupation.				
RA-23-21-03	<b>Accessibility Legislation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> accessibility in Canada is about creating communities, workplaces and services that enable everyone to participate fully in society without barriers.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> according to the 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability, more than 6 million Canadians aged 15 and over (22% of the population) identify as having a disability</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects a number of our rights and freedoms, including banning the discrimination of people with a mental or physical disability.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Canadian <i>Human Rights Act</i> and the Northwest Territories <i>Human Rights Act</i> prohibits the discrimination or harassment</p>	<b>MACA/ INF</b>	N/A – Response was introduced in 2021.	<p>The Standing Committee on Government Operations (SCOGO) Report on the Review of the 2018-19 Human Rights Commission Annual Report referred to the National Building Code concerning accessibility. The Commission is concerned about the lack of requirements set out in the National Building Code and what is considered an accessible space.</p> <p>SCOGO recommended that the GNWT investigate and take the necessary steps to solve the issues and remove the steps between the NBC and the <i>Human Rights Act</i>. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) worked with the Department of Infrastructure to develop a response to the SCOGO recommendation.</p> <p>The GNWT response to all the recommendations was tabled in the Legislative Assembly during the February-March 2021 session.</p>	<p>MACA established a Working Group consisting of representatives from the Department of Infrastructure and Housing NWT to advance amendments to the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>. In May 2022, MACA released the <i>Fire Prevention Act Discussion Paper: Review of the Fire Prevention Act and Consideration of Building Standards Framework</i> and a ‘What We Heard Report’ following analysis of the engagement on the discussion paper in August 2022.</p> <p>This report was used to develop Bill 67, <i>An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act</i> that is before the Legislative Assembly for review. Bill 67 was introduced and received First and Second Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 67 will receive Third Reading in the Winter sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly (February/March 2023).</p> <p>Although the Bill does not include specific amendments focused on accessibility, the GNWT anticipates</p>



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		<p>of people on a number of grounds, including disability.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia and Manitoba have provincial accessibility legislation and British Columbia has introduced provincial accessibility legislation;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the <i>Accessible Canada Act</i> received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019 and came into force on July 11, 2019 and many provinces are expected to adopted mirroring legislation;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Canada joined the United Nations (UN) <i>Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</i> in 2010. The Convention protects and promotes the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities without discrimination and on an equal basis with others.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Courts and Human Rights Tribunals have determined that meeting the <i>National Building Code</i> is not always adequate for individuals and building owners to ensure they are meeting accessibility</p>		<p>MACA is advancing its review of the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> and Regulations, which will include a discussion on which code compliance measures are most appropriate to protect residents. Within the current legislative environment, the GNWT is not mandated or resourced to provide incentives to developers to incorporate accessible designs. Should the discussion about the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> shift towards broader building standards legislation, issues regarding accessibility and other Human Rights considerations in the context of the National Building Code would be considered.</p> <p>In addition to MACA, the review of the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> will involve multiple other departments, including Infrastructure (INF), Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), Health and Social Services (HSS), the NWT Housing Corporation (NWTAC), and others who build and operate public infrastructure. There is no simple or quick solution for the issue of accessible design, and it remains a challenge faced by all Canadian jurisdictions. Implementation of accessible design in our current environment would include many stakeholders and decision makers and will require a cultural shift in the way our society approaches design and responsibilities for inclusive facilities.</p>	<p>adopting the 2020 Nation Building Code (NBC) via regulations in 2023. 2020 NBC makes several improvements with respect to accessibility.</p> <p>The accessibility of buildings is improved by revising the minimum dimensions of building elements to accommodate persons using various types of mobility devices and by increasing the visibility, detectability and ease of use of building elements by persons with reduced dexterity, vision or hearing. 2020 NBC introduces requirements for universal washrooms and shower rooms, for visible and audible feedback signals, and for tactile safety signage. More pedestrian entrances and floor levels are also required to be accessible.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – Above referenced review of the Fire Prevention Act did not include any amendments focused on accessibility.</b></p>

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		<p>requirements under Human Rights Acts.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> there is no clear guidance for in the Northwest Territories on how to address accessibility in facilities and services.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories establish comprehensive accessibility legislation that enables all persons to participate fully in society without barriers by providing clarity of requirements and standards to be met throughout the Northwest Territories.</p>			<p>The GNWT aims to show leadership on this topic through the planning, design and construction of GNWT-owned infrastructure, but does not currently have a mandated role to play in the accessibility standards for private and municipal infrastructure.</p>	
RA 23-20-06	<b>Water and Sewage Policy</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> at the last LGANT meeting in Yellowknife, MACA officials presented its paper “Environmental Services Backgrounder”;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the conversation between MACA officials and some SAOs revealed the possibility of major changes to MACA’s Water Sewage Policy;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the conversation between the MACA officials and some SAOs at LGANT</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>Conversations between MACA and Senior Administrative Officers are not considered consultation or engagement, these conversations are to help inform MACA as the department starts to review changes to municipal funding policies.</p> <p>MACA will continue to review and work with the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) and LGANT to better understand the valuation methods and how to best measure changes over time. This</p>	<p>The Department routinely engages with community officials on all policies to review and address issues.</p> <p>As part of the 19th Assembly’s Mandate commitment to address the municipal funding gap, MACA will be updating the Community Government Funding Policies. The Department will continue to work with the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) and LGANT to discuss policy options and details and will engage before any final policy decisions are made.</p>	<p>MACA engages the NWTAC to obtain feedback on community government funding, including the preferred split for the \$5 million mandate investment between the three core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water &amp; Sewer, and Community Public Infrastructure).</p> <p>To date \$4.17 million has been approved, with the remainder pending the review of the 2023-24 Main Estimates.</p> <p>The GNWT is currently working with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to</p>

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		<p>does not constitute proper or sufficient consultation with LGANT members;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> that MACA arrange for full consultation and disclosure of changes prior to implementing its proposed changes to its Water Sewage Policy;</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose its intention to amend its Water Sewage Policy and to consult with LGANT members prior to implementing its proposed changes to its Water Sewage Policy.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose its intentions to immediately increase O&amp;M funding to all NWT municipal governments.</p>		will include updates to funding policies to clearly identify how funding is being provide and how the deficit will be calculated on an ongoing basis.		<p>update the Community Government Funding policies and remains committed to amending these policies in 2022-23.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM –work of committee is underway.</b></p>
RA-23-20-07	<b>O &amp; M Funding Levels</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT MACA has been reviewing its funding formula;	<b>MACA</b>	The Department will work with the NWTAC to obtain their input	MACA has engaged with the NWTAC to obtain their feedback on all additional	MACA engages the NWTAC to obtain feedback on community government

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		<p><b>WHEREAS</b> there is still a wide gap between funding needs and funding levels;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> most, if not all, municipal governments have been struggling with less than adequate funding from the GNWT;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> that GNWT MACA arrange for full consultation and disclosure of its progress in finalizing the review of its funding formula;</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose the results of the review of its funding formula.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose its intentions to immediately increase O&amp;M funding to all NWT municipal governments.</p>		<p>on the preferred split for the \$5 million mandate investment between the 3 core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water &amp; Sewer, and community public infrastructure).</p> <p>With this mandate commitment, MACA is taking the opportunity to reassess the 2014 Municipal Funding Policy Review.</p>	<p>community government funding, including the preferred split for the \$5 million mandate investment between the three core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water &amp; Sewer, and Community Public Infrastructure).</p> <p>\$3.3 million has been added to Community Government Funding to date plus an increase of \$750,000 in Gas Tax Funding.</p> <p>MACA, along with the Federal Government has distributed over \$8 million, to community governments to support costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with all levels of government through established budget processes to seek funding opportunities to address the gap as well as continue to support communities to increase revenue generation and reduce operating costs.</p>	<p>funding, including the preferred split for the \$5 million mandate investment between the three core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water &amp; Sewer, and Community Public Infrastructure).</p> <p>To date \$4.17 million has been approved, with the reminder pending the review of the 2023-24 Main Estimates.</p> <p>The GNWT is currently working with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to update the Community Government Funding policies and remains committed to amending these policies in 2022-23.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM - work of committee is underway.</b></p>
RA-23-20-09	<b>Infrastructure Shortfall</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> the 19th Legislative Assembly has tabled document 1-19(1) titled "Priorities of the	<b>MACA</b>	The Department will work with the NWTAC to obtain their input on the preferred split for the \$5	The Department has engaged with the NWTAC to obtain their feedback on all additional community government	MACA engages the NWTAC to obtain feedback on community government funding, including the preferred split for

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		<p>19th Legislative Assembly” wherein it directs Cabinet to work in partnership with governments to implement its 22 priorities which explicitly includes “Reduce the municipal funding gap”. Within the Cabinet’s Guiding Principles, tabled document 3-19(1) titled “Cabinet’s Guiding Principles – 19th Legislative Assembly”, among the six guiding principles it states;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>We will promote personal and community self-sufficiency.</i></b></li> </ul> <p><i>We recognize that being able to make and implement decisions for ones’ self is a fundamental part of individual dignity and self-confidence. When we make decisions about GNWT policies, programs and services, we will choose those options that give people and communities the support they need to develop their own capacity and skills to choose and direct their own futures.</i></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs identified a \$39.2 million Community</p>		<p>million mandate investment between the 3 core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water &amp; Sewer, and community public infrastructure).</p> <p>With this mandate commitment, MACA is taking the opportunity to reassess the 2014 Municipal Funding Policy Review.</p>	<p>funding, including the preferred split for the \$5 million mandate investment between the three core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water &amp; Sewer, and Community Public Infrastructure).</p> <p>\$3.3 million has been added to Community Government Funding to date plus an increase of \$750,000 in Gas Tax Funding.</p> <p>MACA has also distributed over \$8 million to community governments to support costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with all levels of government through established budget processes to seek funding opportunities to address the gap as well as finding other ways to either increase revenue generation or reduce operating costs.</p>	<p>the \$5 million mandate investment between the three core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water &amp; Sewer, and Community Public Infrastructure).</p> <p>To date \$4.17 million has been approved, with the reminder pending the review of the 2023-24 Main Estimates.</p> <p>The GNWT is currently working with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to update the Community Government Funding policies and remains committed to amending these policies in 2022-23.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – work of committee is underway.</b></p>

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		<p>Infrastructure Funding shortfall in 2014, and more recently for the 2019 fiscal year end, identified the gap to be about \$30 million; WHEREAS the 18th Legislative Assembly tabled the 2020/2021 Capital Estimates, <i>Aug 2019 – TD-511-18(3)</i> with approved infrastructure investments of \$398.6 million for the 2020-21 fiscal year.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> less than 10% of the budgeted infrastructure expenditure (capital estimates) would fund the identified Community Infrastructure funding shortfall for municipalities, thus allowing community governments to invest in maintaining local infrastructure necessary to sustain and support basic community living requirements, promote long-term sustainability of community infrastructure and, to provide critical local economic stimulus.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the 19th Legislative Assembly prioritize its 2020/2021 and future years</p>				

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		<p>funding to eliminate the municipal Community Infrastructure shortfalls as identified by GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs provide the members of the 19th Legislative Assembly with updated reporting that identifies the underfunding of critical infrastructure funding for municipalities.</p>				
RA-23-20-16	<b>Building Code Act</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> at this time, the Northwest Territories (NWT) is the only jurisdiction within Canada without a regulatory building regime framework. Compared to our sister territories, the Yukon Territory and Nunavut, the NWT does not have any legislation that regulates construction in detail. The Yukon Territory has a <i>Building Standards Act</i> and Nunavut has a <i>Building Code Act</i>. The NWT does not have similar legislation, leading to an absence of clear building-related responsibilities for municipalities.</p>	<b>MACA/ INF</b>	<p>Concerns about the absence of a robust code compliance system in the NWT to verify building safety for public occupancy in relation to the National Building Code &amp; National Fire Code have been raised on several occasions, by municipal authorities, professional associations and the NWTAC.</p> <p>The GNWT is supportive of examining this issue with a view to improving harmonization among related regulatory functions and clarifying roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>MACA has committed to a</p>	<p>Concerns about the absence of a robust code compliance system in the NWT to verify building safety for public occupancy in relation to the National Building Code &amp; National Fire Code have been raised on several occasions, by municipal authorities, professional associations and the NWTAC.</p> <p>The GNWT is supportive of examining this issue with a view to improving harmonization among related regulatory functions and clarifying roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>MACA is undertaking a review of the Fire Prevention Act during the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. Stakeholder engagement conducted in 2017 on the Act identified the plan review function as a topic requiring a focused dialogue.</p>	<p>In May 2022, MACA released the <i>Fire Prevention Act (FPA) Discussion Paper: Review of the FPA and Consideration of Building Standards Framework</i> and a 'What We Heard Report' was released in August 2022 following analysis of the engagement on the discussion paper.</p> <p>MACA recognizes that updates to the FPA do not fully address the need for a building standards framework, and there is strong support from the 'What We Heard Report' to advance building standards legislation as a legislative priority for the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>Further research and engagement with industry stakeholders and community governments, as well as a discussion on the GNWT's mandate related to building</p>



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		<p><b>WHEREAS</b> through the <i>Cities, Towns, and Villages (CTV) Act</i>, CTV's can choose to adopt by-laws to regulate the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property. Pursuant to this, the City of Yellowknife has chosen to create the Building By-law, that regulates local construction; however, the <i>CTV Act</i> does not formally define the building-related responsibilities and interconnection between the function of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and tax based municipalities.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> a <i>Building Code Act</i> is different than a <i>Fire Prevention Act (FPA)</i>, and work on a <i>Building Code Act</i> should not be tied to the completion of the <i>FPA</i> review and update. Both Yukon and Nunavut have legislation regarding building codes and fire prevention.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> individuals and developers are often frustrated because they need to deal with multiple regulatory offices for building plans, electrical permits,</p>		<p>review of the Fire Prevention Act (FPA) which includes the GNWT's regulatory authority in this area through MACA's plan review function.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement conducted in 2017 on the FPA identified the plan review function as a topic requiring a focused dialogue.</p> <p>MACA is proposing to conduct a review of the Fire Prevention Act and the Fire Prevention Regulations during the term of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. In considering the FPA, consideration needs to be given to the scope of the review - particularly with regards to broader building standards and the NWT regulatory compliance framework. A thorough understanding of the problem is crucial in helping to identify viable solutions.</p>	<p>In considering the Act, consideration is being given to the scope of the review - particularly with regards to broader building standards and the NWT regulatory compliance framework.</p>	<p>standards legislation, will be needed before advancing this work.</p> <p>The GNWT will form a working group to determine whether building standards and inspections legislation can be introduced in the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: The absence of these Acts was flagged again for discussion under the Fire Protection Act Review.</b></p>



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		<p>construction, inspections and occupancy. By having a <i>Building Code Act</i>, the clarity on who is the ultimate authority and how regulatory requirements are interpreted would improve the terms for development considerably.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) establish a comprehensive building regime for the purpose of providing regulatory clarity throughout the Northwest Territories.</p>				
RA-23-20-17	<b>Presumptive Coverage for Work-Related Psychological Injury (including PTSD)</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Nunavut, Northwest Territories (NWT) and Quebec are the only jurisdictions in Canada without presumptive coverage for work-related psychological injury (including PTSD).</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in all jurisdictions with a PTSD presumption, the legislation states that, for eligible workers diagnosed with PTSD, their condition will be presumed to be related to their employment, unless the contrary is proven.</p>	<b>WSCC</b>	<p>The WSCC actively monitors and considers policy trends within the worker's compensation industry including specific issues such as presumptive coverage for work-related psychological injury.</p> <p>Although the terminology "presumptive" is not specifically incorporated into the WSCC Policy on Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders (03.09), the resulting application of the policy already provides for outcomes in line with other jurisdictions</p>	<p>No change: The coverage provided by the WSCC for psychiatric and psychological disorders is not restricted to any category of worker but is equally provided to all workers under the Workers' Compensation Act. Our coverage, like other jurisdictions, is dependent on the psychiatric or psychological disorder being work-related and diagnosed through the DSM. These coverage factors already exist within WSCC policy regardless of the specific title "presumptive coverage".</p> <p>Policy 03.09 Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders is again set to be</p>	<p>The coverage provided by the WSCC for psychiatric and psychological disorders is not restricted to any category of worker but is equally provided to all workers under the Workers' Compensation Act. Our coverage, like other jurisdictions, is dependent on the psychiatric or psychological disorder being work-related and diagnosed through the DSM. These coverage factors already exist within WSCC policy regardless of the specific title "presumptive coverage."</p> <p>In 2022, Policy 03.09 Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders was reviewed and will be going forward to the Governance Council in December for</p>

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		<p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT work with relevant stakeholders, including community governments, to update legislation to have presumptive coverage for work-related psychological injury (including PTSD).</p>		<p>that specifically prescribe a presumption.</p> <p>For psychiatric and psychological disorders to be eligible for WSCC compensation they must be work-related, and they must be diagnosed by the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).</p> <p>To ensure protection of Human Rights, all injuries are treated fairly regardless of being physical and/or psychiatric or psychological in nature. The WSCC regularly reviews its policies. The policy regarding psychiatric and psychological injuries was reviewed and updated in 2014, and again in December of 2017, to ensure fairness and alignment with Territorial Human Rights Legislation. To ensure that emerging issues are considered, the WSCC sets out a five-year policy review schedule. As per that schedule, Policy 03.09 Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders is again set to be reviewed by the Governance Council in September of 2022.</p>	<p>reviewed by the Governance Council in September of 2022.</p>	<p>approval.</p> <p>There are no anticipated changes in the policy in regards to coverage for work-related psychiatric or psychological disorders diagnosed through the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).</p> <p>Looking forward, the WSCC will be reviewing PTSD for firefighters as a part of its review of Firefighters' Presumption Regulations.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to monitor.</b></p>

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				<p>All jurisdictions with presumptions require that the diagnosis of a psychological injury or PTSD be made using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual or Mental Disorders (DSM).</p> <p>Employment criteria are also considered under their presumptions. Some jurisdictions limit the application of presumption to certain categories of workers (e.g. First responders, front-line workers, or emergency-response workers), others extend the coverage to any worker covered by their Acts who is exposed to a work-related traumatic event.</p> <p>Specific wording of presumption in some jurisdictions simply states that provided the diagnostic and employment criteria are met, a worker's PTSD is presumed to be a work-related injury, unless the contrary is proven on the balance of probabilities. For others, the presumptive language explicitly includes the requirement that the worker's condition has to have</p>	

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				<p>arisen in response to an individual traumatic event or a series of such events.</p> <p>The coverage provided by the WSCC for psychiatric and psychological disorders is not restricted to any category of worker, but is equally provided to all workers under the Workers' Compensation Act. Our coverage, like other jurisdictions, is dependent on the psychiatric or psychological disorder being work-related and diagnosed through the DSM. These coverage factors already exist within WSCC policy regardless of the specific title "presumptive coverage".</p>		
RA-23-20-20	<p><b>REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.50 (Supp.), as amended</b></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> grants municipalities the authority to exempt the eligible property of a senior citizen or a disabled person from part of the property taxes;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> requires other property owners to be dependent on the senior or disabled owner in order for the relief to apply;</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>During the 18th Assembly, MACA advanced and completed four significant pieces of legislation and Regulations; an updated Western Canada Lottery Act, the new Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act, an updated Cities, Towns and Villages Act and a new Emergency Management Act, in addition to completing an initial legislative review of the Fire Protection Act.</p> <p>MACA has identified three large pieces of legislation to</p>	<p>During the 18th Assembly, MACA advanced and completed four significant pieces of legislation and Regulations; an updated Western Canada Lottery Act, the new Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act, an updated Cities, Towns and Villages Act and a new Emergency Management Act, in addition to completing an initial legislative review of the Fire Protection Act.</p> <p>MACA has identified three large pieces of legislation to</p>	<p>The <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> has not been comprehensively reviewed since it was enacted and it needs to be updated to address identified concerns.</p> <p>Resource constraints due to COVID-19 and flooding in 2021 and 2022 led MACA to defer this legislative review. MACA intends to advance the Act as a legislative priority in the next Assembly.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee</b></p>

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		<p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the definition of dependent within the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> is vague and allows for a wide range of diverse and potentially conflicting interpretations;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the vagueness of this definition can create confusion and misunderstanding;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> this confusion and misunderstanding may inhibit fair and consistent application of the tax relief provisions; determines eligibility strictly on the basis of age and/or disability;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> does not provide any mechanism for municipalities to consider financial need when considering eligibility for property tax relief;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider: (i) Amending the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i></p>		<p>prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are, in order of anticipated priority: the Fire Prevention Act, the Property Assessment and Taxation Act, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act.</p> <p>In addition to MACA-led initiatives, community governments have expressed a strong interest in the Fire Prevention Act and the Property Assessment and Taxation Act. MACA intends to prioritize these legislative initiatives with the greatest stakeholder interest before considering the addition of another large legislative project.</p>	<p>Taxation Act, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act.</p> <p>MACA intends to finalize the reviews of these acts in the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, before considering the addition of another large legislative project.</p>	<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: More work is required on this. MACA is in the process of forming working group for PADA (PATA) review.</b></p>

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		<p>to allow municipalities to determine how dependency is defined and determined in situations where not all owners are seniors and/or disabled; and</p> <p>(ii) Amending the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> to allow municipalities to define and apply a financial means test to ensure that property tax relief is directed at property owners who need it.</p>				
RA-23-20-21	<b>Winter Roads</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> The transportation network connecting communities in the NWT is particularly vulnerable to climate change due to its reliance on temperature sensitive systems such as winter roads and bridges;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the winter road network is a critical transportation link for nine NWT communities who rely on winter roads to bring in food, fuel, building supplies, and other essential goods and</p>	<b>INF</b>	<p>The Northwest Territories is experiencing numerous changes and impacts due to a rapidly warming climate, and there are many knowledge gaps that need to be better understood and addressed. Overarching action areas required to improve climate change knowledge include the planning, management and use of information, along with enhanced research and monitoring networks.</p> <p>Using the best available information to improve the understanding of current and future impacts of climate change based on local, national</p>	<p>The GNWT is continuing to work with federal partners on northern research projects and with national organizations on design and maintenance standards, to adapt and build in resilience to the effects of climate change.</p> <p>One initiative INF is working on with Transport Canada is a winter road portage road base and resiliency study. The study is complete for the first phase of investigations.</p> <p>The study placed temperature instruments along a section of northern winter road portages (which are the most vulnerable sections of winter roads due to rising temperatures) and the respective portages characterized for</p>	<p>The GNWT is working with Canada to make investments into the NWT transportation system to address impact of climate change.</p> <p>Climate change considerations will also be made as the Department will be undertaking a review of the 25-year Transportation Strategy, which will include engagement with Indigenous governments, community governments, stakeholders and public.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to work with federal partners on northern research projects and with national organizations on design and maintenance standards, to adapt and build in resilience to the effects of climate change.</p> <p>Initiatives include an INF-Transport</p>

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		<p>services plus many others that rely on ice bridges</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> climate warming and increasing variability in temperatures has generally shortened the winter road season and increased uncertainty resulting in delays and cancellations, increased costs, and increased safety risks for travellers.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the winter roads are GNWT assets, and the GNWT bears the responsibility for the planning and maintenance necessary to keep the transportation network operational and viable.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the total costs of permafrost degradation on public assets is estimated to be in the order of \$1.3 billion.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> taking proactive tactics to addressing climate change adaptation is the preferred approach;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> We will see the best success by working collaboratively with our many partners;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Government of the Northwest Territories to</p>		<p>and scientific knowledge will be paramount.</p> <p>In recent years, the GNWT has been working with other levels of government as well as academic institutions and researchers on numerous research and monitoring projects targeted at addressing climate change knowledge gaps.</p> <p>INF is involved in the construction and monitoring of test sections along the NWT highway system in order to understand and mitigate climate change effects on transportation infrastructure. For example, four test sections were constructed and monitored on Highway No. 3, and two test sections were constructed and continued to be monitored on Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway.</p> <p>These test sections are a part of a research and development program intended to evaluate better rehabilitation techniques for infrastructure constructed on warm, ice-rich, discontinuous and continuous permafrost. During construction, each test section was instrumented with</p>	<p>vulnerability. These instruments will be monitored annually. The information will be used to develop a portage decision-making tool to allow for more accurate predictions of winter road closures, and to develop construction techniques that create more resilient portages.</p> <p>Another initiative recently started involves integrated water and ice monitoring and risk mitigation for northern Canada's high impact and low frequency events due to climate change. Specifically, the initiative aims to provide technology-based products and tools to help adapt to the consequences of climate change, including a focus on ice road hazards. This is a federal program in collaboration with several universities, and in partnership with the Dept. of ENR and INF. Work is expected to continue until 2024.</p> <p>This work, along with ongoing related studies by INF and academic institutions, are helping us to better understand the impact of climate change, and the options and limitations we have available to deal with the impacts.</p> <p>This is not just an NWT issue, but a northern issue. We are more than ever collaborating, and sharing information and experience, with many jurisdictions and academic institutions who are</p>	<p>Canada collaboration on a winter road portage road base and resiliency study. The study is complete for the first phase of investigations.</p> <p>The study placed temperature instruments along a section of northern winter road portages (which are the most vulnerable sections of winter roads due to rising temperatures) and the respective portages characterized for vulnerability. These instruments will be monitored annually. The information will be used to develop a portage decision-making tool to allow for more accurate predictions of winter road closures, and to develop construction techniques that create more resilient portages.</p> <p>Another initiative involves integrated water and ice monitoring and risk mitigation for northern Canada's high impact and low frequency events due to climate change. Specifically, the initiative aims to provide technology-based products and tools to help adapt to the consequences of climate change, including a focus on ice road hazards. This is a federal program in collaboration with several universities, and in partnership with the Dept. of ENR and INF. Work is expected to continue until 2024.</p> <p>This work, along with ongoing related studies by INF and academic institutions, are helping us to better understand the</p>



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		<p>acknowledge the urgency and immediacy of the threat climate change poses to the winter road network and make the development of strategic adaptation measures a top priority;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT take a strategic approach to research and planning that considers the vulnerability of communities.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT lead a collaborative approach to transportation planning and research that is inclusive of every level of government and explores innovative partnerships with indigenous, federal and community governments, development corporations, and researchers.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT take a leadership role and work in partnership with community governments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research, develop and implement adaptation measures to respond to the increasingly uncertain winter road season;</li> <li>• Ensure that transportation infrastructure is developed to</li> </ul>		<p>thermistor cables connected to data loggers. The data downloaded from data loggers have been used to relate climate change effects and develop mitigation techniques.</p> <p>We will continue to work with our partners to understand, adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change on transportation infrastructure.</p>	<p>addressing this challenge. Examples are the Yukon and Alaska governments, and Laval, Carleton, Toronto, and Alberta universities.</p>	<p>impact of climate change, and the options and limitations we have available to deal with the impacts.</p> <p>This is not just an NWT issue, but a northern issue. Increasingly, we are collaborating, and sharing information and experience, with many jurisdictions and academic institutions that are addressing this challenge. Examples are our work with the Yukon and Alaska governments, and Laval, Carleton, Toronto, and Alberta universities.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue our work with GNWT on climate change. More action is required on this resolution.</b></p>



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		<p>be resilient to the changing climate; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build the resilience of communities so they are better able to withstand and adapt to the impacts of climate change on the transportation network.</li> </ul> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT to provide information to winter road dependent communities in a transparent and timely manner.</p>				
RA-23-20-22	<b>United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the General Assembly in 2007 to establish minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the Indigenous Peoples of the world;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories resolved in 2008 to recognize and support the Declaration;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the NWT Association of Communities has also supported the Declaration;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Canada committed in 2016 to fully</p>	<b>EIA</b>	<p>As described in the GNWT's 2019-2023 Mandate, the GNWT is committed to further identifying, prioritizing and strengthening key actions to further implement UNDRIP work with Indigenous governments, including creating and implementing an action plan that identifies changes required in GNWT legislation and policies to best reflect the principles set out in UNDRIP.</p> <p>The GNWT is anticipating developing a Terms of Reference (TOR) for a Working Group with Indigenous governments in 2020.</p>	<p>The GNWT is establishing a multilateral forum with all Indigenous governments to discuss and collaborate on common issues, including the implementation of the UN Declaration, with the forum's inaugural meeting which took place in June 2021.</p>	<p>A legislative Framework to guide the drafting of legislation to implement the UN Declaration and a Memorandum of Understanding are expected to be reviewed and approved by NWT Council of Leaders by Winter 2023.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work on this resolution.</b></p>

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		<p>implement the Declaration without qualification; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories states that implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within the constitutional framework of Canada will advance reconciliation;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities call on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Government of the Northwest Territories implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through territorial legislation co-developed with Indigenous Governments within the calendar year 2020; and</li> <li>2. the Government of the Northwest Territories to work in consultation and collaboration with Indigenous Governments to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ensure that territorial laws, policies, mandates and measures comply with the Declaration; and</li> <li>b. co-develop and implement territorial action plans to</li> </ol> </li> </ol>				

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		achieve the objectives of the Declaration.				
RA-23-19-03	<b>Alternative Voting Methods</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Section 52.1 .(1 } of the Local Authorities Elections Act authorizes a local authority, that is a municipality, to pass a by-law to provide for voting by way of mail-in- ballot or the casting of ballots at the office of the returning officer;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> other jurisdictions within Canada allow for Alternative Voting Methods such as telephone voting and internet voting;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the acceptance of digital technology in society is increasing exponentially;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the use of technology can improve accessibility, enhance voter privacy and convenience, reduce ballot errors and increase efficiency of elections;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to amend the Local Authorities Elections Act to incorporate technological advancements and alternative</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>A legislative review of the <i>Local Authorities Elections Act</i> (LAEA) has not been identified as a priority during the 18th Legislative Assembly and has not been put on MACA’s list of legislative priorities.</p> <p>As of February 2020, phone voting in municipal elections is not done in any Canadian jurisdiction. Most Canadian jurisdictions do not have online voting, with the exception of some municipalities in Ontario.</p> <p>Individuals in these Ontario municipalities register for online voting. They are sent PIN numbers at a cost of \$2.00 per online voter (mailing costs). Ontario elections take longer than the 49 day calendar used in NWT municipal elections to allow for PINs to be distributed.</p> <p>MACA will consider these types of alternative voting methods along with other jurisdictions and will refer to this resolution at which time the LAEA is up for review.</p>	<p>A legislative review of the <i>Local Authorities Elections Act</i> (LAEA) has not been identified as a priority during the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. Most Canadian jurisdictions do not have online voting, with the exception of some municipalities. Phone voting in municipal elections has not been common in many Canadian jurisdictions, but with the impacts of COVID-19, the perception of the need for more accessible and safe digital systems may change the future of online and telephone voting nationwide. MACA is monitoring and reviewing how and where on-line voting is used throughout Canada and how this has evolved throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and will refer to this Resolution when the LAEA is up for review in the future.</p> <p>Elections in the NWT and other jurisdictions provincially and globally have successfully taken place during the pandemic. The LAEA allows for various voting opportunities leading up to election day, which lessens the number of people in the voting station on election day: advance voting, mail-in ballots via bylaw, voting in the office of the returning officer via bylaw, proxy voting, and mobile voting. Voters are encouraged to vote prior to Election</p>	<p>The <i>Local Authorities Elections Act</i> (LAEA) was last amended in 2015. It is not identified as a priority for the 19th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>MACA is moving its legislative agenda forward in line with current commitments of the 19th Legislative Assembly and has begun work on identifying legislative priorities for the 20th Legislative Assembly</p> <p>The LAEA currently allows community governments to provide various alternative voting options leading up to an election day, including advance voting, mail-ballots, voting in the office of the returning officer, proxy voting, and mobile voting.</p> <p>To conduct elections through other means such as mail-ballots, community governments first need to have passed a bylaw allowing them to do so.</p> <p>The GNWT recognizes that safe and accessible digital voting options support the participation of all citizens in democratic processes. When the LAEA is identified as a legislative priority, a review of the legislation will include consideration of digital voting options, and consultation considerations with the NWTAC will be coordinated with the review process.</p>

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		voting methods such as, but not limited to telephone voting and internet voting.			Day.	<p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: In a year where COVID 19 tested our ability to work from home and communicate with others, communications, and the ability to use options such as those for voting is important. NWTAC will continue to advocate to amend the Local Authorities Election Act to incorporate these voting methods.</b></p>
						<p>The GNWT continues to advance initiatives under the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and Action Plan that address the impacts of climate change on communities and infrastructure. This includes ongoing efforts to support the Northern Infrastructure Standards Initiative (NISI) and promote awareness and education regarding impacts of permafrost loss. The GNWT has advocated for the importance of NISI to continue to create plain-language documents to accompany these standards.</p> <p>MACA is advocating for Infrastructure Canada and the federal government to develop and improve funding</p>

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						<p>programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation, including funding for relocation of critical assets. MACA has also completed O&amp;M Drainage Manuals for communities considering northern climate change and drainage practices. Manuals were distributed in September 2021.</p> <p>The Department has hired a Climate Change Coordinator and will continue to work with the NWTAC to improve information sharing for communities.</p> <p>Housing NWT continues to support the completion of community housing plans, for those communities who express an interest, and engages with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>Housing NWT also continues its collaboration with other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies that may have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas to determine possible solutions, when constructing or repairing Housing NWT assets and to inform future planning.</p> <p>As part of its ongoing renewal, Housing NWT is improving the way that it engages with local and Indigenous Governments.</p> <p>Housing NWT provides notice of new</p>

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						<p>construction and ensures the building and sitework, including drainage, complies with local bylaws, community zoning bylaws, building bylaws and general community plans. Housing NWT will continue to proactively engage communities as part of the delivery of all new construction projects, continues to implement new technologies and design in new construction projects, and supports the process of adaptively managing potential impacts related to climate change.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution. NWTAC hired consultant to review buildings of 10 most vulnerable communities.</b></p>
RA-23-18-03	<b>Wildfires</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Localized drought conditions seem to cause more and more severe fire seasons;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Many NWT communities are surrounded by old-growth coniferous forests that are ready to burn;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> That the GNWT's department of Municipal and Community Affairs bring more resources and focus more on ways to</p>	<b>MACA / ENR</b>	<p>ENR, MACA and communities continue to update the status of wildfire risk and occurrence to support emergency management organizations' planning and preparedness activities.</p> <p>ENR continues to provide advice and recommendations to communities to assist to reduce the risk from wildfire. 29 Community Wildfire</p>	<p>ENR, MACA and communities continue to update the status of wildfire risk and occurrence to support emergency management organizations' planning and preparedness activities.</p> <p>ENR continues to provide advice and recommendations to communities to assist to reduce the risk from wildfire. 29 Community Wildfire Protection Plans have been updated.</p> <p>ENR has met with most communities to talk about their updated plans, and</p>	<p>ENR continues to provide advice and recommendations to communities to assist to reduce risk from wildfire. All 29 forested communities in the NWT have updated their community wildland fire protection plans, and recommendations are being implemented in communities as part of ENR's standard business operations.</p> <p>Thanks to a strong collaboration between ENR and NWTAC, over \$20 million of federal funding was secured to</p>

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		<p>safeguard our communities from wildfires and at the same time put a higher priority on bolstering emergency measures organizations in the community so they can better deal with the imminent threat from a fire threatening their community.</p>		<p>Protection Plans have been updated.</p> <p>ENR has met with most communities to talk about their updated plans, and continues to engage communities to implement the recommendations. ENR also provides available FireSmart funding to support community protection. Information on available funding and the application process is available from regional ENR offices and on the ENR website.</p> <p>MACA helps community governments improve community emergency management capacity, through emergency planning workshops and table top exercises, which consider hazards relating to wildfires.</p> <p>Work is underway to improve integration of wildfire hazard assessment and community emergency planning with a view to better safeguarding municipal infrastructure and residents, and ensuring effective response measures.</p> <p>Community governments may also use federal gas tax funds, as well as Community Public Infrastructure Funding to</p>	<p>continues to engage communities to implement the recommendations. ENR also provides available FireSmart funding to support community protection. Information on available funding and the application process is available from regional ENR offices and on the ENR website.</p> <p>MACA helps community governments improve community emergency management capacity, through emergency planning workshops and table top exercises, which consider hazards relating to wildfires.</p> <p>Work is underway to improve integration of wildfire hazard assessment and community emergency planning with a view to better safeguarding municipal infrastructure and residents, and ensuring effective response measures.</p> <p>Community governments may also use federal gas tax funds, as well as Community Public Infrastructure Funding to undertake new firebreak initiatives which are supported by a FireSmart Plan.</p>	<p>create fire breaks and implement fire fuel reduction strategies for over 1,200 hectares of land across the 29 NWT communities exposed to wildfire. The development work done by the ENR with community governments to produce Community Wildfire Protection Plans was the needed background work.</p> <p>ENR completed a wildfire landscape analysis. This community-centric landscape analysis provided information on the likelihood of a fire to occur and spread in the medium term.</p> <p>ENR, MACA and communities continue to update the status of wildfire risk and occurrence to support emergency management organizations' planning and preparedness activities.</p> <p>MACA continues to help community governments improve community emergency management capacity, through emergency planning workshops and tabletop exercises, which consider hazards relating to wildfires.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution. Also working to see if fire breaks create an agricultural opportunity.</b></p>



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				undertake new firebreak initiatives which are supported by a FireSmart Plan.		<b>Secured \$20 million from DMAF to construct wildfire breaks in 29 communities starting in 2024.</b>
RA-23-18-10	<b>Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City of Yellowknife operates a full-time fire and ambulance service through the City of Yellowknife Fire Division;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City of Yellowknife Fire Division also responds to calls for service outside of the municipal boundary;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has initiated a review of highway rescue and ground ambulance services within the territory;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> community governments across the territory must prioritize their services with the funding available to them;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the cost recovery for emergency services provided outside of municipal boundaries may be difficult for a number of NWT community governments;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that until such time as the GNWT has reviewed the strategy for Highway Rescue</p>	<b>MACA/ HSS</b>	<p>Since fall 2017, the GNWT has been working with key stakeholders through an interdepartmental committee to develop an action plan to build capacity and support for GAHR services in the NWT.</p> <p>Research and consultation completed to date confirms that solutions to gaps and challenges with the current system will not be attained without longer-term collaboration involving the GNWT, key communities and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Priorities identified moving forward include developing and gaining consensus on options for governance and establishing an acceptable fiscal arrangement between the GNWT and community governments. Committee continues to define priorities and develop a way forward through action planning and collaboration with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Service expansion is a key component of the GAHR Action</p>	<p>Since fall 2017, the GNWT has been working with key stakeholders through an interdepartmental committee to develop an action plan to build capacity and support for GAHR services in the NWT.</p> <p>Research and consultation completed to date confirms that solutions to gaps and challenges with the current system will not be attained without longer-term collaboration involving the GNWT, key communities and other stakeholders. Priorities identified moving forward include developing and gaining consensus on options for governance and establishing an acceptable fiscal arrangement between the GNWT and community governments.</p> <p>Work continues to define priorities and develop a way forward through action planning and collaboration with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Service expansion is a key component of the GAHR Action Plan. In its environmental assessment of the Tłı̄ch̄q All-Season Road (TSAR), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommended in Measure 5-6 that the GNWT develop and implement an effective</p>	<p>A full review of the Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue Services policy is anticipated in the 20th Legislative Assembly, which will contribute to a whole-of-government funding approach for these services.</p> <p>The GNWT working group on Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue has been re-engaged and will be working to determine the appropriate framework for ambulance services in the NWT, both within and outside of municipal boundaries.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: highway rescue is still a concern for our communities. NWTAC will continue our work on this issue. City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation.</b></p>



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		Services (RA-17-13-05} and conducted a feasibility study towards a Territorial Ground Ambulance Service (RA-17-15-03}, that the GNWT should adequately fund those communities conducting ground ambulance or highway rescue services outside of their respective community boundaries.		<p>Plan. In its environmental assessment of the Tłıçhǫ All-Season Road (TSAR), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommended in Measure 5-6 that the GNWT develop and implement an effective GAHR action plan for the TASR in collaboration with the Tłıçhǫ Government (TG), Tłıçhǫ Community Services Agency (TCSA), Community Government of Whatì, and Community Government of Behchokǫ.</p> <p>Work that has been progressing on the TASR will feed into the larger GAHR project. Moving forward, the GNWT (MACA, HSS) will continue to work closely and collaboratively with the TG, TCSA, and all Community Governments providing Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services.</p>	<p>GAHR action plan for the TASR in collaboration with the Tłıçhǫ Government (TG), Tłıçhǫ Community Services Agency (TCSA), Community Government of Whatì, and Community Government of Behchokǫ.</p> <p>Work that has been progressing on the TASR that will feed into the larger GAHR project.</p> <p>Moving forward, the GNWT (MACA, HSS) will continue to work closely and collaboratively with the TG, TCSA, and all Community Governments providing Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services.</p>	
RA-23-18-12	<b>Transfer of Lands to Community Governments</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City of Yellowknife is seeking ownership and regulatory control of lands within the municipal boundary;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> there are outstanding land applications on Commissioner's lands</p>	<b>LANDS / MACA / EIA</b>	A working group consisting of the GNWT Departments of Lands, Executive and Indigenous Affairs, Municipal and Community Affairs and the City has been established to complete a bulk transfer of vacant public land to the City	The Department of Lands encourages community governments to reach out so we can better understand their needs and interests to administer and manage land within community boundaries. Each capacity to administer and manage land is different.	The Department of Lands provides fee simple title to community governments that have an interest and a need to support their growth and future development. Land transfers to community governments can be done under the existing regulations and are not dependent on or linked to the

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		<p>within the municipal boundary;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City of Yellowknife is beginning a statutory review of the General Plan pursuant to <i>the Community Planning &amp; Development Act</i>,</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City is required to accommodate for land, growth and facilities over the next 10 years during this review;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the uncertainty around land prevents the City from taking a comprehensive approach to land use, infrastructure, utilities and zoning;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT expedite and prioritize land transfers to community governments for the purpose of comprehensive and sustainable community planning and development.</p>		<p>of Yellowknife. The working group has met several times through the fall, winter and early spring.</p> <p>A process document has been drafted and is currently being reviewed by the City. Work has begun on an overarching agreement between the GNWT and the City to address outstanding questions and to ensure clarity of approach in future years. This agreement may include: managing land selection processes related to Aboriginal Rights agreements with Indigenous governments; future GNWT land requirements not currently anticipated; the City's requirements; and the costs to complete surveys. The Department of Lands provided preliminary mapping of current land tenure and existing interests.</p> <p>The City is reviewing the mapping to ensure consistency with their records. Further work with the City to identify specific areas of interest, including any land the GNWT needs.</p>	<p>At the same time, the GNWT wants to make sure land is available when negotiating Aboriginal rights agreements, which has implications when transferring land to community governments. For this reason, the Department relies on Interim Land Withdrawals to protect land selection interests.</p> <p>The Department is actively working with the Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs to create a process guide for the bulk transfer of land within municipal boundaries, in support of the Mandate commitment to reduce the municipal funding gap.</p> <p>A draft of the process guide was shared with the City of Yellowknife, EIA, and MACA in February 2020. Formal comments from the City were provided in January 2021 and a revised process document was updated and shared on May 1, 2021. A draft will be shared with the NWTAC for feedback once a revised draft is more complete.</p> <p>The Department of Lands will continue to manage land tenure requests according to the process outlined in the land transfer process guide. The value of land transferred from GNWT to community governments for</p>	<p>regulations being developed under the Public Land Act.</p> <p>At the same time, the GNWT wants to make sure land is available when negotiating Aboriginal rights agreements, which has implications when transferring land to community governments. For this reason, the Department relies on Interim Land Withdrawals to protect land selection interests.</p> <p>Lands is currently working through an application from the City of Yellowknife for bulk land transfers of public land in fee simple. In addition, a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Department is expected to be completed in early 2023.</p> <p>In August 2022, Lands shared a process guide on transferring land within municipal boundaries with the NWT Association of Communities. The purpose of this guide is to make land transfer processes clearer for all communities.</p> <p>In 2021-22, 16 parcels were transferred to municipal governments, totaling 60.39 hectares of land, and valued at \$1,431,000.</p> <p>MACA continues to work with communities interested in acquiring land tenure under community public infrastructure or land required for future CPI and future growth areas to support</p>

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				<p>The Minister of Lands has met with Chief Sangris and Chief Betsina of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) and Mayor Alty to discuss, among other things, the potential bulk transfer of unoccupied public land within the current boundary of the City of Yellowknife. The Minister heard from the YKDFN that any bulk land transfer cannot impact the Akaitcho process.</p>	<p>nominal value is one way of helping bridge the municipal funding gap. In 2020-21, the assessed values of land transferred to community governments was \$265,400, and from 2017- 18 to 2019-20 was \$4,928,079.</p>	<p>the submission of land applications to the Department of Lands where required and the alignment to the administration of community governance tools (bylaws) related to land management.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</b></p> <p><b>Reminder – these issues are not exclusive to the City. This matter will be included in the work being done with the Department of Lands under the Public Lands Act Regulations.</b></p>
RA-23-13-02	<b>Review and Amendment of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act and the Grants-in-Lieu of Property Taxes Policy</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Commissioner are not liable to taxation pursuant to Section 73(2) of the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories makes grants in lieu of taxes pursuant to the Grants-In-Lieu Of Property Taxes Policy 21.09 in recognition of the services it receives from municipal governments and to pay its share of the costs to</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p> <p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues</p>	<p>The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p> <p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>MACA is using a phased approach to advance amendments to the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> (PATA).</p> <p>The first phase is intended to address known administrative issues such as increasing the terms of appointments for members of both the Municipal and Territorial Boards of Revision, while the second phase is intended to address more complex issues of property taxation and authorities such as the writing off of property tax debt.</p> <p>Bill 66, <i>An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>, which implements the first phase</p>

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		<p>municipalities where territorial property is located; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories does not pay Grants-In-Lieu of Property Taxes on property it leases to third parties;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> municipal governments cannot sell territorial property to recover unpaid taxes against defaulting tenants and are forced to take other measures, including making court applications, to recover unpaid taxes and such actions often never allow a municipality to recoup the loss;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 125 of the Constitution Act, 1867 but makes payments in lieu of property taxes to local governments;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada recognized that the term "grant" for the payments made in lieu of property taxes did not reflect the value of the services provided by municipal levels of government to federal properties and proceeded to</p>		<p>related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions.</p> <p>This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>MACA has identified three large pieces of legislation to prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are, in order of anticipated priority: the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>, the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>, and the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i>.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative initiative is the full</p>	<p>Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>MACA had identified three large pieces of legislation to prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are, in order of anticipated priority: the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>, the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>, and the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i>.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments is restricted and must always consider the level of engagement required to bring forward any legislative change that will affect community governments. The pace at which these changes are advanced is carefully considered to ensure that community governments can provide MACA with meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation under the mandate of the department would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.</p>	<p>amendments, was introduced and received First and Second Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 66 will receive Third Reading in the Winter sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly (February/March 2023).</p> <p>MACA has established a Working Group to advance the second phase consisting of members from the departments of Lands and Finance as well as Local Administrators of Government of the NWT and the NWT Association of Communities. The feedback from this Working Group will be incorporated into the development of a legislative proposal and the Bill.</p> <p>Given the complexity of taxation law, MACA has contracted a lawyer to conduct research on the identified issues and propose recommendations for legislative amendments. Engagement with community governments, identified stakeholders, and the public is expected to occur in April 2023. MACA anticipates introducing a Bill early in the 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – this legislation is being worked on. NWTAC will continue our work on this resolution.</b></p>

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		<p>amend the name of the act to “Payments in Lieu of Taxes”;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada recognized the difficulty encountered by municipal governments in recovering unpaid taxes against tenants of federal property and beginning in the 2000 tax year included a provision in the Property in Lieu of Taxes Act for municipalities to request a payment in lieu of taxes on federal property occupied by a defaulting tenant, after demonstrating that every reasonable attempt has been made to collect the taxes from the tenant without success;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> various provincial governments have recognized the difficulty encountered by municipal governments in recovering unpaid taxes against tenants of provincial property and have included provisions in the applicable legislation to allow municipal governments to request a payment in lieu of taxes if all reasonable attempts to collect the outstanding taxes have not been successful;</p>		<p>engagement with community governments at a pace at which they can provide meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.</p>	

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		<p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> there have been instances where municipal governments have not been able to collect unpaid property taxes from tenants of territorial property and have not received any grant in lieu of taxes; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the purpose of the grants made in lieu of taxes is to deal equitably and fairly with municipalities;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider:</p> <p>i. amending the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> and the Grants-In-Lieu of Properties Policy to allow municipal governments to request a payment in lieu of taxes if all reasonable attempts to collect the outstanding taxes have not been successful in accordance with what the federal and other provincial governments have already done; and</p>				

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		<p>ii. (ii) changing the name of the 'Grants-In-Lieu of Properties Policy' to the 'Payments-In-Lieu of Properties Policy' to emphasize the territorial government's responsibility as a property owner to share in the cost of local government, rather than its generosity in making a payment which it is not legally obliged to make.</p>				

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ST-23-20-10	<b>NWT Education Reform</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> education is a powerful agent of change that can improve health and livelihoods, contributes to social stability and long-term economic growth and is essential to community well-being. And by recognising the power of education, policy makers can better address diverse societal challenges, which municipal governments increasingly have to contend with.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the three-year education renewal action plan entitled "Education Renewal and Innovation Framework, Directions for Change" published in 2015 states,</p> <p>"The current approach to education is not producing the overall levels of student achievement that we need and should reasonably expect for the investments that are being made.";</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> it was recognized in NWTAC Resolution 2019-14 that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECE has responsibility to provide essential and basic educational programming in the NWT to all communities;</li> <li>It is recognized/acknowledged that there are deficiencies and lack of adequate programming and resources in many communities;</li> <li>GNWT has identified a desire to improve public education in the NWT via Education Renewal and "Early Childhood Framework;"</li> <li>Many residents of the NWT may lack the capacity to succeed at education, that the GNWT look at alternate programming;</li> </ul>	ECE	<p>Improving student education outcomes to the same level as the rest of Canada is a priority of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>In 2018-2019, the NWT education system was the subject of extensive review processes, both intern and external to the GNWT. During this time, ECE <a href="#">evaluated its Education Renewal and Innovation (ERI) Framework</a>, which is the guiding strategic plan for the JK-12 education system. That same year, the <a href="#">Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) reviewed NWT Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education</a>. Both the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) audit and ECE's internal evaluation identified common improvements needed in the JK-12 system and program delivery.</p> <p>The OAG Report and the internal ECE evaluation both found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>key achievement gaps have persisted, especially for students in small communities;</li> <li>a need to focus on more equitable programming;</li> <li>system that is overstretched and needs to refocus its priorities; and</li> <li>need to monitor our system to determine whether the work we are undertaking is making any difference to close the</li> </ul>	<p>In 2018-2019, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) conducted a Formative Evaluation of the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework (ERI Evaluation). During the same time, the Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) conducted a performance Audit (OAG Audit) of early childhood to Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 (JK-12) education in the Northwest Territories (NWT).</p> <p>ECE has created a revised Action Plan for ERI that follows ECE's approach to improving student outcomes; first starting with actions that focus on quality early learning and child care, through to those actions that support a quality JK-12 education system.</p> <p>The actions are categorized into the following seven themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme 1: Quality Early Learning and Child Care</li> <li>Theme 2: Workforce Development and Capacity Building</li> <li>Theme 3: Curriculum and Student Assessment</li> <li>Theme 4: Student Supports</li> <li>Theme 5: Training, Developing and Support for School Employees</li> <li>Theme 6: Governance</li> <li>Theme 7: Monitoring and Evaluation</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be it resolved that the Auditor General of Canada review education to ensure that all NWT residents have the capacity to successfully enter post-secondary upon graduation.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the NWT’s Bureau of Statistics for “Highest Level of Schooling Attained” for the period of 2009 compared to 2019, do not show significant improvements in educational achievement for residents living outside of the NWT’s major centres.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT expends 18.4% (\$ 332.1 million) of its annual operating budget on the delivery of educational programs across the NWT.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT take immediate steps to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the NWT’s educational programs delivery model by conducting an Institutional and Organizational Assessment (1) (IOA) encompassing but not limited to, early childhood development, primary and secondary education (JK to grade 12) and, post-secondary education to assess the overall program efficiency, effectiveness and delivery.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the IOA be undertaken by an independent party prior to any further significant reorganization of educational program delivery or significant investments in new infrastructure for educational program delivery.</p> <p>(1): Institutional and Organizational Assessment (IOA) model, developed by International Development Research Centre (IDRC Canada)</p>		<p>achievement gap.</p> <p>The OAG report and ECE evaluation also had common recommendations for improvement. These improvements included changes to the approach to funding NWT education bodies and schools, changes in program delivery, and continued monitoring and adjustments to the NWT Inclusive Schooling Directive and Policy.</p> <p>ECE is developing an Action Plan in response to the recommendations received from both reports. However, the NWT education system operates in a complex, shared governance environment guided by the NWT Education Act, which has not seen major revisions or updates since the 1990s. As a critical first step toward improving student outcomes, ECE will undertake a major legislative modernization project as committed in the Mandate of the GNWT, 2019-2023.</p> <p>ECE has initiated the research, planning and analysis required to develop a new Education Act, with a view to bringing forward a Legislative Proposal in the 19th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>There are several components to the project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative Proposal research and analysis;</li> </ul>	<p>For each of the relevant actions listed within these themes, the associated deliverables and timelines expected to complete those actions are included.</p> <p>Two key actions within the Action Plan are the modernization of the Education Act and the renewal of NWT JK-12 school curriculum.</p> <p>1. Education Act Modernization</p> <p>A modernized Education Act has the goal of increasing student education outcomes to the same level as the rest of Canada by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarity about the Minister’s authority to ensure appropriate accountability for student outcomes through the education system;</li> <li>Clarity about the education bodies’ accountability for improving student outcomes;</li> <li>An appropriate governance structure for the JK-12 system that recognized the rights of Indigenous governments, and supports the future delivery of education programs by Indigenous governments;</li> <li>A balance between coordinated education system requirements, and the need for communities to have a voice in the delivery of education programs;</li> <li>Structure, resources, and necessary flexibility for the provision of language and cultural programing.</li> </ul>

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		In the IOA model, performance is defined in terms of the organization's effectiveness (mission fulfillment), efficiency (accuracy, timeliness and value of service and program delivery), ongoing relevance (the extent to which an organization adapts to changing conditions and its environment), and financial viability. The model also presents an approach to assessing the three underlying forces that drive performance: the capacities of an organization, its external environment, and its internal context or motivation.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications and Consultation Strategy; associated engagement and reporting;</li> <li>• Indigenous Government Engagement Strategy; associated engagement and reporting; and,</li> <li>• Produce Legislative Proposal for submission to Cabinet.</li> </ul> <p>Concurrent with the work on the Legislative Proposal, ECE will implement its Action Plan in response to the OAG review and ERI evaluation to improve student outcomes. This Action Plan be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year and will include a more streamlines strategic planning process for the JK-12 education system are working towards the same goals and reporting publicly on the same performance indicators.</p>	<p>ECE has begun engagement with Indigenous Governments, other education partners, stakeholders and the public between mid-March and June 30, 2021 toward the development of a Legislative Proposal for a new or revised Education Act.</p> <p>2. JK-12 Curriculum Renewal</p> <p>The current JK-12 curriculum is becoming out of date and is in need of renewal. Currently, the NWT uses curriculum from a variety of western provinces, but the high school curriculum is predominantly from Alberta with ECE producing specific northern-based curriculum.</p> <p>With Alberta changing their direction in curriculum development, ECE has begun formal engagement with key NWT education partners, including Indigenous governments, education bodies, and the NWT Teachers' Association (NWTTA), to gather feedback and input of the renewal of the NWT JK-12 school curriculum and the possibility of exploring a new provincial partnership.</p> <p>ECE remains cognizant that the development and implementation of this Action Plan is just one step toward improving student outcomes. If this Action Plan is to be successful, education bodies, Indigenous governments and organizations, communities, educators, families, and students themselves must have a role to play in improving student outcomes in the NWT.</p>

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					<p>Action Plan to Improve JK-12 Student Outcomes</p> <p>The Action Plan to Improve JK-12 Student Outcomes includes actions that focus on quality early learning and child care, through to actions that support a quality JK-12 education system. Each identified action includes associated deliverables and timelines. This Action Plan has been the focus of ECE's work over the last two years, with an online Action Tracker providing the real-time status of each action.</p> <p>Two key actions within the Action Plan include: modernization of the Education Act and renewal of JK-12 school curriculum.</p> <p>1. Education Act Modernization</p> <p>The approach to Education Act Modernization is collaborative and every effort is being made to be inclusive and responsive as changes to the legislation are considered. Based on what we heard through engagement with Indigenous governments, education bodies, stakeholders and the public, the Education Act Modernization Project is continuing as a two-phased project.</p> <p>Phase 1 will address technical challenges in the education system, clarifying authorities and enabling Ministerial access to education system information to evaluate student outcomes. This phase is committed to address issues that were acknowledged as needing immediate attention or received no significant comments of concern during the engagement period, and that have been identified during past OAG audits as impeding the ability of the current education system to improve student outcomes. Amendments will be brought forward in 2023.</p>

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					<p>Phase 2 will take more time and will continue into the 20th Legislative Assembly. Through the first round of engagement, it was clear that more conversation and collaboration is needed about how Indigenous governments and communities across the NWT can lead and participate in the governance of a system that will educate future generations.</p> <p>2. JK-12 Curriculum Renewal</p> <p>In December 2021, the NWT made the decision to transition to the use of the British Columbia’s curriculum and assessment tools.</p> <p>In October 2022, the timeline for Implementation was released to outline when the curriculum will be introduced to students over the subsequent five years, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.</p> <p>ECE staff have begun to form working groups with education body staff, including teachers where appropriate, to tackle the next steps in the renewal of the school curriculum.</p> <p>The focus of the work of Curriculum Renewal in the 2022-2023 school year is planning for implementation and transition to the new curriculum.</p> <p>Key pieces of this work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum Graduation Requirements – to be completed by February 2023</li> <li>• Teacher Training Plan – to be completed by March 31, 2023</li> <li>• Adaptation of the BC curriculum – drafts for Grades 4-6, and 9 to be completed May 2023</li> </ul>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Assessment Renewal Plan - to be completed by June 2023</li> <li>• Student Information Systems and Operations Updates – ongoing throughout the entirety of the project.</li> </ul> <p>ECE is currently engaging with key education partners and Indigenous Governments for their feedback on the implementation planning topics above, which are required to support a successful transition.</p> <p>A detailed communications plan has been developed to provide information territory-wide that coincides with the completion of key pieces of work, as well as targeted communications to provide important information specific to key education stakeholders as and when necessary.</p> <p>ECE remains cognizant that the development and implementation of this Action Plan is just one step toward improving student outcomes. If this Action Plan is to be successful, education bodies, Indigenous governments and organizations, communities, educators, families, and students themselves must have a role to play in improving student outcomes.</p> <p>Post-COVID Support for JK-12 Education</p> <p>As education systems move from a state of emergency response to a lengthy period of recovery, the focus in the education system is shifting to helping students recover from disruptions to instruction that occurred during the pandemic. As with other Canadian jurisdictions, there are substantial data gaps in assessing COVID-19's impact on NWT students, as attendance and attainment levels were</p>

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					<p>hampered during the pandemic. The GNWT continues to assess and support the needs of educators and students, including needs directly related to the impacts of the pandemic.</p> <p>Since August 2022, ECE has been maintaining a COVID-19 Impact Indicators Report on the JK-12 Education System: a living document that provides a comprehensive assessment of the pandemic impact on the NWT JK-12 education system and guides the system's shift to helping students recover from COVID-19-related disruptions. In the coming years, ECE anticipates that grades, test results, and graduation rates will be lower than in pre-pandemic years. Further research is required to provide a more comprehensive analysis of the impact of the pandemic on the education system.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – continue to monitor.</b></p>
ST-23-19-06	<b>Carbon Pricing</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> fossil fuel use contributes to climate change inducing greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories is a signatory to the Pan- Canadian Framework for Clean Growth and Climate Change and is committed to meeting Federal benchmark for carbon pricing by 2019;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories has implemented Pan- Canadian Carbon Pricing in the Northwest Territories;</p>	<b>FIN</b>	<p>The GNWT's proposed approach to recycling carbon tax revenue was approved in the 2019-20 Budget and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heating Fuel Rebate - for residents, governments and business entities with less than 50 kilotonnes of annual greenhouse gas emissions, heating fuel will be 100 per cent rebated at the point of purchase.</li> <li>• Electrical Power Producers Rebate - Northwest Territories Power Corporation and other power producers will be provided with an annual rebate of carbon tax paid on</li> </ul>	<p>The NWT Carbon Tax and rebates were introduced September 1, 2019. Cost of Living Offset (COLO) payments were issued in October 2019 and April 2020. Each payment was \$52 for individuals and \$60 for each child.</p> <p>Starting in July 2020, annual COLO amounts will increase to \$156 for an individual and \$180 per child and payments will be issued quarterly. Single individuals in the NWT will receive their full annual payment in July, because their quarterly payments would be less than \$50.</p>



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		<p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories has adopted a Carbon Tax as the preferred option for carbon pricing;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> communities in the NWT and their residents will see a direct increase in costs as a result of the carbon tax;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That 100% of the carbon tax revenue be recycled into the economy through transfers to households, business, industry and municipalities;</li> <li>• That support regarding the implementation of the carbon tax is addressed to the satisfaction of the communities;</li> <li>• That communities are proportionally funded to offset increased cost of municipal operations as a result of the carbon tax implementation;</li> <li>• That it commits to the advancement of sustainable initiatives to reduce the reliance on non-renewable fuels; and</li> <li>• That the implementation and reporting processes related to the carbon tax initiative are presented in a transparent manner.</li> </ul>		<p>non-motive diesel purchased for generating electricity for distribution. This rebate will insulate municipalities from increased electricity costs that would otherwise result from the carbon tax on diesel used to generate electricity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of Living Offset (COLO) – this tax-free benefit would be provided quarterly to all NWT residents. This benefit would increase annually as NWT carbon tax rates are increased.</li> <li>• Large Emitters (50 kilotonnes or more annual greenhouse gas emissions) Offset in two parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o an annual rebate for 75 per cent of the carbon tax collected on non-motive diesel and heating fuel and</li> <li>o 25 per cent of the carbon tax collected on non-motive diesel and heating fuel held in individualized trust accounts that will be able to be accessed for investments by each entity that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The GNWT continues to prioritize investments in alternative energy options to provide reliable, affordable alternatives to carbon-intensive fuels for communities and businesses.</li> </ul> <p>The Department of Finance intends to provide an annual report on carbon pricing: raised revenues, rebate expenditures, and the investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This report will also be included in</p>	<p>Rebates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heating Fuel Rebate – 100 % rebate for residents, governments and business entities</li> <li>• Electrical Power Producers Rebate – 100% rebate of carbon tax paid for generating electricity for distribution. This rebate will insulate municipalities from increased electricity costs that would otherwise result from the carbon tax on diesel used to generate electricity.</li> <li>• Large Emitters: 72% rebate of carbon tax paid and 12% in individual accounts for GHG reducing investments.</li> <li>• The GNWT continues to prioritize investments in alternative energy options to provide reliable, affordable alternatives to carbon-intensive fuels for communities and businesses.</li> <li>• The Department of Finance intends to provide an Annual Report on carbon pricing, including: raised revenues, rebate expenditures, and the investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This report will be included in the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan Report.</li> </ul> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution.</b></p>



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				the Climate Change Strategy action plan reporting requirements.	
ST-23-19-10	<b>Climate Change Adaptation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> The North is particularly vulnerable to climate change due to its reliance on temperature sensitive systems such as permafrost;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> All NWT communities are experiencing the impacts of climate change;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the 2018 NWT Climate Change Forum and Charrette was an important gathering where communities voiced their concerns and the challenges they face in addressing vulnerabilities caused by the climate change.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> taking proactive tactics to addressing climate change adaptation is the preferred approach;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> We will see the best success by working collaboratively with our many partners;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the NWT Association of Communities enact the following suite of climate change adaptation resolutions (see 2019-10-A through 2019-10-I)</p>	<b>ENR</b>	<p>Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is a priority for the GNWT and is reflected in the GNWT Mandate 2019-2023.</p> <p>All GNWT departments are cooperating to implement the 2019-2023 Action Plan, which is in its third year of implementation. Communities are on the frontlines of climate change and ENR continues to work closely with the NWTAC on climate change adaptation actions.</p> <p>ENR continues to partner with NWTAC to fund an annual Community Climate Change Award valued at \$5,000. In 2021, Tuktoyaktuk was awarded for their work on risk assessments, adaption planning, monitoring informed decision-making and youth engagement.</p> <p>In January 2020, the GNWT released its first integrated <i>NWT Climate Change Action Plan: Annual Report 2019/20</i> to report on progress towards implementing the Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plan, the 2030 Energy Strategy and the carbon tax. The 2020-21 annual report is expected to be available in fall 2021.</p>	<p>Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is a priority for the GNWT and is reflected in the GNWT Mandate 2019- 2023.</p> <p>All GNWT departments are cooperating to implement the 2019-2023 Action Plan, which is in its third year of implementation.</p> <p>Communities are on the frontlines of climate change and ENR continues to work closely with the NWTAC on climate change adaptation actions.</p> <p>ENR continues to partner with NWTAC to fund an annual Community Climate Change Award valued at \$5,000.</p> <p>In 2021, Tuktoyaktuk was awarded for their work on risk assessments, adaption planning, monitoring informed decision-making and youth engagement.</p> <p>In January 2020, the GNWT released its first integrated <i>NWT Climate Change Action Plan: Annual Report 2019/20</i> to report on progress towards implementing the Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plan, the 2030 Energy Strategy and the carbon tax. The 2020-21 annual report is expected to be available in fall 2021.</p>

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ST-23-19-10-B	<b>Permafrost</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Permafrost thaw poses significant risks to community and privately owned infrastructure, the transportation network, access to the land, food security, waste management, and many other issues affecting residents;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the total costs of permafrost degradation on public assets is estimated to be in the order of \$1.3 billion.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Surface water has a significant impact on permafrost and the development and implementation of Community Drainage Plans is critical;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Housing Corporation is an important partner with the communities in meeting the climate change adaptation challenge;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Communities wish to support their ratepayers by educating them about permafrost and climate change and how best to protect their properties;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT provide adequate funding and resources to assist municipalities in completing and implementing Community Drainage Plans;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the Housing Corp. adequately consult with communities about their development plans and ensure that they comply with all land use and adaptation plans;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT develop requirements to ensure the consideration of permafrost thaw in all development and adaptation planning for NWT infrastructure.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT work with the NWT Association of Communities and other partners to</p>	<b>Housing NWT/ MACA</b>	<p>As the NWT HC is completing each of the community housing plans, the NWT HC is engaging with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation. The NWT HC also continues to work with other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies that may have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas</p> <p>The NWT HC continues to utilize adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems where appropriate.</p> <p>The NWT HC also relies on other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies to gather and analyze information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas to determine possible solutions when constructing or repairing NWT HC assets. In terms of adaptation, the NWT HC utilizes where appropriate, adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems.</p> <p>MACA provides capital public infrastructure (CPI) funding to communities along with advisory services in the area of budgeting for operations as well as planning and implementation of capital projects. There are no barriers for communities to set aside monies for planned and unplanned capital projects and we encourage communities to do so.</p>	<p>MACA will continue to work with other GNWT departments to promote awareness and education regarding impacts of permafrost loss.</p> <p>MACA supports the Northern Infrastructure Standards Initiative which does create a standard for drainage.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with Public Safety Canada to support changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>The GNWT Climate Change Action Plan has a number of initiatives related to supporting communities and infrastructure address the effects of climate change, including completing community infrastructure risk assessments and developing training material.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with the NWTAC to improve information for communities.</p> <p><b>NWT HC</b> As the NWT HC is completing each of the community housing plans, the NWT HC is engaging with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>The NWT HC also continues to work with other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies that may have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation</p>

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		<p>develop plain language materials to educate the public about permafrost thaw and assist owners of privately-owned homes and other infrastructure in protecting their properties from the impacts of permafrost thaw.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT take a leadership role in conducting a vulnerability assessment of all community assets.</p>		<p>MACA will continue to work with other GNWT departments to promote awareness and education regarding impacts of permafrost loss. MACA supports the Northern Infrastructure Standards Initiative which does create a standard for drainage.</p> <p>MACA will also continue to work with Public Safety Canada to support changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>areas to determine possible solutions when constructing or repairing NWT HC assets.</p> <p>The NWT HC continues to utilize adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems where appropriate.</p> <p>In terms of adaptation, the NWT HC utilizes where appropriate, adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to advance initiatives under the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and Action Plan that address the impacts of climate change on communities and infrastructure. This includes ongoing efforts to support the Northern Infrastructure Standards Initiative (NISI) and promote awareness and education regarding impacts of permafrost loss. The GNWT has advocated for the importance of NISI to continue to create plain-language documents to accompany these standards.</p> <p>MACA is advocating for Infrastructure Canada and the federal government to develop and improve funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation, including funding for relocation of critical assets. MACA has also completed O&amp;M Drainage Manuals for communities considering northern climate change and drainage practices. Manuals were distributed in September 2021.</p>

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					<p>The Department has hired a Climate Change Coordinator and will continue to work with the NWTAC to improve information sharing for communities.</p> <p>Housing NWT continues to support the completion of community housing plans, for those communities who express an interest, and engages with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>Housing NWT also continues its collaboration with other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies that may have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas to determine possible solutions, when constructing or repairing Housing NWT assets and to inform future planning.</p> <p>As part of its ongoing renewal, Housing NWT is improving the way that it engages with local and Indigenous Governments.</p> <p>Housing NWT provides notice of new construction and ensures the building and sitework, including drainage, complies with local bylaws, community zoning bylaws, building bylaws and general community plans. Housing NWT will continue to proactively engage communities as part of the delivery of all new construction projects, continues to implement new technologies and design in new construction projects, and supports the process of adaptively managing potential impacts related to climate change.</p>

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					<p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING : will continue to monitor this resolution.</b></p>
ST-23-19-10-C	<b>Hazard mapping</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Hazard mapping is a critical element in climate change adaptation and building the resiliency of communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Hazard mapping is not a one size fits all type of undertaking and requires collaboration across many disciplines and organizations;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> securing funding to develop and apply Hazard Mapping is critical to their completion;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT work with the NWTAC and other partners to ensure that hazard maps are developed by the GNWT in a timely and strategic manner.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the federal government should ensure that adequate funding is available to complete hazard mapping for all NWT communities;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the NWT Association of Communities work with the GNWT and other partners to identify opportunities to support communities in participating in the development of hazard maps and their application to community planning by developing tools for outreach, communication, education and training.</p>	<b>ENR/ MACA</b>	<p>Securing funds to support this program is a priority for ENR. Federal funding will be pursued to support the capacity of the territory to better adapt to climate change.</p> <p>Providing relevant hazard mapping outreach and training tools to support communities with their hazard mapping priorities is necessary. The advisory team will further discuss and plan for the development opportunities.</p> <p>ITI is leading a regional (7.5 km pixel scale) terrain sensitivity mapping project. This work will inform the community hazard mapping program.</p> <p>MACA will also continue to work with Public Safety Canada to encourage changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>As outlined in action items 3.12A of the 2019-2023 Action Plan, ENR is the lead for the design of a community hazard mapping program. NWTAC is a key partner along with MACA and other GNWT departments, community governments and the federal government.</p> <p>An advisory team is in place to guide the development of the hazard mapping program and the NWTAC's participation on this advisory team is extremely valuable.</p> <p>Securing funds to support this program is a priority for ENR. Federal funding will be pursued to support the capacity of the GNWT to better prepare the territory to adapt to climate change will enable the design of the community hazard mapping program.</p> <p>Although COVID-19 has impacted the ability for MACA to conduct tabletop exercises and workshops, MACA recognizes the value of providing relevant hazard mapping outreach and training tools, and opportunities to support communities with their hazard mapping priorities. The advisory team can further discuss and plan for the development and dissemination</p>

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					<p>of such outreach and training tools and discuss appropriate community engagement mechanisms to determine specific hazard mapping needs.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with Public Safety Canada to encourage changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>Federal funding continues to be pursued to support the capacity of the territory to better adapt to climate change.</p> <p>A pilot hazard mapping project for Tuktoyaktuk is in place. This pilot will provide a resource for Tuktoyaktuk and will provide the GNWT with information to understand the approach and scope what is needed to deliver hazard mapping in other communities.</p> <p>Preliminary work has been completed for the Tuktoyaktuk hazard map, such as a geotechnical desktop study. Next steps are being scoped and will be discussed at the Hazard Mapping Committee in which the NWTAC is a member. A partnership with Natural Resources Canada is being established to acquire coastal erosion and sea level rise data.</p> <p>The Northwest Territories Geological Survey has successfully applied for CIRNAC funds to conduct</p>

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					<p>additional surficial mapping that can be used as a critical base layer to community hazard maps.</p> <p>The GNWT and NWTAC are participating in a national working group to develop a National Standard for Land Development Suitability Mapping. This standard is being developed by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and will be a component of the Northern Infrastructure Standardization Initiative.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.</p> <p>As severe weather events and climate change hazards (flooding, wildfire, permafrost thaw, coastal erosion, shortened ice road seasons, etc.) continue to occur in the NWT, the GNWT recognizes the need for Community Hazard Maps to support sound economic, social, and environmental decision-making.</p> <p>Several GNWT departments including MACA, ENR, Lands, ITI (NWT Geological Survey), and the NWT Centre for Geomatics, continue to collaborate on hazard mapping activities. NWTAC will be engaged as this work progresses.</p> <p>Northwest Territories Geological Survey (NTGS) and the Centre for Geomatics advanced surficial mapping (a key component needed for hazard mapping) in communities across the NWT. NTGS led a community geotechnical and geospatial</p>

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					<p>libraries project that supported the compilation of geotechnical, permafrost and spatial datasets for seven communities in the NWT: Inuvik, Fort McPherson, Norman Wells, Tulita, Whatì, Behchokò and Yellowknife/Dettah.</p> <p>NTGS also completed a permafrost thaw sensitivity analysis in the surrounding areas of all NWT communities. Results were circulated, including during the NWTAC AGM.</p> <p>NRCan has developed a series of guidelines to help advance flood mapping activities across Canada. As a result of funding received through the Federal Hazard Identification and Mapping Program, ENR and the Centre for Geomatics are working with NRCan and Environment and Climate Change Canada to develop more specific flood mapping method guidelines that will be applicable in potentially data-poor locations prone to ice-jam flooding. These draft guidelines are to be completed by March 2023, and will facilitate the development of NWT-specific guidelines.</p> <p>Next steps include the development of flood inundation maps for NWT communities at risk of flooding.</p> <p>Federal funding continues to be pursued to support the capacity of the territory to better adapt to climate change.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee recommends:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: will continue to monitor.</b></p>



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ST-23-19-10-F	Research	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Most communities have not been involved in setting the research agendas in their communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Communities are often not made aware of the outcomes of the research being</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> The lack of a northern university means that the academic knowledge base relating to Arctic issues is scattered throughout the country;</p> <p><b>BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT and Federal Government work with the NWT Association of Communities, communities, and with its various partners to ensure that the research needs of the communities are being promoted and supported when setting research agendas;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> communities engage the researchers who are already working in their communities to assist them in addressing their research needs.</p>	ENR	<p>Through the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan, the GNWT plans to engage with communities on a territory-wide research agenda for the NWT. Many actions have already been taken to support the objectives of the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan.</p> <p>In August 2019, GNWT staff assisted with organizing the Tuktoyaktuk Science Day – which brought researchers from across Canada to present results of their work to the community and provided an opportunity to hear about research priorities directly from community leaders.</p> <p>The GNWT, Aurora College and ArcticNet are working together to establish research positions in three NWT communities which will be designated to grow knowledge-based programs and help develop knowledge capacity throughout the NWT.</p> <p>The GNWT is also working to improve the ways in which researchers communicate the results of their work back to decision-makers and communities in the NWT. Several publicly available information management tools are currently under development to address this need including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of departmental contacts who can provide information to communities on various areas of research supported by the GNWT;</li> <li>• A common reporting mechanism for GNWT and external researchers supported by GNWT to summarize</li> </ul>	<p>The GNWT will engage with NWTAC on renewal of the Knowledge Agenda. Opportunities for NWTAC and communities to present research needs will occur over the next year including through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GNWT /Wilfrid Laurier University partnership annual research planning session</li> <li>• National Research Council’s Arctic Challenge Program developers, as they present new funding opportunities</li> <li>• Polar Knowledge Canada, as they develop future calls for research proposals, and</li> <li>• The GNWT annual research needs meeting in late 2021.</li> </ul> <p>The GNWT will share updated lists of departmental contacts who can provide information to communities on various areas of research supported by the GNWT.</p> <p>The renewal of the GNWT Knowledge Agenda began in 2022. As part of the renewal, the NWTAC will be asked for input. In the longer term, the goal is to transition to an NWT Knowledge Agenda rather than a GNWT Agenda and this is the first step in that process.</p> <p>Many community-based programs monitor wildlife populations, country foods and water quality in the NWT. For instance, the NWT Community Based Monitoring Program (CBM) and Transboundary Rivers Monitoring programs were developed and continue to be delivered with Indigenous partners in many</p>

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				<p>program results in plain language; and</p> <p>Web-based tools which highlight where research into GNWT is conducting and supporting research which addresses Knowledge Agenda priorities.</p>	<p>NWT communities. Data management improvements for the CBM are in progress.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee recommends:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: will continue to monitor.</b></p>
ST-23-19-10-G	<b>Bridging the community capacity gap</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> NWT communities are chronically underfunded by 37% and this funding shortfall limits their ability to be resilient in the face of climate change.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Lack of capacity was a recurring concern voiced by participants from every region at the 2018 Climate Change Forum and Charrette. Limited financial and human capacity, and difficulty accessing information, expertise and other resources is hampering progress to adapt to a changing climate.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Collaboration with communities on the development of Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plans will support transparency in priority-setting and accountability for actions.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT allow for the creation of Sustainability Coordinators for every community government in the NWT and adequately resource these positions.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT</b> to create and adequately resource Pathfinder positions at a regional level to mobilize resources and support community and regional climate change adaptation efforts.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT provide funding and support to enable communities to participate in CCSF action plan development.</p>	<b>ENR/MACA</b>	<p>Appropriate capacity is needed to support and sustain the implementation of the 2019-2023 Climate Change Action Plan, both within the GNWT and within Indigenous and community governments.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to actively explore internal and external funding possibilities to address the comprehensive needs of the NWT communities in adapting to climate change.</p> <p>In November 2019, ENR and MACA co-delivered a climate change course through the School of Community Government for Indigenous and community government staff. Participants provided positive feedback on the training and the GNWT intends to deliver the course again in 2020. ENR will review options for course delivery in light of restrictions due to COVID-19.</p> <p>The Community Government Funding Policy provides the authority to Councils to determine their own priorities and MACA has support for strategic planning and budgeting. Communities are encouraged to assess their needs in the areas of climate change and sustainability. MACA also promotes this</p>	<p>In November 2019, ENR and MACA co-delivered a climate change course through the School of Community Government for Indigenous and community government staff. The course can be delivered online or in person. SCG and ENR will collaborate to review and revise the online asynchronous course: Integrating Climate Change Measures into Municipal Planning and Decision Making.</p> <p>As follow-up to the federal budget, ENR is coordinating among GNWT department in order to pursue federal funding opportunities to address climate change. The GNWT recognizes capacity is needed to support and sustain the implementation of the 2019-2023 Climate Change Action Plan, and subsequent action plans, both within the GNWT and within Indigenous and community governments.</p> <p>The GNWT has communicated its climate change funding priorities to the federal government including the need for funding to build community capacity to help NWT communities identify emerging threats, plan for and respond to those threats, and increase resilience. The need for jobs in communities was emphasized,</p>

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				<p>approach through the capital planning process. The NWT has developed a climate change strategy with specific areas that MACA is working with communities on, specifically the areas of emergency management, capacity building and infrastructure planning.</p>	<p>especially in light of the impacts of COVID-19 and a green economic recovery.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to develop and prioritize tools, resources and initiatives that will build capacity to support communities with their climate change adaptation efforts.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</p> <p>The GNWT is aware of the capacity challenges communities face in general, and in relation to climate change. The GNWT is advancing initiatives under the 2030 NWT Climate Change Framework and continues to develop and prioritize tools, resources and initiatives that will build capacity to support communities with their climate change adaptation efforts.</p> <p>The GNWT has recently increased the number of dedicated staff working on climate change. For instance, in 2022, MACA filled the Climate Change Coordinator position and ENR filled the Climate Change Analyst position. The Consideration of potential climate change impacts on communities is increasingly factored into decision making and planning activities, such as development of community plans.</p> <p>These efforts will provide additional support to communities on climate adaptation and will increase GNWT capacity to look for funding opportunities and advocate the federal government for more funding.</p>

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					<p>Efforts to communicate climate change funding priorities to the federal government are ongoing.</p> <p>The NWT Climate Change Council will be used to further guide capacity needs and implementation.</p> <p>GNWT's feedback to the federal government on the upcoming National Adaptation Strategy highlights the need for the federal government "to develop funding programs that are designed for the North with a series of specific recommendations to make funding stable and accessible to communities."</p> <p>MACA continued offering three pre-recorded webinars: Climate Change for Councillors, Mainstreaming Climate Change for Community Planning, and Climate Change, along with the online course "Integrating Climate Change Measures into Municipal Planning and Decision Making"</p> <p>MACA is working with ENR to revise and refresh an existing climate change course. The material will be targeted to different audiences in NWT communities (i.e. Council, senior staff, junior staff).</p> <p>MACA will incorporate Climate Change into workshop and course material where appropriate.</p> <p>\$4.167 million has been added to Community Government Funding since 2020-21 to support the reduction in the funding gap to meet municipal core needs</p> <p>It is anticipated that community governments will put some of this funding towards infrastructure</p>

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					<p>impacted by climate change. The federal Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund for Community governments continues to target community roads and solid waste sites.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee recommends:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: will continue to monitor.</b></p>
ST-23-19-10-H	<b>Emergency management plans</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> This makes the importance of emergency planning and status of emergency plan completion and implementation in communities more critical</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> It is critical that emergency plans incorporate the consideration of climate change forecasting and predicted impacts into planning</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> GNWT allocate adequate funding and support to update emergency management plans to include climate change and provide resources to fully implement plans for every community in a timely and strategic manner.</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>The new territorial <i>Emergency Management Act</i> requires communities to update their emergency plans annually. MACA works with community governments to update plans and to improve their capacity through workshops and table-top-exercises at a community's request. The GNWT's emergency management approach incorporates key considerations associated with climate change.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community governments who are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks by supporting specific mitigation options. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>MACA also continues to support implementation of the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework. Related</p>	<p>The territorial Emergency Management Act requires communities to update their emergency plans annually. MACA supports community governments to update plans and to improve their capacity through workshops and table-top-exercises at a community's request. The GNWT's emergency management approach incorporates key considerations associated with climate change.</p> <p>The GNWT supports community governments who are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks by supporting specific mitigation options.</p> <p>MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>MACA continues to support implementation of the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework. Related activities in the Strategy include, support for improved community participation in research and monitoring</p>

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				<p>activities in the Strategy include, support for improved community participation in research and monitoring initiatives, the completion of hazard mapping for vulnerable communities, increased monitoring of climate change impacts on community shorelines, transportation system assets and building foundations, and improved wildfire suppression planning and adoption of FireSmart principles in communities.</p>	<p>initiatives, the completion of hazard mapping for vulnerable communities, increased monitoring of climate change impacts on community shorelines, transportation system assets and building foundations, and improved wildfire suppression planning and adoption of FireSmart principles in communities.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: RE-AFFIRM: more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</p> <p>The territorial Emergency Management Act requires communities to update their emergency plans annually.</p> <p>In recent years, the Emergency Management Organization (EMO) has had limited capacity to assist community governments to update their community emergency plans. Lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 and 2022 flood seasons have prompted some improvements to the EMO.</p> <p>Historically, MACA's EMO has had limited capacity, with only two dedicated positions located at headquarters in Yellowknife and no dedicated staff in the regional offices.</p> <p>MACA has increased EMO capacity by establishing one Regional Emergency Management Coordinator position in each of its five regional offices.</p> <p>MACA is committed to assisting community governments to update community emergency plans and improve emergency capacity. Supports include:</p>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resumption of community emergency planning workshops which had been on hold given the COVID-19 pandemic and unprecedented flooding in 2021 and 2022. Community governments can reach out to the MACA Regional Office to request a workshop.</li> <li>• Renewed effort to support communities in validating emergency plans via table-top exercises. Community governments can reach out to the MACA Regional Office to request assistance with a tabletop exercise.</li> <li>• Updating the Community Emergency Plan template and Instruction Manual to incorporate a process for a self-directed annual plan update and incorporation of an Essential Services Continuity Plan template.</li> <li>• Currently updating community pandemic planning support materials including the Communicable Disease Plan template.</li> <li>• Continued testing of the NWT public alerting system, development of wildfire and flood alert templates in partnership with communities and use of the system to issue broadcast intrusive alerts.</li> <li>• Continued efforts to seek feedback and identify opportunities for improvements after emergency events.</li> </ul> <p>MACA supports community governments to update plans and to improve their capacity through workshops and table-top-exercises at a community's request. The GNWT's emergency management approach incorporates anticipated impacts of climate change. Where available,</p>

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					<p>MACA shares predictive / forecasting information and tools with community governments.</p> <p>MACA continues to work with the federal government to encourage changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>MACA continues to support implementation of the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework. Related activities in the Strategy include: support for improved community participation in research and monitoring initiatives, the completion of hazard mapping for vulnerable communities, increased monitoring of climate change impacts on community shorelines, transportation system assets and building foundations, and improved wildfire suppression planning and adoption of FireSmart principles in communities.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: Will continue to monitor this issue.</b></p>
ST-23-19-10-I	<b>Adaptation Plans</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the development of Adaptation Plans is a critical element in ensuring the resiliency of communities;</p> <p>AND <b>WHEREAS</b> securing funding to develop and implement Community Adaptation Plans is critical to their completion;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the GNWT identified Supporting Communities both fiscally and from a resource basis as a priority within the Pan-Territorial Adaptation Strategy;</p>	<b>ENR/ MACA</b>	<p>Adaptation planning needs to be part of community planning, emergency plans and operations and maintenance procedures. ENR is working with internal and external partners to develop tools and resources to support community climate change adaptation.</p> <p>One of the key ways the GNWT is supporting communities with adaptation</p>	<p>The GNWT is working to integrate climate change adaptation into community planning, emergency plans, and operations and maintenance procedures to bring adaptation planning into implementation by working with partners to develop tools and resources that support community climate change adaptation.</p> <p>The GNWT has worked with Environment and</p>



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		<p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Federal Government should ensure that adequate funding is available to ensure that Adaptation Plans are completed for all NWT communities including a thorough evaluation of all municipal infrastructure.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT assist communities to complete their Adaptation Planning and Hazard Mapping and Implementation;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT explore opportunities to assist communities through the development of various tools.</p>		<p>planning is by developing community hazard maps. ENR established an advisory team to guide the development of the hazard mapping program and NWTAC is a key participant (see response to resolution 2019-10-C). A hazard mapping pilot project is underway in Tuktoyaktuk. This pilot will inform future hazard mapping in other at-risk communities. Federal funding will continue to be pursued to increase the number of communities conducting hazard mapping.</p> <p>Additionally, ENR, MACA and other partners have assisted communities with adaptation planning, including an NWT-wide infrastructure risk assessment for community and GNWT-owned infrastructure, the creation of a community development guidance document in partnership with NWTAC incorporating climate change considerations, and delivering a climate change mainstreaming course for municipal planning processes.</p> <p>Federal, territorial and other funding will continue to be pursued to support communities to plan for their climate change adaptation needs. The GNWT has also funded NWTAC to develop an advocacy video on community climate change concerns and needs. This video will be used to advocate for funding needed to address climate change in the NWT.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community</p>	<p>Climate Change Canada to develop community climate profiles, which are now available on NWTAC's website.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to support hazard mapping through a Tuktoyaktuk hazard mapping pilot study and is exploring options to prioritize and advance climate change risk assessment(s) at various scales. Risk assessments will help to prioritize risks and strategically focus resources to build resilience and adapt to climate change.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community governments that are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks. Federal, territorial, and other funding will continue to be pursued to support communities to plan for their climate change adaptation needs.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to support community adaptation planning, and integration of climate change considerations into emergency plans, asset management and operations and maintenance procedures. The GNWT works with the NWTAC and communities to develop tools and resources that support community climate change adaptation. As part of this, MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada and Infrastructure Canada by encouraging changes in</p>

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				<p>governments who are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks.</p> <p>MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>MACA led a high-level climate change vulnerability assessment of impacts on public and community infrastructure within the boundaries of the 33 communities of the NWT. Risk maps were provided for every community to illustrate the spatial extent of hazards and the locations of infrastructure at risk, as well as a list of medium/high risks identified, proposed adaptation measures, and recommendations for future work to address identified data gaps. The findings of this assessment will support communities in making informed decisions about their existing and future infrastructure. The report: "Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Infrastructure in all NWT Communities" is available online.</p> <p>The NWT Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA) identifies risks, including climate change driven risk, that pose the greatest threat to the people, property, environment, and economy of the NWT. In 2021-22, work to update HIRA included engagement with communities.</p> <p>The GNWT is supporting climate adaptation in community asset management procedures. Many GNWT departments supported the NWTAC Climate Change and Asset Management conference (November 2022) to ensure that collaboration and linkages between GNWT climate initiatives and community concerns are made on key climate risks.</p> <p>MACA also supports community governments while they plan their infrastructure priorities</p>

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					<p>through the capital planning process, as well as with project implementation and applications for funding. Community governments continued to develop land use plans and strategic plans that consider climate-related risks and priorities, which influence the priorities that are represented on community government capital plans.</p> <p>The GNWT, in collaboration with the NWTAC, is working to enhance the integration of climate change considerations into land-use planning. Development of a Community Land-use Planning Guide is in the early stages of development. The GNWT is also advocating for funding for planning for mitigation and adaptation to the impacts of climate change, including relocation of community assets.</p> <p>The GNWT supports adaptation planning to address climate health impacts. The Climate Change Health and Vulnerability Assessment for the NWT was completed in 2021. The final report is forthcoming and provides a baseline assessment of the current availability of essential health services and provides next steps for assessing the resilience of these services during extreme weather and climate-related events. In addition, the Cleaner Air Sheltering in the NWT report was completed in 2021-22. HSS, in collaboration with MACA, will provide guidance on resources and standards pertaining to indoor air quality.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: Will continue to monitor this issue.</b></p>

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ST-23-19-12	<b>Navigator for energy funding and involvement in funding discussions</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> it is difficult for the Arctic Energy Alliance to acquire data to report on community energy profiles, and some types of reporting is impossible due to formats and other restrictions on the data;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> information on community energy use is a critical part of energy planning and supports efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> energy use data as it is currently received is generalized by company and region/territory;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Department of Finance is an important partner in the collection, interpretation and dissemination of information to support decision-making on energy for the GNWT and all NWT communities and residents;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the GNWT is collecting data for their carbon tax program and to support federal requirements to report on greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT modify the legislation necessary to allow for the collection and sharing of aggregated energy data to enable partners, including the Arctic Energy Alliance and community governments to fully participate in tracking and goal setting with respect to Energy.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT provide clarification on how data will be collected and shared for their carbon tax program and greenhouse gas emissions reporting.</p>	ENR/ INF	<p>The 2030 Energy Strategy, the Energy Action Plan, and the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework were developed through extensive joint public engagements that included regional workshops with residents, communities, businesses, Indigenous governments and other stakeholders across the NWT.</p> <p>GNWT-led projects are primarily prioritized in the 2030 Energy Strategy in terms of cost effectiveness such as greenhouse gas reduced per dollar invested. There are other factors as well, and the GNWT has to balance competing and often shifting factors in its decision making. The GNWT also consider the following factors for GNWT-led projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community and Indigenous government engagement, participation, involvement and approval</li> <li>• Energy security and reliability</li> <li>• Energy affordability</li> <li>• Project complexity and likelihood of success</li> <li>• Stakeholder and community interests and needs</li> </ul> <p>The GNWT will be annually updating its three-year Energy Action Plan based on changing circumstances to transparently inform the public. The GNWT will also report annually on progress to remain accountable. We welcome input from communities about their priorities and what they would like to see in the Energy Action Plan.</p>	<p>The 2030 Energy Strategy, the Energy Action Plan, and the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework were developed through extensive joint public engagements that included regional workshops with residents, communities, businesses, Indigenous governments and other stakeholders across the NWT.</p> <p>GNWT-led projects are primarily prioritized in the 2030 Energy Strategy in terms of cost effectiveness such as greenhouse gas reduced per dollar invested. There are other factors as well, and the GNWT has to balance competing and often shifting factors in its decision making. The GNWT also consider the following factors for GNWT-led projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community and Indigenous government engagement, participation, involvement and approval</li> <li>• Energy security and reliability</li> <li>• Energy affordability</li> <li>• Project complexity and likelihood of success</li> <li>• Stakeholder and community interests and needs</li> </ul> <p>The GNWT will be annually updating its three-year Energy Action Plan based on changing circumstances to transparently inform the public. The GNWT will also report annually on progress to remain accountable. We welcome input from communities about their priorities and what they would like to see in the Energy Action Plan.</p> <p>The GNWT undertakes appropriate community engagement before major energy projects are</p>

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				<p>The GNWT undertakes appropriate community engagement before major energy projects are advanced. GNWT will always attempt to accommodate a community's request to take part in a GNWT or utility led project.</p> <p>If communities wishes to lead their own energy projects, there is a significant amount of funding available through the GNWT's Government GHG Grant Program, the Arctic Energy Alliance community funding, and through the Community Energy Efficiency Upgrades funded under federal Infrastructure programs administered through Municipal and Community Affairs, as well as through federal sources such as Natural Resources Canada and CanNor.</p> <p>The GNWT and the Arctic Energy Alliance currently take an active role in supporting communities in reaching their energy-related goals and objectives. If a community wishes to apply for GNWT and Arctic Energy Alliance funding, the community can ask for support and it will be provided, including advice on which fund would be most appropriate.</p> <p>Should a community wish to apply for federal funding, the GNWT and the AEA are available to provide advice on where to apply and letters of support, as well as some technical support as appropriate for both the application process and for project implementation.</p>	<p>advanced. GNWT will always attempt to accommodate a community's request to take part in a GNWT or utility led project.</p> <p>If communities wishes to lead their own energy projects, there is a significant amount of funding available through the GNWT's Government GHG Grant Program, the Arctic Energy Alliance community funding, and through the Community Energy Efficiency Upgrades funded under federal Infrastructure programs administered through Municipal and Community Affairs, as well as through federal sources such as Natural Resources Canada and CanNor.</p> <p>The GNWT and the Arctic Energy Alliance currently take an active role in supporting communities in reaching their energy-related goals and objectives. If a community wishes to apply for GNWT and Arctic Energy Alliance funding, the community can ask for support and it will be provided, including advice on which fund would be most appropriate.</p> <p>Should a community wish to apply for federal funding, the GNWT and the AEA are available to provide advice on where to apply and letters of support, as well as some technical support as appropriate for both the application process and for project implementation.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and review any changes that impact this resolution.</b></p>

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ST-23-17-05	<b>Shoreline Erosion</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> some communities in the NWT are facing riverbank and soil erosion issues;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> communities are facing huge costs associated with addressing these issues posing significant risks to essential infrastructure, caused by erosion in various forms;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT make it their priority to find funding, in particular with other stakeholders to remediate or mitigate these concerns.</p>	<b>MACA/ ENR</b>	<p>Riverbank and soil erosion are ongoing natural processes that can be accelerated by human activities. Depending on where infrastructure is located, it may be vulnerable to increased erosion in the future by sea level rise, melting permafrost or flooding of river systems due to climate change.</p> <p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) can work with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), and community governments to help identify vulnerable areas and prepare adaptation plans to reduce risks.</p> <p>In the event MACA undertakes work associated with the protection or relocation of infrastructure affected by erosion, ENR could contribute technical input to this process.</p> <p>MACA has re-established its Community Planning Unit, within the new Community Governance Division. Land use planning is one of the most effective processes to facilitate local adaptation to climate change. Land use planning refers to the processes and instruments to manage the use of land and the physical development of a community.</p> <p>Shoreline Erosion issues can and should be taken into consideration when community</p>	<p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) is establishing a partnership with Natural Resources Canada to acquire coastal erosion and sea level rise data to inform hazard mapping and adaptation.</p> <p>Coastal erosion will be included in the Tuktoyaktuk hazard map pilot project, and shoreline erosion will be considered in other community hazard maps as they are developed.</p> <p>Riverbank and soil erosion are ongoing natural processes that can be accelerated by human activities. Depending on where infrastructure is located, it may be vulnerable to increased erosion in the future by sea level rise, melting permafrost or flooding of river systems due to climate change.</p> <p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) can work with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), and community governments to help identify vulnerable areas and prepare adaptation plans to reduce risks. In the event MACA undertakes work associated with the protection or relocation of infrastructure affected by erosion, ENR could contribute technical input to this process.</p> <p>MACA has re-established its Community Planning Unit, within the new Community Governance Division. Land use planning is one of the most effective processes to facilitate local adaptation to climate change. Land use planning refers to the</p>

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				<p>governments update their community land use planning tools, including: community plans, zoning bylaws, development permits, and other development policies that may be used to minimize risks to communities in these areas experiencing erosion, landslides and other natural hazards.</p> <p>As the climate changes, so will the frequency and magnitude of climate- related hazards, posing a challenge for communities and residents on the NWT. For communities susceptible to flooding/erosion, MACA has annually shared information on any funding opportunities related to mitigation programs.</p> <p>MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation. In addition, in a broader planning context, the updating of community plans is gas tax fund eligible within the terms of the 2014-2023 Agreement. MACA also encourages the community to use their annual Capital Planning Process and funding allocations to identify projects that will support the mitigation of shoreline erosion especially where it relates to protecting core community public infrastructure.</p> <p>MACA will continue to ensure that</p>	<p>processes and instruments to manage the use of land and the physical development of a community.</p> <p>Shoreline Erosion issues can and should be taken into consideration when community governments update their community land use planning tools, including: community plans, zoning bylaws, development permits, and other development policies that may be used to minimize risks to communities in these areas experiencing erosion, landslides and other natural hazards.</p> <p>As the climate changes, so will the frequency and magnitude of climate- related hazards, posing a challenge for communities and residents on the NWT.</p> <p>For communities susceptible to flooding/erosion, MACA has annually shared information on any funding opportunities related to mitigation programs. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>In addition, in a broader planning context, the updating of community plans is gas tax fund eligible within the terms of the 2014-2023 Agreement. MACA also encourages the community to use their annual Capital Planning Process and funding allocations to identify</p>



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				<p>community governments are aware of these funding opportunities, as well as new federal funding that may apply, and encourage communities to discuss these matters with the MACA Regional Offices.</p> <p>Ground instability poses major risks to land use and development and reinforces the importance of integrating natural hazard management into land-use development and planning policies, particularly as there are few mitigation measures that can be implemented to address major ground movement events that can happen with little or no warning.</p>	<p>projects that will support the mitigation of shoreline erosion especially where it relates to protecting core community public infrastructure.</p> <p>MACA will continue to ensure that community governments are aware of these funding opportunities, as well as new federal funding that may apply, and encourage communities to discuss these matters with the MACA Regional Offices.</p> <p>Ground instability poses major risks to land use and development and reinforces the importance of integrating natural hazard management into land-use development and planning policies, particularly as there are few mitigation measures that can be implemented to address major ground movement events that can happen with little or no warning.</p> <p>The GNWT will continue to work closely with community governments to address climate change impacts.</p> <p>Hazard mapping work being conducted by the GNWT in strong collaboration with communities on flood and permafrost thaw will contribute to advance this resolution.</p> <p>Coastal erosion models continue to be developed (and improved) using high-resolution satellite imagery, providing a baseline understanding of landscape changes taking place in the vicinity of archaeological sites and promoting an informed</p>



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					<p>approach to site monitoring efforts. NRCan is doing this work.</p> <p>Several new coastal erosion risk assessments have been completed using the Long-Term Change Detection (LTCd) product and high-resolution satellite imagery. Furthermore, work is now underway to conduct a quantitative comparison of the LTCd results alongside historical models of shoreline change developed by the Cultural Places Program, to verify the utility of LTCd data in detecting coastal erosion at known archaeological sites.</p> <p>NWT EMO supports communities who require assistance in updating and reviewing their plans annually by providing a Community Emergency Planning Template and offering Community Emergency Planning Workshops. The EMO's Community Emergency Planning Template incorporates a method for communities to identify and rank hazards including climate change related hazards (e.g. floods, blizzards, wildland fires, permafrost thaw, coastal erosion).</p> <p>The GNWT is taking action by updating the Hazard Identification Risk Assessment and supporting hazard mapping in land use plans and community plans.</p> <p>The GNWT has also completed high-level reports for community infrastructure risk assessments and will support communities to develop sustainability and mitigation plans for their infrastructure most at risk.</p> <p>The GNWT is advocating for funding for planning for mitigation and adaptation to the impacts of climate change, including relocation of</p>

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					<p>community assets. As a part of this, MACA will continue to ensure that community governments are aware of these funding opportunities, as well as new federal funding that may apply, and encourage communities to discuss these matters with the MACA Regional Offices.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to work on this resolution. Climate change is a priority of the NWTAC.</b></p>
ST-23-17-12	<b>UNDRIP as a guide for NWT</b>	<p>WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples (UNDRIP) was passed by the United Nations general assembly on September 13,2017, and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Canadian government and the legislative assembly of the NWT also passed and endorsed the declaration that supports all indigenous Peoples, and</p> <p>WHEREAS lands, resources and community governments in the NWT are directly affected by self-government negotiations and agreements, and</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities hereby fully endorses and supports the UNDRIP as a guide in the negotiations with the indigenous peoples of the NWT</p>	<b>EIA</b>	No response.	<p>As described in the GNWT’s 2019-2023 Mandate, the GNWT is committed to further identifying, prioritizing and strengthening keys actions to further implement UNDRIP work with Indigenous governments, including creating and implementing an action plan that identifies changes required in GNWT legislation and policies to best reflect the principles set out in UNDRIP. The GNWT is anticipating developing a Terms of Reference (TOR) for a Working Group with Indigenous governments in 2020.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b></p>

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ST-23-17-25	<b>Decentralization of Jobs and Services</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS:</b> as long as the GNWT has a policy to support decentralization of government Services and positions; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Communities rely on economic decentralization to support their local economies,</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT put greater emphasis on ensuring that GNWT positions are equitably distributed throughout the NWT Communities.</p>	<b>EIA</b>	<p>The GNWT continues to reallocate positions to communities and looks to establish new positions in regional centers and other communities whenever it is appropriate to do so. Where it makes economic sense or the reallocation of a position can be justified in order to meet new service delivery requirements the GNWT will follow through with this commitment.</p> <p>An example of this process in action has been the establishment of 23 Government Service Officer positions at the community level in the NWT over the past several years.</p> <p>In 2016 the GNWT also introduced the Regional Recruitment Program, a training and development initiative that creates employment opportunities for potential employees by linking vacant regional positions with relevant on-the-job work experience.</p>	<p>The GNWT continues to reallocate positions to communities and looks to establish new positions in regional centers and other communities whenever it is appropriate to do so. Where it makes economic sense or the reallocation of a position can be justified in order to meet new service delivery requirements, the GNWT will follow through with this commitment.</p> <p>An example of this process in action has been the establishment of 23 Government Service Officer positions at the community level in the NWT over the past several years. In 2016 the GNWT also introduced the Regional Recruitment Program, a training and development initiative that creates employment opportunities for potential employees by linking vacant regional positions with relevant on-the-job work experience.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b></p>
ST-23-09-08	<b>Plumbing Inspections</b>	<p>WHEREAS the GNWT provides for licensing, regulation and inspection services for gas and electrical installations, for the purpose of public safety and assurance of quality services; and,</p> <p>WHEREAS licensing, regulation and inspection services are not provided by the GNWT for the installation of plumbing services and fixtures; and,</p> <p>WHEREAS the lack of licensing, regulation and inspection services for plumbing is resulting in unnecessary maintenance and repair expenses for homeowners and</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>The Government of the Northwest Territories does not have any legislation that could be used to regulate plumbing services. Municipal legislation provides municipal governments with the authority to pass bylaws to adopt in whole or in part, a code such as the National Plumbing Code or standard made or recommended by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada or a province.</p> <p>The City of Yellowknife, for example, requires plumbers and plumbing companies to get a</p>	<p>The Government of the Northwest Territories does not have any legislation that could be used to regulate plumbing services. Municipal legislation provides municipal governments with the authority to pass bylaws to adopt in whole or in part, a code such as the National Plumbing Code or standard made or recommended by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada or a province.</p> <p>The City of Yellowknife, for example, requires plumbers and plumbing companies to get a</p>

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		<p>others due to shoddy and substandard plumbing works; and,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NWT Association of Communities urges the GNWT to immediately implement a licensing, regulation and inspection service for all new plumbing installations to a minimum standard of the National Plumbing Code of Canada, and that such services be provided to all NWT Communities by the GNWT, where appropriate.</p>		<p>Mechanical Permit when undertaking plumbing work within their municipal boundaries. When applying for the permit, the contractor has to provide sufficient information that the work will conform to Yellowknife's by-laws, the National Building Code and the National Plumbing Code. Inspections are also required by the permit. Municipal governments, therefore, have all the legal authority they require to regulate plumbing work and they can do it by passing a by-law.</p>	<p>Mechanical Permit when undertaking plumbing work within their municipal boundaries. When applying for the permit, the contractor has to provide sufficient information that the work will conform to Yellowknife's by-laws, the National Building Code and the National Plumbing Code. Inspections are also required by the permit. Municipal governments, therefore, have all the legal authority they require to regulate plumbing work and they can do it by passing a by-law.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b></p>
ST-23-01-07	<b>Permanent Stationary Placement of a Community Registered Nurse</b>	<p>WHEREAS remote communities in the Northwest Territories are experiencing the deepest impact from the national nurses shortage, often leaving the community with no experienced health care provider; and</p> <p>WHEREAS remote communities in the Northwest Territories already experience health standards far below the national average, the impact of the nurse's shortage has dramatically effected the overall situation in these communities.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Health &amp; Social Services and other relevant governmental bodies to assist in ensuring permanent stationary placement of a community Registered Nurse in all northern communities within the Northwest Territories.</p>	HSS	<p>Several challenges arise when striving to provide healthcare services in small communities and these challenges are not unique to the Northwest Territories. In many of small, more remote NWT communities, there is concern not only with access to routine care, but particularly with the capacity to respond to a medical emergency when such an event occurs. Programs such as Med Response facilitate immediate, around-the-clock access to physician support and emergency services, including medevac services. Through referral processes and medical travel services, all residents of the NWT have access to specialist and allied health services in the larger regional centres.</p> <p>Healthcare is provided to residents in communities without a permanent nurse</p>	<p>Several challenges arise when striving to provide healthcare services in small communities and these challenges are not unique to the Northwest Territories. In many of small, more remote NWT communities, there is concern not only with access to routine care, but particularly with the capacity to respond to a medical emergency when such an event occurs. Programs such as Med Response facilitate immediate, around-the-clock access to physician support and emergency services, including medevac services. Through referral processes and medical travel services, all residents of the NWT have access to specialist and allied health services in the larger regional centres.</p> <p>Healthcare is provided to residents in communities without a permanent nurse through nurse visits and also by the Community Health</p>

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				<p>through nurse visits and also by the Community Health Representative, Community Health Worker and/or a Community Support Worker who reside in the community.</p> <p>There are additional initiatives to balance scopes of practice for healthcare providers in small communities. One such initiative is the Tsiigehtchic emergency services pilot project, which was organized in response to residents' requests for full-time nursing staff. The Department, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA), members of the Beaufort Delta Region, and Tsiigehtchic leaders are have been working together to explore an approach to emergency health care in Tsiigehtchic that is uniquely suited to Tsiigehtchic. The goal is to develop a new approach to emergency care that is tailored to meet community needs for care and emergency services in communities without resident nurses. The proposed approach incorporates first responder education for community members. The Community Based Emergency Care (CBEC) project has been piloted in Tsiigehtchic to help the community better respond to emergency situations.</p> <p>Phase one of the CBEC project in Tsiigehtchic was completed on June 30, 2017, The working group members include the Department of Health and Social Services (Department), the NTHSSA, the Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic, the Gwichya Gwich'in Council, and Tsiigehtchic community members.</p> <p>The second phase of the project commenced in mid-October, 2018 and was completed at the</p>	<p>Representative, Community Health Worker and/or a Community Support Worker who reside in the community.</p> <p>There are additional initiatives to balance scopes of practice for healthcare providers in small communities. One such initiative is the Tsiigehtchic emergency services pilot project, which was organized in response to residents' requests for full-time nursing staff. The Department, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA), members of the Beaufort Delta Region, and Tsiigehtchic leaders are have been working together to explore an approach to emergency health care in Tsiigehtchic that is uniquely suited to Tsiigehtchic. The goal is to develop a new approach to emergency care that is tailored to meet community needs for care and emergency services in communities without resident nurses. The proposed approach incorporates first responder education for community members. The Community Based Emergency Care (CBEC) project has been piloted in Tsiigehtchic to help the community better respond to emergency situations.</p> <p>Phase one of the CBEC project in Tsiigehtchic was completed on June 30, 2017, The working group members include the Department of Health and Social Services (Department), the NTHSSA, the Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic, the Gwichya Gwich'in Council, and Tsiigehtchic community members.</p> <p>The second phase of the project commenced in mid-October, 2018 and was completed at the end</p>

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				<p>end of March 2019. This phase of the project focused on capacity-building and planning.</p> <p>The Community Based Emergency Care training was delivered during the week of February 25th, 2019, 16 community members attended the training. Upon completion of the course participants received a custom Community Based Emergency Care certificate as well as a certificate in First Aid from the Canadian Red Cross.</p> <p>Target populations identified to participate in the training were members of the Rangers, municipal workers, councilors, and other community members. The community Working Group members worked within their community to identify course participants. The SAO coordinated registration for the course.</p> <p>From the program evaluation the participants expressed a high level of satisfaction with the course and felt it was quite valuable.</p> <p>The Department is anticipating a final program report that will contain the program curriculum, course evaluation and recommendations for future offerings.</p>	<p>of March 2019. This phase of the project focused on capacity-building and planning.</p> <p>The Community Based Emergency Care training was delivered during the week of February 25th, 2019, 16 community members attended the training. Upon completion of the course participants received a custom Community Based Emergency Care certificate as well as a certificate in First Aid from the Canadian Red Cross.</p> <p>Target populations identified to participate in the training were members of the Rangers, municipal workers, councilors, and other community members. The community Working Group members worked within their community to identify course participants. The SAO coordinated registration for the course.</p> <p>From the program evaluation the participants expressed a high level of satisfaction with the course and felt it was quite valuable.</p> <p>The Department is anticipating a final program report that will contain the program curriculum, course evaluation and recommendations for future offerings.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b></p>

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ST-23-01-11	<b>Permanent Placement of a Community RCMP Officer</b>	<p>WHEREAS several remote municipalities have not had a permanent stationary police officer to effectively, monitor and enforce laws and various legislation; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the absences of proper police protection can sometimes put un-due stress on community residents.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Justice, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other relevant government bodies within all levels of government for a permanent Police Officer in all remote communities within the NWT.</p>	DOJ	<p>The Department of Justice continues to be committed to working in partnership with the RCMP and community residents on policing services and local justice programming to enhance safety in communities. As a government, we are committed to ensuring each person has access to policing services, regardless of where they live. Although some of our smaller communities may not have permanent RCMP detachments, they receive policing services through regular patrols from adjacent communities, or by having members dedicated to the community who may spend several days per week in that community.</p>	<p>The Department of Justice continues to work with the RCMP and communities to provide policing services and local justice programming to each community in the NWT. The Department of Justice has been able to secure funding under the First Nations Policing Program to create 5 new RCMP positions across the NWT. These positions will not be physically located in small communities but will be posted to hub locations that will serve outlying communities. The RCMP remains committed to a strategic approach to patrolling small communities that promotes community safety and health.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b></p>
ST-23-98-12	<b>Limiting the Time Available to the Territorial Assessment Appeal Tribunal to Reach a Decision</b>	<p>WHEREAS the current provisions of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act provide for the establishment of a Territorial Assessment Appeal Tribunal; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Tribunal has historically experienced some delays in hearing appeals on property assessments, thereby causing some delays in concluding taxation claims against properties subject to appeals; and</p> <p>WHEREAS this uncertainty has continued in some instances for more than one year because of delays in hearing appeals.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NWTAC petition the GNWT to amend the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> such that the Tribunal be granted a period of no more than</p>	MACA	<p>A legislative review of the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> has not been identified as a priority during the 18th Legislative Assembly and has not been put on MACA's list of legislative priorities.</p> <p>Due in part to capacity, but also due to the number of Acts that MACA administers, it has become necessary for MACA to prioritize its legislative initiatives. During this year's NWT Association of Communities AGM, MACA did facilitate an interactive session with delegates to begin to gather input on legislation issues impacting community governments. This is the beginning of an engagement process that will</p>	<p>Due in part to capacity, but also due to the number of Acts that MACA administers, it has become necessary for MACA to prioritize its legislative initiatives. The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p>

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		six months from the time of the deadline of appeals during which it must rule on said appeals.		<p>contribute to establishing legislative priorities for the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>MACA is aware that the NWT Association of Communities has passed as many as eight (8) resolutions that may impact the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. This is important feedback that will be considered, not only as we set priorities, but also once we begin the legislative review process.</p>	<p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public.</p> <p>MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>MACA is aware that the NWT Association of Communities has historically passed as many as eight resolutions with considerations that may impact the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>.</p> <p>This is important feedback that will be considered, not only as we set priorities, but also once we begin the legislative review process.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b></p>



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DL-23-20-05	<b>Day Homes in Social Housing</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> There is a shortage or absence of daycares and day homes within all NWT communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> This shortage of childcare is an impediment to many participating in the economy;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> This shortage of childcare is an impediment to recruitment and retention of staff in the communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> The provision of day home services is a complimentary activity for those who cannot work for various reasons including the provision of childcare for their own children;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> The hosting of day homes is currently not permitted in public housing;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the NWT Housing Corporation revise their policies to permit the hosting of day homes within their units while still ensuring that they meet all other regulatory requirements.</p>	<b>ECE / Housing NWT</b>	<p>The Mandate for the GNWT for 2019-2023, identified the goal of increasing seasonal, part-time, and fulltime employment in small communities by amending the NWT Housing Corporation policies to allow appropriate home business opportunities within their units.</p> <p>Additionally, the Mandate also includes increasing availability and reducing the costs of childcare in communities by amending income assistance and housing programs to allow for the delivery of licensed childcare programs.</p> <p>With limited options for child-care in small communities, there has been an interest in changing those policies to allow Public Housing tenants to operate a Day-home business in their units. Allowing the operation of private businesses in Public Housing may be construed as subsidizing the operating costs of business operators, providing them an unfair advantage over competitors.</p>	<p>Increasing access to early childhood programs in the NWT is a priority for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE).</p> <p>As part of the Mandate of the 19th Legislative Assembly, ECE will review and amend existing policies and funding models for early childhood programs.</p> <p>Funding and resources available for early learning and childcare programs aim to support efforts to improve educational outcomes for all NWT children. ECE supports licensed early learning and childcare programs, including centre-based child day care facilities and family day homes, with funding that includes both grants and contribution agreements.</p> <p>Funding provided to early learning and childcare programs supports the development of early learning and childcare opportunities in NWT communities.</p> <p>In 2019-2020, funding streams available to licensed early learning and child care programs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Program Operating Subsidy;</li> <li>• New Child Care Spaces funding;</li> <li>• Health and Safety funding;</li> <li>• Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation funding;</li> <li>• Provider Enhancement Grant;</li> <li>• Technology Grant; and,</li> </ul>	<p>Housing NWT and Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) continue to work collaboratively, to support the achievement of the 19th Legislative Assembly's Mandate to amend housing programs, to allow for the delivery of licensed early learning and childcare programs.</p> <p>This work has included an evaluation of policies and procedures to see what options are available and is supported by a more comprehensive program and policy review, as part of Housing NWT's strategic renewal. Access to licensed early learning and child care can support families in participating in education and employment opportunities that otherwise may be challenging to pursue.</p> <p>In small communities, licensed family day homes can provide sustainable access to early learning and child care programming while supporting early childhood development.</p> <p>ECE is working closely with Housing NWT on the development of a pilot program that is anticipated to support family dayhomes to be run out of Public Housing units in small communities. More details concerning the delivery of day homes in social housing will be provided when available.</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Resource Grant.</li> </ul> <p>Additional resources and professional development opportunities are provided to licensed early learning and childcare programs</p> <p>and early childhood educators who work in these programs. The GNWT is exploring ways to further support this sector.</p> <p>ECE has allocated \$8.9 million in the 2020-2021 Main Estimates for Early Learning and Child Care. This includes \$1.7 million for Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation. The Canada-NWT Early Learning and Child Care Bilateral Agreement provides approximately \$2.5 million in federal funding for a total investment of \$11.4 million in 2020-2021.</p> <p>With limited options for child-care in small communities, there has been an interest in changing those policies to allow Public Housing tenants to operate a Day-home business in their units. Allowing the operation of private businesses in Public Housing may be construed as subsidizing the operating costs of business operators, providing them an unfair advantage over competitors.</p> <p>Currently, through its lease agreement, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC) does not allow Public Housing tenants to operate For-Profit businesses in their Public Housing</p>	<p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: DELETE</b></p> <p><b>Completed design and implementation for pilot project to allow for day homes in Public Housing in Particular communities.</b></p>
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					<p>Units, except for the making of traditional arts and crafts.</p> <p>As with all family day homes, the residence must meet ECE’s licensing requirements. ECE has up to \$10K in Health and Safety funding to address renovations and/or retrofits required compliance with the legislation. ECE requires operators to have business liability insurance.</p> <p>The NWT HC and ECE are exploring options around operating licensed early learning and child care programs in Public Housing units. The NWT HC is willing to review Public Housing policies and procedures to see what options are available.</p> <p>The Mandate for the GNWT for 2019-2023, identified the goal of increasing seasonal, part-time, and fulltime employment in small communities by amending the NWT Housing Corporation policies to allow appropriate home business opportunities within their units.</p>	
DL-23-20-12	<b>Reinstate the Public Boards of Aurora College &amp; the NWT Power Corporation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> The Government of the Northwest Territories in all its services, organizations and corporations exist to serve the needs and directions of the residents of the Northwest Territories; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> engaged public boards of governance are an essential component of a healthy democracy and representative of a Government that is interested in listening, and acting in the best interests of its residents,</p>	<b>ECE/ EIA</b>	The GNWT committed to transform Aurora College into a polytechnic university. This will require changes to the Aurora College governance system to ensure it is effective, efficient, sustainable, and operating with the appropriate level of autonomy from the GNWT. New legislation will be introduced to allow the new board to lead Aurora College at arm’s length and then to	<p><b>EIA</b></p> <p>The NTPC Board continues to function, as public officials have been appointed to replace previous Board members. This permits the NTPC Board to function as required, provides the NTPC with guidance that is aligned with the priorities of the NWT, and ensures that the NTPC Board reports to the Minister.</p> <p>Further, the current appointments are an interim measure that allows the</p>	<p>The GNWT expects a decision regarding the NTPC governance structure in early 2023.</p> <p>The GNWT committed to transform Aurora College into a polytechnic university. This required changes to the Aurora College governance system to ensure it is effective, efficient, sustainable, and operating with the appropriate level of autonomy from the GNWT. New legislation was introduced</p>

		<p>by following the directions and feedback of its public; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> The Members of the 17th &amp; 18th Assembly of The Government of the Northwest Territories Dissolved the public boards of Aurora College, The NWT Power Corporation, all Community based Health and Social services Authorities Boards; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Effective boards are those that are empowered with independence and made up of members with equity involvement in the successful operation of services.</p> <p>One that can act with respect, and trust to the issues they face, but speak with candor and honesty as required;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> the NWTAC asks the Government of the Northwest Territories to immediately re-instate the public boards of The Northwest Territories Power Corporation and Aurora College.</p>		<p>run a degree-granting polytechnic university at arm’s length.</p> <p>An implementation plan describing major transformation activities, including timelines around the reinstatement of an Aurora College Board of Governors will be released later this fall. The GNWT has engaged with Indigenous government partners, key stakeholders and the public about a proposed governance model to inform the development of proposed amendments to the Aurora College Act that will in turn allow for the reinstatement of Board Governance at Aurora College at the right time in the transformation process.</p> <p>The re-instatement of public boards for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) and Aurora College is the long-term goal of the GNWT. It cannot be rushed and there is careful planning that is required. For NTPC, consideration is being given to options for the governance of the NTPC, including the timing of a new or reconstituted board.</p> <p>The transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university is critical step for the evolution of post-secondary education in the NWT. The success of that system is dependent on the new polytechnic university being effective and</p>	<p>NTPC to function with greater accountability to its shareholder, the GNWT, while solutions to NTPC governance challenges are examined.</p> <p>Consideration of a new governance structure is required to ensure the effective operation of the NTPC Board – a body for which the Government of the Northwest Territories is accountable to residents of the NWT.</p> <p><b>ECE</b></p> <p>The Aurora College Transformation Implementation Plan released in October 2020 provides a timeline for transformation milestones, including amendments to the <i>Aurora College Act</i> in October 2021 and the re-establishment of the Board of Governors in September 2022.</p> <p>The GNWT has engaged with Indigenous governments, key stakeholders and the public on a governance model which will inform proposed amendments to the <i>Aurora College Act</i>. Amendments will support the re-establishment of the Aurora College Board of Governors and development of an effective, efficient and sustainable institution.</p>	<p>to allow the new board to lead Aurora College at arm’s length and then to run a degree-granting polytechnic university at arm’s length.</p> <p>Applications for Board members closed in October 2022.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE Aurora Board is established.</b></p>
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				sustainable. This means that the governance of the new polytechnic must be properly planned and implemented.		
DL-23-20-18	<b>Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms and Costs in the NWT</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Provincial and Territorial Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation Project (CAPE) is a rigorous assessment of the extent to which evidence-based alcohol policies have been implemented in all 13 jurisdictions in Canada.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> a comprehensive alcohol policy framework was developed, containing gold standard best practices across 11 different policy domains.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the types of alcohol policies being evaluated at the provincial and territorial level include those with direct evidence of effectiveness as a means of reducing population level consumption of alcohol and/or related harms such as: pricing and taxation; physical availability of alcohol; impaired driving countermeasures; marketing and advertising controls; minimum legal drinking age laws; screening, brief intervention and referral programs; and liquor law enforcement.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> they also assess evidence-based strategies that more indirectly facilitate implementation of the direct policies mentioned above. These strategies include: control systems for the distribution and sale of alcohol; provincial and territorial alcohol strategies; monitoring and reporting of alcohol related harms; and health and safety messaging.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the NWT scored 33% in 2017 in regards to implementing gold standard best</p>	<b>HSS</b>	<p>In January 2020, the Territorial Committee on Problematic Substance Use was formed. The mandate of this committee is to develop a comprehensive response to the ongoing issues related to problematic substance use including a deliverable of a whole-of-government Alcohol Strategy. A whole-of-government approach addresses areas of responsibility held by the other GNWT departments.</p> <p>The Committee held a full-day workshop in March, to set the direction of an agreed upon approach towards the development of an alcohol strategy specific to the needs of NWT residents.</p> <p>Next steps will be to use findings and feedback from the workshop to inform community engagement plans. This phase will occur in 2020. Once community feedback is collected, a preliminary draft alcohol strategy can be developed.</p>	<p>Community and stakeholder engagement on the development of a territorial alcohol strategy is ongoing, with the intent to have a preliminary draft ready for circulation in November 2021.</p> <p>Initial work on a territorial alcohol strategy, in partnership with the Liquor Legislation Review project, has shown the need for community-level development of alcohol strategies, which may be expanded based on community needs to address other forms of substance use or behavioural disorders. Engagement with communities towards this goal began in 2021.</p>	<p>The NWT Alcohol Strategy final report has been completed and will be publicly posted early January 2023.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE: Alcohol Strategy has been completed.</b></p>

		<p>practices to reduce alcohol related harm, which is 12% below the average of 45% for the rest of Canada.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> as identified in the GNWT’s Mental Health and Addictions Strategic Framework, alcohol and drug use is very costly to our system. Between 2008/09 and 2010/11, on an annual average basis, 429 NWT patients were hospitalized 615 times with one or more alcohol or drug related issues, resulting in 3,250 bed days at an estimated cost of \$7.5 million to the territorial health system.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b>, the Government of the Northwest Territories develop an alcohol strategy with evidence-based gold standard best practices to address alcohol related harm in the Northwest Territories.</p>				
DL-23-19-05	<b>Post-Secondary Education Transformation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> transformation of post-secondary education is essential to advancing and supporting the economic social and workforce development in the Northwest Territories;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories undertook a review of Aurora College to ensure NWT residents have access to high quality postsecondary education in the NWT;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Aurora College Foundational Review Report contained 67 recommendations, including transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories issued a response to the Aurora College Foundational Review Report and accepted the recommendation to</p>	<b>ECE</b>	<p>The GNWT has committed that all Aurora College programs will be reviewed, with the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education as the priorities. A new Academic Program Review Framework based on best practices in program review, and which meets the standards required to establish degree programs, has been implemented.</p> <p>The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs are being reviewed through this new process. Both reviews are expected to be complete in 2021.</p> <p>Future program decisions and the development of new or revised</p>	<p>The GNWT has committed that all Aurora College degree and diploma programs will be reviewed, with the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education as the priorities.</p> <p>A new Academic Program Review Framework based on best practices in program review, and which meets the standards required to establish degree programs, has been implemented.</p> <p>The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs are being reviewed through this new process, which includes external reviewers from other recognized post- secondary institutions. Both reviews are expected</p>	<p><u>Aurora College Transformation</u></p> <p>A new Academic Program Review Framework has been implemented by Aurora College. This Framework is based on best practices in program review and meets the standards required to establish degree programs.</p> <p>Future program decisions and the development of new or revised curricula are being informed by the results of the reviews. It is likely new and/or revised programming will be available starting in the 2024-2025 academic year with the initiation of a first-year general studies program.</p> <p><u>Post-Secondary Education Governance</u></p>

		<p>transform Aurora College into a polytechnic university;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university is an investment in the knowledge economy that will ensure both research investment and knowledge remain in the NWT;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Government of the Northwest Territories take immediate steps to work with key partners, including municipalities, to create a successful vision for post-secondary education in the territory.</p>		<p>curricula will be informed by the results of the reviews.</p>	<p>to be complete in 2021.</p> <p>Future program decisions and the development of new or revised curricula will be informed by the results of the reviews.</p>	<p><u>and Quality Assurance</u></p> <p>The new <i>Post-Secondary Education Act</i> will come into force by the end of the 2022 calendar year. The Act establishes processes for accreditation and quality assurance, resulting in consumer protection and connection to labour market needs. ECE is working with NWT post-secondary to support them in becoming compliant with the new legislation.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE</b></p>
DL-23-19-07	<b>Aurora College Transition to Polytechnic University</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> The Aurora College Foundational review recommended keep programs</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT vowed not to cut funding but has not allowed intake into the programs</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT Aurora College Response accept the recommendation that the VP Education and Training to conduct a program review for both the Social Worker Diploma as well as the Bachelor of Education as a matter of priority to determine whether the programming: is of sufficient quality to continue, continue with major improvements required, or needs to be suspended/eliminated</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> intake for the Bachelor of Education Program and for the Social Work</p>	<b>ECE</b>	<p>The GNWT has committed that all Aurora College programs will be reviewed, with the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education as the priorities. A new Academic Program Review Framework based on best practices in program review, and which meets the standards required to establish degree programs, has been implemented.</p> <p>The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs are being reviewed through this new process. Both reviews are expected to be complete in 2021. Future program decisions and the development of new or revised</p>	<p>The GNWT has committed that all Aurora College degree and diploma programs will be reviewed, with the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education as the priorities.</p> <p>A new Academic Program Review Framework based on best practices in program review, and which meets the standards required to establish degree programs, has been implemented.</p> <p>The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs are being reviewed through this new process. Both reviews are expected to be complete in 2021.</p>	<p><u>Aurora College Transformation</u></p> <p>A new Academic Program Review Framework has been implemented by Aurora College. This Framework is based on best practices in program review and meets the standards required to establish degree programs.</p> <p>The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs were reviewed through this new process, which includes external reviewers from other recognized post-secondary institutions. Both reviews are now completed.</p> <p>Future program decisions and the development of new or revised curricula are being informed by the results of the reviews. It is likely new</p>



		<p>Diploma program has been suspended since 2017</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT continue to fund Aurora College to continue running the Bachelor of Education program and the Social Work program</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that staff be retained to assist with the review of the Bachelor of Education Program and with the Social Work Diploma program to ensure enrolment can continue without a complete shutdown of the programs</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT continue to prioritize the current programming of courses is its consultation with communities and government leaders to ensure all programs can start to work for the students of the NWT as soon as possible.</p>		<p>curricula will be informed by the results of the reviews.</p>	<p>Future program decisions and the development of new or revised curricula will be informed by the results of the reviews.</p>	<p>and/or revised programming will be available starting in the 2024-2025 academic year with the initiation of a first-year general studies program.</p> <p><u>Post-Secondary Education Governance and Quality Assurance</u></p> <p>The new <i>Post-Secondary Education Act</i> will come into force by the end of the 2022 calendar year. The Act establishes processes for accreditation and quality assurance, resulting in consumer protection and connection to labour market needs. ECE is working with Aurora College to support them in becoming compliant with the new legislation.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE</b></p>
DL-23-18-11	<b>Fire Prevention Act</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City has recently approved a Planning &amp; Development Operational Review;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Operational Review recommends that the City should work towards delegated authority from the GNWT for fire safety reviews as a means of improving coordination and overall customer services;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT is currently reviewing the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> to update the legislation;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT consult with communities when reviewing the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> to ensure that support to community government permitting and</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>The review of the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> is included in the 19th Legislative Assembly Mandate.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need for further engagement and research to determine the amendments to be included in the Bill and Regulations.</p> <p>A specific area of interest is the Office of the Fire Marshal's plan review function, which serves to verify that construction plans and specifications comply with the adopted codes and standards.</p>	<p>The review of the Fire Prevention Act is underway and ongoing.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need for further engagement and research to determine the amendments to be included in the Bill and Regulations.</p> <p>A specific area of interest is the Office of the Fire Marshal's plan review function, which serves to verify that construction plans and specifications comply with the adopted codes and standards.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need to engage further with GNWT</p>	<p>Bill 67: <i>An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act</i> was introduced and received First and Second Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 67 will receive Third Reading in the Winter sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly (February/March 2023).</p> <p>MACA intends to further engage with specific industry stakeholder organizations on the Office of the Fire Marshal's Plan Review Appeal Board, particularly with respect to composition and appointment processes, that will</p>

		<p>review processes be prioritized to ensure that this function does not block development or cause undue delays and that the GNWT either</p> <p>1. Transfer the authority and resources to community governments to undertake the responsibilities as outlined in the Act or,</p> <p>2. That additional dedicated resources be provided to the Office of Fire Marshal to ensure community governments are provided with effective and consistent service.</p>		<p>MACA has identified the need to engage further with GNWT departments, community governments and professional associations to determine a legislative approach for harmonized regulatory authority that is suitable for the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>This scope of work will consider other related inspection, permitting and code compliance activities administered by municipal authorities and GNWT departments, with a view to encourage an integrated approach to code compliance in the NWT.</p>	<p>departments, community governments and professional associations to determine a legislative approach for harmonized regulatory authority that is suitable for the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>This scope of work will consider other related inspection, permitting and code compliance activities administered by municipal authorities and GNWT departments, with a view to encourage an integrated approach to code compliance in the NWT.</p>	<p>occur in the course of developing regulations.</p> <p>The Office of the Fire Marshal's Regional Assistant Fire Marshals have been reviewing and updating their Fire Safety Inspection priorities to ensure high-profile facilities are receiving inspections.</p> <p>MACA is committed to working with key stakeholders, such as the City of Yellowknife, in developing systems to coordinate resources and priorities.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE Act completed.</b></p>
DL-23-17-03	<b>Fiscal Year Resolution</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> The NWT Cities Towns and Villages Act requires the fiscal year to be the calendar year; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the NWT Charter Communities Act and the Hamlets Act require a fiscal year ending March 31, except in the case of a Municipal Taxing Authority; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> all Communities rely on funding from other orders of government whose fiscal year ends on March 31; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> it may be in the better interest of each community in the NWT to select a fiscal year end which meets its need;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> That the NWTAC urges the GNWT to enact legislative changes that would give all municipalities the option of</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>During the term of the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, Municipal and Community Affairs successfully brought forward amendments to more legislation than any other previous term of the government.</p> <p>In 2018 MACA engaged with members of the NWT Association of Communities, and the Local Government Administrators of the NWT on potential future legislative priorities. While these efforts did not identify clear priorities for future amendments to legislation, MACA is interested in pursuing legislative amendments that will address the largest issues facing community governments.</p>	<p>MACA recognizes that there are a number of good reasons why the GNWT may want to consider the legislative changes required to allow all municipalities the option of choosing the same fiscal year (matching the calendar year or a fiscal year that ends on March 31, or some other option).</p> <p>Such a change may require additional or new amendments to six pieces of territorial legislation including the <i>Cities, Towns and Villages Act</i>, the <i>Charter Communities Act</i>, the <i>Hamlets Act</i>, the <i>Tłı̄chq Community Government Act</i>, the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> and the <i>Local Authorities Election Act</i>. These amendments would represent a significant undertaking and given the current legislative priorities of the</p>	

		<p>choosing a fiscal year that matches the calendar year or a fiscal year that ends on March 31; and</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> That this legislative change be identified as a priority for the 18th Legislative Assembly.</p>		<p>MACA encourages the NWTAC to engage with their members, so identify and prioritize legislative amendments in order to inform the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly who will establish the mandate of the next government.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative initiative is the full engagement with community governments at a pace at which they can provide meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.</p>	<p>department for the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly, this work will need to be reviewed at a later time.</p> <p>MACA has identified three large pieces of legislation to prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are, in order of anticipated priority: the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>, the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>, and the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i>.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative initiative is the full engagement with community governments at a pace at which they can provide meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE resolution has reach its life cycle.</b></p>	
DL-23-14-03	<b>Hazardous Waste Materials in Municipal Land Fills</b>	<p>WHEREAS the hazardous waste stockpiled in the Norman Wells and the Fort Good Hope municipal solid waste facilities are legacy waste deposited over several decades;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the stockpiled hazardous waste is evidently from a number of institutional, commercial and industrial sources including federal and territorial government departments and corporations in addition to municipal sources;</p>	<b>ENR / MACA</b>	<p>Managing the stockpiles of hazardous waste in municipal solid waste facilities is a share responsibility of all three levels of government; federal, territorial and municipal. For its part, the GNWT recognizes the importance of addressing historic stockpiles of hazardous waste in NWT communities, and this has been a key consideration in the development of a Waste Resource Management</p>	<p>The Waste Resource Management Strategy and Implementation Plan (2019) committed the GNWT to assisting five to ten communities to implement the Clean Up Clean Start program by 2025, and to continue expanding the program into the future. This includes removing hazardous waste from community solid waste sites, and transition to temporary storage of hazardous waste to prevent the recurrence of stockpiles. The GNWT has</p>	

		<p>AND WHEREAS land ownership of landfills and jurisdictional authority over landfills has been shared or has changed hands over time;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Town of Norman Wells and the K’asho Go’tine Charter Community are committed to improving municipal solid waste management and staff have already dedicated substantial resources in staff time and equipment to segregate, contain, label and inventory several hazardous waste streams;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the estimates received by the communities for handling, transportation and disposal of the hazardous waste far exceed the means of the community governments’ budget;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS substantial efficiencies can be found by addressing waste on a regional scale;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the municipal landfills are not constructed nor licensed to store hazardous waste over time;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the existing hazardous waste represents a real threat to the environment and community source water</p> <p>AND WHEREAS communities throughout NWT are challenged with similar situations.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Environment Canada, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and the Government of Northwest Territories partner to reach an agreement for shared responsibility in the costs of disposing of existing stockpiles of hazardous waste in communities throughout NWT;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Northwest Territories collaborate with community and regional governments to develop a comprehensive strategy to manage, store, handle, transport and dispose of</p>	<p>Strategy and Implementation Plan (the Strategy). This Strategy, which has been designed to be a 10-year road map to improving solid waste management in the NWT, was approved in spring 2019. The NWTAC and staff representatives of a cross section of NWT communities have played an active role in shaping the Strategy to best serve community needs, and will continue to play a vital role in its implementation.</p> <p>In addition to future actions that will likely stem from the Strategy, MACA and ENR have been working with community governments to clean up their disposal sites, and transition to temporary storage of hazardous waste to prevent the recurrence of stockpiles. These departments will also continue to seek opportunities for coordinated transportation and disposal of hazardous waste at regional scale, and continue to provide necessary support and capacity building for communities to comply with regulatory and other waste management requirements.</p> <p>In 2018-19, the GNWT provided funding to assist in hazardous waste removal from Ulukhaktok, Fort Good Hope, and Tulita.</p> <p>The issues reaffirmed in RA-18-14-03 continue to be addressed by ENR and MACA as capacity allows. Numerous communities have taken steps with support from ENR and MACA towards removing stockpiles of hazardous waste.</p>	<p>allocated \$500,000 annually from the environmental liability funds over the first four years of the Strategy for hazardous waste removal. To date, the Clean Up Clean Start Program has used this funding to remove hazardous waste in Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk, Fort Good Hope, Tulit’a, Fort Providence and Fort Simpson.</p> <p>The federal government has committed to providing \$37.5 million over ten years to improve infrastructure in communities, specifically targeting projects that result in improvements at solid waste sites. ENR and MACA will engage communities and assist them in applying for these Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funds. To date, \$3.225 million in ICIP funds has been committed to solid waste site diversion and improvement projects in Sahtú and Beaufort Delta communities, including Norman Wells and K’asho Go’tine (Fort Good Hope).</p> <p>In addition to supporting communities with accessing ICIP and environmental liabilities funds through the Clean Up Clean Start Program, ENR will continue to support hazardous waste removal under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE Life cycle has been met.</b></p>	
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		<p>hazardous waste in the future at a regional scale.</p>	<p>Improving the management of hazardous waste is identified as a priority area for the Waste Resource Management Strategy. MACA and ENR continue engagement with municipal governments throughout the NWT on cleaning up disposal sites and preventing hazardous waste from stockpiling.</p> <p>MACA and ENR will continue to seek funding sources and opportunities for coordinated transportation and disposal of hazardous waste at a regional scale.</p> <p>The Departments will also continue to work with community governments to help identify and provide the necessary support and capacity building, so that they can comply with regulatory and other waste management requirements. These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support needed by each community government to comply with the water license that regulates the management of solid waste sites and sewage lagoons; and</li> <li>• Support needed by community governments to ensure proper management of solid waste sites and proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste.</li> </ul> <p>The Interdepartmental Committee for the Management of Drinking Water and Wastewater terms of reference has been amended and is now called the Interdepartmental Drinking</p>		
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				Water and Waste Management Committee. This Committee now includes a sub-committee called the Waste Management Technical Committee. MACA's work plan to support communities under this committee's mandate will be shared with NWTAC as soon as it is approved through the technical committee.	
DL-23-13-01	<b>Regulation of Massage Therapy Providers</b>	<p>WHEREAS concerns regarding the regulation of persons and businesses that provide massage therapy have been expressed to both the City of Yellowknife and the Territorial Government over the past several years by professional associations, individual service providers and members of the public; and</p> <p>WHEREAS there are now persons and/or businesses offering massage therapy in more than one community in the Northwest Territories; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Provinces including British Columbia, Newfoundland and Ontario have chosen to regulate this activity in the interests of public safety and consumer protection; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is well positioned to regulate the activity through its Department of Health and Social Services; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is considering legislation that would regulate a number of health and social services professions in the Northwest Territories;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NWTAC urge the Territorial Government to consider the regulation of massage therapy as part of the proposed Health and Social Services (Umbrella) Professions Legislation.</p>	<b>HSS</b>	<p><i>The Health and Social Services Professions Act (HSSPA)</i> is an umbrella Act that will help protect the public by ensuring regulated professions meet established requirements, standards, and competency levels. The Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) is currently drafting the following profession-specific regulations under the HSSPA. The Emergency Medical Services Provider Regulation will be finalized by the end of 2019. The Naturopathic Practitioner Regulation and Psychologists Regulation will follow after that.</p> <p>The Executive Council is responsible for deciding which professions will be included under the Act. When the Act comes into force by the end of 2019, in accordance with section 2 of the Act, professional associations can initiate the process to become regulated by bringing forward an application to HSS. There are a number of criteria that are used to determine which professions should be designated under the HSSPA, but also when a profession should be designated. These criteria include, but</p>	<p><i>The Health and Social Services Professions Act (HSSPA)</i> is an umbrella Act that protects the public by ensuring regulated professions meet established requirements, standards, and competency levels. The Naturopathic Profession Statutes Amendment Act was advanced at the end of the 18th Legislative Assembly, to allow for the passage of regulations regulating the Naturopathic Doctors profession in the NWT. The Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) is currently drafting the following profession-specific regulations under the HSSPA. The Emergency Medical Services Provider Regulation will be finalized during the 19th Legislative Assembly. The Naturopathic Practitioner Regulation and Psychologists Regulation will follow after that.</p> <p>The Executive Council is responsible for deciding which professions will be included under the Act. In accordance with section 2 of the Act, professional associations can initiate the process to become regulated by bringing forward an application to HSS. There are a number of criteria that are used to determine which professions should be designated under the HSSPA, but also when a profession</p>

			<p>are not limited to, a profession's regulatory status in other jurisdictions, whether there are other means to regulate members of the profession other than under the Act, the nature and degree, if any, of the risk to the health and safety of the public if the profession is unregulated, and the potential economic impacts of regulation. Application procedures will be posted to the HSS website in fall 2019.</p>	<p>should be designated. These criteria include, but are not limited to, a profession's regulatory status in other jurisdictions, whether there are other means to regulate members of the profession other than under the Act, the nature and degree, if any, of the risk to the health and safety of the public if the profession is unregulated, and the potential economic impacts of regulation.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE Life cycle has been met.</b></p>	
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EX-23-20-13	<b>Reinstate Local Health Authorities</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> The Government of the Northwest Territories in all its services, organizations and corporations exist to serve the needs and directions of the residents of the Northwest Territories;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> engaged public boards of governance are an essential component of a healthy democracy and representative of a Government that is interested in listening, and acting in the best interests of its residents, by following the directions and feedback of its public;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> The Members of the 17th &amp; 18th Assembly of The Government of the Northwest Territories Dissolved the public boards of Aurora College, The NWT Power Corporation, all Community based Health and Social services Authorities Boards; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Effective boards are those that are empowered with independence and made up of members with equity involvement in the successful operation of services. One that can act with respect, and trust to the issues they face, but speak with candor and honesty as required;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> the NWTAC ask the Government of the Northwest Territories to immediately re-instate the community based local health authorities and empower them with the necessary resources to help solve the many issues plaguing</p>	<b>HSS</b>	<p>The current model with Regional Wellness Councils offers communities and regions the opportunity to offer input and have a say in the development of a territorial system to ensure regional needs and priorities are reflected.</p> <p>The Chair of the Regional Wellness Council sits on the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council and can advocate and make recommendations and decisions for change/actioning at the territorial level.</p> <p>One of the primary reasons for moving to this current model was that under the old system of community/regional boards of management, each community/regional board developed at its own pace but it also resulted in uneven level of services, extreme challenges in recruiting personnel, and fragmentation of the entire health and social services system. Additionally, communities and regions lacked the opportunities to have a say in the development of territorial programming on issues like medical travel and addictions services.</p> <p>Community support for the Regional Wellness Council and, in</p>	<p>The Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council (RWC) serves as an advisory body to the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council. The RWC provides advice regarding health and social services, priorities under the territorial health and social services plan, and the promotion of health and wellness. The RWC plays a role in ensuring that the concerns and input from the public are addressed and used to inform the delivery of services.</p> <p>The Chair of the Regional Wellness Council sits on the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council and can advocate and make recommendations and decisions for change/actioning at the territorial level.</p> <p>Regional Wellness Councils are made up of members of the public and are from the communities served by the Regional Wellness Council.</p> <p>Community support for the Regional Wellness Council and, in turn, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council will strengthen the progress towards system transformation and ensure consistency of health and social services delivery to every resident in the NWT.</p>	<p>There are Regional Wellness Councils in each of the following regions – Beaufort Delta, Sahtu, Yellowknife, Dehcho, Hay River and Fort Smith.</p> <p>This governance structure is legislated under the Health Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act.</p> <p>The Chair of each of the Regional Wellness Council sits on the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council along with an appointed member from the Tłı̄chǔ Community Service Agency. The function of the regional chairs is to advocate and make recommendations and decisions for change/actioning at the territorial level.</p> <p>Community support for the Regional Wellness Council and, in turn, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council will strengthen the progress towards system transformation and ensure consistency of health and social services delivery to every resident in the NWT.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>EXPIRE continue to monitor in the future.</b></p>

		community-based health and social services delivery.		turn, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council will strengthen the progress towards system transformation and ensure consistency of health and social services delivery to every resident in the NWT.		
EX-23-19-02	<b>Duty to Consult</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 provides constitutional protection to the indigenous and treaty rights of indigenous peoples in Canada.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> The GNWT has a legal duty to consult and accommodate Aboriginal governments and organizations whenever it considers carrying out a government action that has the potential to adversely affect asserted or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> The duty to consult is a constitutional obligation that is rooted in Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> The Government of the Northwest Territories is still developing a framework regarding obligations and expectations related to conducting consultation as it relates to municipal activities.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> The City of Yellowknife has been advised that the Government of the Northwest Territories could delegate procedural aspects of Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 to community governments.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> a determination of the responsibilities of community governments in</p>	<b>MACA/ EIA</b>	<p>The duty to consult with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations is a GNWT responsibility.</p> <p>Municipalities can aid the GNWT’s consultation process by engaging with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations early in their planning processes. The GNWT encourages the municipalities of the NWT to continue their good efforts of having strong working relationships with the Indigenous people of the NWT.</p> <p>By having continual engagement and strong working relationships with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations, municipalities can help identify and resolve potential issues, minimize future issues, and explore opportunities for collaboration and cooperation.</p> <p>Municipal engagement will aid the GNWT consultation efforts helping to ensure a well informed</p>	<p>The duty to consult with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations is a GNWT responsibility. Municipalities can aid the GNWT’s consultation process by engaging with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations early in their planning processes. The GNWT encourages municipalities to continue their good efforts of having strong working relationships with the Indigenous people of the NWT.</p> <p>By having continual engagement and strong working relationships with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations, municipalities can help identify and resolve potential issues, minimize future issues, and explore opportunities for collaboration and cooperation.</p> <p>Municipal engagement will aid the GNWT consultation efforts helping to ensure a well informed and timely consultation process. No amendment of GNWT legislation is required for municipalities to continue their</p>	<p>The duty to consult with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations is a GNWT responsibility. The GNWT continues to encourage community governments to maintain strong working relationships with the Indigenous people of the NWT.</p> <p>Through regular and ongoing engagement with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations, community governments can help identify and resolve potential issues, minimize future issues, and explore opportunities for collaboration and cooperation.</p> <p>No amendment of GNWT legislation is required for community governments to continue their ongoing engagement efforts. These efforts support the GNWT to complete consultation in a well-informed and timely manner. MACA will support community governments to engage with Indigenous governments and organizations and include them in our</p>

		<p>the procedural aspects of Section 35 Community Consultation are not yet defined.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> community governments identify statutory consultation through Territorial legislation, such as the Cities, Towns of Villages Act and the Community Planning &amp; Development Act and Section 35 Consultation is not defined within the legislation guiding municipal activities at this time.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Community governments are required to seek Ministerial approval on specific plans and by laws but are unable to confidently determine which aspects of Section 35 Consultation are required to form part of a project methodology or process.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Community governments seek to have strong working relationships with Indigenous peoples in Canada but have not received clear guidelines related to Ministerial expectations related to Community Consultation.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to engage community governments in the development of amendments to applicable legislation in order to provide a clear regulatory framework related to delegation of procedural aspects of Section 35 Community Consultation, within which community governments who can then implement municipal projects.</p>		<p>and timely consultation process. No amendment of GNWT legislation is required for municipalities to continue their ongoing engagement efforts. MACA requires communities to host public meetings as part of compliance with the <i>Community Planning Act</i>, the <i>Cities, Towns and Villages Act</i>, the <i>Charter Communities Act</i> and the <i>Hamlets Act</i>.</p> <p>The Department is currently completing consultation under s.35 on a number of planning documents with impacted Indigenous Governments. MACA is also completing consultation on a boundary change request submitted by the City of Yellowknife.</p>	<p>ongoing engagement efforts. MACA requires communities to host public meetings as part of compliance with the <i>Community Planning Act</i>, the <i>Cities, Towns and Villages Act</i>, the <i>Charter Communities Act</i> and the <i>Hamlets Act</i>.</p>	<p>own engagement and consultation processes as much as possible.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b>  <b>EXPIRE: Monitor and work on it when needed</b></p>
RA-23-19-04	<b>Cannabis Revenue Sharing</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada passed the Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c.16 (Bill C-45 which legalized non-medical marijuana	<b>FIN</b>	The GNWT share of the 2018-19 federal excise tax revenues was \$111,208. The GNWT share of the 2019-20 federal excise tax revenues	The GNWT share of 2020- 21 federal cannabis excise tax revenues was \$376,317. The GNWT would encourage the NWTAC to provide the	The GNWT share of 2021-22 federal cannabis excise tax revenues was \$665,000. The GNWT would encourage the NWTAC to provide the specific

		<p>(cannabis) in Canada effective October 17, 2018;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories enacted the Cannabis Products Act S.N.W.T. 2018,c.6 and the Cannabis Smoking Control Act</p> <p>S.N.W.T. 2018, c.6, to legalize the sale and use of cannabis in the Northwest Territories. effective October 17, 2018;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the 2018 Federal Budget affirms that it is the federal government's expectation that a substantial portion of the revenues from cannabis excise taxes provided to provinces and territories will be transferred to municipalities and local communities, who are on the front lines of legalization;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> it will be the responsibility of local governments to establish and/or enforce regulations and policies related to zoning, business licensing, building code and public consumption, which will result in initial and ongoing costs:</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories has indicated that there will be no transfer of revenue from cannabis excise taxes received by the territorial government shared with municipalities;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the NWTAC lobby the Territorial Government to provide 25% of the excise tax on cannabis that is shared with the Government of the Northwest Territories by the federal government, and the same share of any additional tax that the Government of the Northwest Territories imposes on the sale of cannabis, be shared with municipalities.</p>		<p>was \$167,743. The GNWT would encourage the NWTAC to provide the specific incremental costs faced by communities resulting from the legalization of cannabis.</p>	<p>specific incremental costs faced by communities resulting from the legalization of cannabis.</p>	<p>incremental costs faced by communities resulting from the legalization of cannabis.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution</b> <b>Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>EXPIRE continue to monitor in the future.</b></p>
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EX-23-14-01	<p><b>Fees for Households in the GTA</b></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories is responsible for the services and associated fees for households in the General Taxation Area;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories is responsible for the assessment and determination of the mill rates for these households;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> these households typically make use of municipal services such as landfill, water and sewer systems, emergency services, etcetera.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories develop a policy whereby the mill rate levied to these households, in proximity to established communities, mirrors municipal mill rates; and the monies collected by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs be distributed to the nearest community that provides for municipal services.</p>	<p><b>MACA / FIN</b></p>	<p>The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has the responsibility to assess lands and improvements across the Northwest Territories (NWT) in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> and the Property Assessment Regulations. The Department of Finance is responsible for establishing mill rates and the collection of property taxes for territorial purposes on an annual basis, also in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. These tax revenues go into general revenues and are allocated to Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) programs and services based on government priorities, including funding to all community governments to support their programs and services under the Community Government Funding Policy. Tax-based community governments establish their own municipal mill rates and collect property taxes from their residents to fund their municipal services.</p> <p>Households living in proximity to tax-based community governments do not receive the same municipal services, such as: municipal enforcement, water, sewer, and garbage pickup that the households within the municipal boundaries receive. Therefore applying the same mill rates to households outside the municipal boundaries as applied to households within the established</p>	<p>The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has the responsibility to assess lands and improvements across the Northwest Territories (NWT) in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> and the Property Assessment Regulations. The Department of Finance is responsible for establishing mill rates and the collection of property taxes for territorial purposes on an annual basis, also in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. These tax revenues go into general revenues and are allocated to Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) programs and services based on government priorities, including funding to all community governments to support their programs and services under the Community Government Funding Policy. Tax-based community governments establish their own municipal mill rates and collect property taxes from their residents to fund their municipal services.</p> <p>Households living in proximity to tax-based community governments do not receive the same municipal services, such as: municipal enforcement, water, sewer, and garbage pickup that the households within the municipal boundaries receive. Therefore applying the same mill rates to households outside the municipal boundaries as applied to households within the established community governments is not equitable tax treatment.</p> <p>Municipal councils are already able to raise revenue from households living outside municipal boundaries who use municipal services by charging user fees. Some NWT municipalities distinguish between residents and non-residents when charging user fees for emergency response services so that individuals living outside municipal boundaries are charged higher fees for fire and ambulance services. Municipal councils also have the ability to change the property tax/user fee mix to extract higher user fees so that more of the cost recovery is paid by the user of the service, regardless of whether the user is a resident or non-resident than through general property taxes.</p> <p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>EXPIRE continue to monitor in the future.</b></p>
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**Tab 8**

**2023 NWT Association of  
Communities  
AGM**

# NWTAC Information Tradeshow Directory

The NWTAC welcomes trade show exhibitors to our 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Delegates are encouraged to visit these exhibitors during the nutrition breaks and lunches over the course of our AGM on Friday and Saturday.

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The Territorial Agrifood Association (TAA) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization based in Hay River. It was formed in 2020 to represent members of the agri-food value chain across the territory and to advance the NWT agrifood sector as a whole.

The TAA was born from the Territorial Farmers Association and the NWT Food Network to unite commercial food growers, processors, manufacturers, chefs, restaurants, individuals and communities in the agrifood sector in the NWT. We believe that strong relationships, partnerships, and projects are essential to combatting food insecurity, addressing food sovereignty and ensuring a thriving food sector.

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**GNWT – Infrastructure  
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**GNWT – Environment and Climate Change  
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# WRTDIP

## Winter Road and Trail Data Information Portal

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We believe that strong relationships, partnerships, and projects are essential to combatting food insecurity, addressing food sovereignty and ensuring a thriving food sector.



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