

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.

**NWT Association of Communities
2023 DELETE RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution #	Resolution Name	Page
DL-23-20-05	Day Homes in Social Housing	86
DL-23-20-12	Reinstate the Public Board of Aurora College and the NWT Power Corporation	88
DL-23-20-18	Reducing Alcohol Related Harms and Costs in the NWT	90
DL-23-19-05	Post Secondary Education Transformation	91
DL-23-19-07	Aurora College Transition to Polytechnic University	92
DL-23-18-11	Fire Prevention Act	93
DL-23-17-03	Fiscal Year Resolution	94
DL-23-14-03	Hazardous Waste Materials in Municipal Land Fills	95
DL-23-13-01	Regulation of Massage Therapy	98

Resolution	GNWT Dept.	GNWT Response	Resolution	GNWT Dept.	GNWT Response	Resolution
DL-23-20-05	Day Homes in Social Housing	<p>WHEREAS There is a shortage or absence of daycares and day homes within all NWT communities;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS This shortage of childcare is an impediment to many participating in the economy;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS This shortage of childcare is an impediment to recruitment and retention of staff in the communities;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS 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>AND WHEREAS The hosting of day homes is currently not permitted in public housing;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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>	ECE / Housing NWT	<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"> • Early Childhood Program Operating Subsidy; • New Child Care Spaces funding; • Health and Safety funding; • Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation funding; • Provider Enhancement Grant; • Technology Grant; and, 	<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"> • Cultural Resource Grant. <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>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: DELETE</p> <p>Completed design and implementation for pilot project to allow for day homes in Public Housing in Particular communities.</p>
--	--	--	--	---	--

					<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 NWTHC and ECE are exploring options around operating licensed early learning and child care programs in Public Housing units. The NWTHC 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	Reinstate the Public Boards of Aurora College & the NWT Power Corporation	<p>WHEREAS 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>WHEREAS 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>	ECE/ EIA	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>EIA</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>WHEREAS The Members of the 17th & 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>WHEREAS 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>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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>ECE</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>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE Aurora Board is established.</p>
--	--	---	--	--	---	--

				sustainable. This means that the governance of the new polytechnic must be properly planned and implemented.		
DL-23-20-18	Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms and Costs in the NWT	<p>WHEREAS 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>WHEREAS a comprehensive alcohol policy framework was developed, containing gold standard best practices across 11 different policy domains.</p> <p>WHEREAS 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>WHEREAS 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>WHEREAS the NWT scored 33% in 2017 in regards to implementing gold standard best</p>	HSS	<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>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE: Alcohol Strategy has been completed.</p>

		<p>practices to reduce alcohol related harm, which is 12% below the average of 45% for the rest of Canada.</p> <p>WHEREAS 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>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, 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	Post-Secondary Education Transformation	<p>WHEREAS transformation of post-secondary education is essential to advancing and supporting the economic social and workforce development in the Northwest Territories;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS 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>AND WHEREAS the Aurora College Foundational Review Report contained 67 recommendations, including transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories issued a response to the Aurora College Foundational Review Report and accepted the recommendation to</p>	ECE	<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>AND WHEREAS 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>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE</p>
DL-23-19-07	Aurora College Transition to Polytechnic University	<p>WHEREAS The Aurora College Foundational review recommended keep programs</p> <p>WHEREAS the GNWT vowed not to cut funding but has not allowed intake into the programs</p> <p>WHEREAS 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>WHEREAS intake for the Bachelor of Education Program and for the Social Work</p>	ECE	<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>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT continue to fund Aurora College to continue running the Bachelor of Education program and the Social Work program</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE</p>
DL-23-18-11	Fire Prevention Act	<p>WHEREAS the City has recently approved a Planning & Development Operational Review;</p> <p>WHEREAS 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>WHEREAS the GNWT is currently reviewing the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> to update the legislation;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT consult with communities when reviewing the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> to ensure that support to community government permitting and</p>	MACA	<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 19th Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 67 will receive Third Reading in the Winter sitting of the 19th 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>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE Act completed.</p>
DL-23-17-03	Fiscal Year Resolution	<p>WHEREAS The NWT Cities Towns and Villages Act requires the fiscal year to be the calendar year; and</p> <p>WHEREAS 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>WHEREAS all Communities rely on funding from other orders of government whose fiscal year ends on March 31; and</p> <p>WHEREAS 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>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the NWTAC urges the GNWT to enact legislative changes that would give all municipalities the option of</p>	MACA	<p>During the term of the 18th 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>Tłı̄chǫ 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>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 19th 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 19th 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>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE resolution has reach its life cycle.</p>	
DL-23-14-03	Hazardous Waste Materials in Municipal Land Fills	<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>	ENR / MACA	<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>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE Life cycle has been met.</p>	
--	--	--	---	---	--

		<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"> • Support needed by each community government to comply with the water license that regulates the management of solid waste sites and sewage lagoons; and • Support needed by community governments to ensure proper management of solid waste sites and proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste. <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>		
--	--	---	--	--	--

				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	Regulation of Massage Therapy Providers	<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>	HSS	<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>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE Life cycle has been met.</p>	
--	--	--	--	--	--