

NWT Association of Communities
2020 Resolutions
CATEGORY B

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**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.

2020-01

- No Title when submitted-

WHEREAS The Government of the Northwest Territories reviews the funding formula for all municipalities as it has not changed,

WHEREAS The Government of the Northwest territories review the curriculum that is delivered in smaller communities as the curriculum should be the same across the board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk is facing a massive coastal erosion mitigation plan costing \$50 million. We are seeking support from all communities to obtain this funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the community of Tuktoyaktuk is facing a housing shortfall and that other municipalities/communities continue to lobby the GNWT to request more public housing units to address this shortfall.

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2020-02 Ferry Service on the Mackenzie, Arctic Red and Peel Rivers.

WHEREAS the Dempster Highway from Inuvik south is serviced by the Ferry Crossing on the Mackenzie and Arctic Red Rivers at Tsiigehtchic and the Peel River at Fort McPherson;

WHEREAS the Dempster Highway Ferry Service across the Mackenzie and Arctic Red Rivers at Tsiigehtchic and the Peel River at Fort McPherson operates during certain hours only;

WHEREAS trucks delivering food and other essential supplies to Fort McPherson, Tsiigehtchic, Inuvik and Tuk are often spending the night parked at the Ferry Crossing waiting for the Ferry Service to commence in the morning;

WHEREAS the RCMP do not have a detachment in Tsiigehtchic;

WHEREAS the medical evacuations from Tsiigehtchic and requests from Tsiigehtchic for assistance from the RCMP in Fort McPherson do not always coincide with the Ferry Operating Schedule causing undue hardship and possibly loss of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT Department of Infrastructure maintain Ferry Services across the Mackenzie and Arctic Red Rivers at Tsiigehtchic and across the Peel River at Fort McPherson 24 hours per day and 7 days per week throughout the Ferry Season;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of Infrastructure update its web site up to advise that the Ferry Service is now operating 24/7.

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2020-03 Dempster Highway Maintenance

WHEREAS the highway from Inuvik to Tsiigehtchic is not maintained between the time the Ferry is pulled from the water in the fall until the Ice Road across the Mackenzie River is opened after freeze-up;

WHEREAS the maintenance of the highway from Inuvik to Tsiigehtchic commences only after the Ice Road across the Mackenzie River is opened after freeze-up;

WHEREAS the highway from Inuvik to Tsiigehtchic is often very rough immediately after the Ice Road across the Mackenzie River is opened after freeze-up;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT Department of Infrastructure maintain the highway from Inuvik to Tsiigehtchic on an ongoing basis between the time the Ferry is pulled from the water in the fall until the Ice Road across the Mackenzie River is opened after freeze-up;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of Infrastructure to update its web site up to advise that the maintenance of the highway from Inuvik to Tsiigehtchic is continuing year-round.

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2020-08 A Bridge at the Liard River Crossing Near Fort Simpson / Liidlii Kue

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories (G.N.W.T.) has committed to complete the construction of the Mackenzie Valley Highway to link all communities along the Mackenzie River and to open the resources of the Mackenzie Valley to future development, and;

WHEREAS there are major river crossings at both the Liard and Mackenzie Rivers that would be required to make the Highway a year-round highway rather than a seasonal road, and;

WHEREAS it would be most cost effective to build a bridge on the Liard River near Fort Simpson prior to building a bridge at the Mackenzie River (N'dulee Crossing), or undertaking other major construction of the Highway north of Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue, and;

WHEREAS the community of Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue is isolated for 2-3 months each year due to freeze up and break-up of the ice on the Liard River, and;

WHEREAS water levels on the Liard have created problems sustaining a reliable and continuous ferry service for the community of Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue in the summer, and;

WHEREAS climate change is negatively affecting the operations of an ice bridge at the Liard River crossing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Fort Simpson / Liidlii Kue:

1. urges the G.N.W.T. to immediately undertake to do the planning for a bridge at the Liard River Crossing, near Fort Simpson/ Liidlii Kue which would include the following steps:

- Study on Need for Bridge
- Traffic Assessment
- Location Study
- Reconnaissance Study • Study of Alternatives
- Feasible Alternative Study
- Preliminary Engineering • Developing Plans
- Preliminary Design and Costing
- Evaluation of alternatives, risk analysis and final choice
- Detailed Project Report

2. Lobbies both the Federal Government and Territorial Government through their elected representatives to make the funding of a bridge study on the Liard River near Fort Simpson/ Liidlil Kue a priority.

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