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NWTAC E-News Flash

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**NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES**

**COVID 19 THANK YOU**



**Northwest Territories Association of Communities COVID-19 Thank you and Border Measures Video**

The roll-out of COVID-19 measures in the NWT was swift, as it needed to be, and in particular with the many border and isolation measures put in place. It took courage and leadership. It is thanks to the hard work of our Government, our public health officials and our front-line workers that our COVID response has been so successful.

We wish to extend our gratitude to the GNWT for putting measures in place that have left us with no cases since April but we must continue to be vigilant.

[Read the full press release here](#)

**COVID-19 RESILIENCE STREAM**



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## Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience stream

A new temporary COVID-19 Resilience stream, with over \$3 billion available in existing funding, has been created to provide provinces and territories with added flexibility to fund quick-start, short-term projects that might not otherwise be eligible under the existing funding streams.

[Link to Resilience Stream](#)

[More Information on the Resilience Stream](#)

## COVID 19 TOOLKIT

### Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Resources

The NWTAC has created a new toolkit filled with resources to help our communities deal with the Coronavirus.

Go to the link below to get updated information from the Federal and Territorial governments as well as educational resources to keep your community healthy.



[Link to Coronavirus Toolkit](#)

## LGANT AWARDS



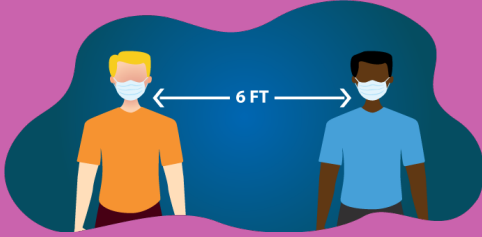
**Call for Nominations:  
Recognize Senior  
Administrative Excellence in  
the NWT**

Local Government Administrators NWT (LGANT) is seeking nominations for the Senior Administrator of the Year and Band Manager Mentor Award, awards which recognize excellence in local government leadership and administration.

**Deadline August 31, 2020**

[Read the press release here](#)

## COVID-19



## NWTAC COVID VIDEO

Keeping Covid-19 at bay  
***A message from  
NWT communities***

[View NWT communities' video 'Keeping COVID-19 at bay' here!](#)

## STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### **GNWT announces new supports for post-secondary students**

The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), R.J. Simpson, announced two new grants available for all post-secondary students accessing full-time Student Financial Assistance (SFA) benefits in the 2020-21 academic year as part of the GNWT COVID-19 Economic Relief Measures.



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The SFA program supports students with post-secondary education-related expenses.

To address the realities that students face with the transition to online learning and COVID-19 impacts, the two new taxable grants will help students with the costs of technology equipment and internet services.

- The Technology Grant is a one-time grant which provides \$750 towards offsetting the cost of technology equipment, such as computers, printers, scanners, tablets etc.
- The Support Grant is an additional \$100 per month for the duration of the student's 2020-21 academic year, to assist with additional costs, such as internet fees.

Students can apply for funding or access further information about the grants by visiting the [Student Financial Assistance page](#) on the ECE website or by calling at 1-800-661-0793.

### Quote

“Over the last several months students in particular have had to adjust to the changing circumstances and environments due to COVID. Understanding some of the new financial implications students are facing we have made numerous changes to further support to our post-secondary students. I am pleased to announce that we are enhancing SFA benefits with these new grants to better serve our residents. ECE is committed to ensuring NWT students/residents do not experience any additional stresses as they pursue their post-secondary education.”

- R.J. Simpson, *Minister of Education, Culture and Employment*

### Quick facts

§ Two new grants are now available to post-secondary students receiving full-time SFA benefits.

§ COVID-19 Technology grant

- One-time grant of \$750 to be used to purchase technology equipment.

§ COVID-19 Support Grant

- Monthly grant of \$100 to assist with additional costs, such as internet fees.

### Related links

- [COVID-19 Student Financial Assistance for Postsecondary Students](#)
- [General Information on COVID-19 in the NWT](#)
- [Information on the Canada Emergency Student Benefit](#)

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## CRTC ANNOUNCEMENT

# Canada

**Over 10,100 households in northern communities to have access to improved broadband Internet service**

CRTC Broadband Fund to contribute \$72 million to selected projects in northern Manitoba, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

August 12, 2020 – Ottawa-Gatineau – Canadian Radio-television and

Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Today, the CRTC announced the first five projects that will receive funding from the Broadband Fund to improve Internet access services to more than 10,100 households in 51 communities, the significant majority of which are Indigenous.

[CRTC News Release](#)

## DLAVIK COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM



### Applications to the Diavik Community Contribution program are now open

Diavik's Community Contribution fund serves and strengthens the communities of the Northwest

Territories and West Kitikmeot region through initiatives that support business capacity building; health, safety, or wellness; culture and arts and community pride.

If you have a project you would like our committee to consider for funding, download the application and submit to [DiavikCommunities@riotinto.com](mailto:DiavikCommunities@riotinto.com)

[Click here for an application](#)

## CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS

**Funding available to help communities adapt to climate change impacts**



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Climate Change Preparedness in the North (CCPN) and the Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP) are accepting proposals for NWT projects that can get started this fiscal year (2020-2021). Proposals can be for one-year or multi-year projects. **Proposals must be submitted by Thursday, September 17 in order to be considered for this funding cycle.**

If this deadline is too soon for you, don't worry! A second proposal process for CCPN and CCHAP funding will be announced towards the end of August. This second process will be for NWT projects starting on or after April 1, 2021 and will involve a two-step

application process. Again, proposals can be for one-year or multi-year projects. More details will be shared soon.

Please contact Miki at [miki@nwtac.com](mailto:miki@nwtac.com) to get proposal and budget example templates and to find out more about the funding programs and the application process. As the Climate Change Community Liaison, Miki can support the development of your proposal and help ensure it meets program criteria.

CCPN and CCHAP funding is for community-driven projects that build capacity within communities and local, regional and indigenous organizations and governments to adapt to a changing climate. For more information on the funding programs, please go to the websites for [CCPN](#) and [CCHAP](#) or contact Miki.

## DIAVIK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Diavik post-secondary scholarship applications are now available through our website!

This year and because students are facing extra challenges as a result of COVID-19, we've doubled our scholarship amounts to support students during these uncertain times.

**Deadline to apply is August 17, 2020**

[Click here for an Application](#)

## JOINT PRESS RELEASE Tłıchq GOVERNMENT & THE GNWT



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Northwest Territories

Tłıchq Ndek'áowo



Tłıchq Government

**Tłıchq Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories reach an agreement on infrastructure in the Tłıchq region**

YELLOWKNIFE and Behchokq̓ (August 7, 2020) – Tłıchq Government and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) have reached an agreement to improve cooperation on procurement related to infrastructure needs in the

region.

[Read the press release here](#)

## CANADA'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS

**FAITES LA DIFFÉRENCE**  
PRIX POUR LE BÉNÉVOLAT DU CANADA  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
CANADA'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS



### Nominations are Now Open for Canada's Volunteer Awards 2020

The Call for Nominations for Canada's Volunteer Awards will be open from August 6 until September 30, 2020. Now is your chance to recognize the impact that outstanding volunteers, not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises and socially responsible businesses create in your communities, especially now during this uniquely challenging time in Canada. We all play a role in recognizing volunteers! By nominating an individual or an organization to Canada's Volunteer Awards, you are helping to raise awareness of the vital role that volunteers play in strengthening communities across Canada.

**Deadline September 30, 2020**

[Nomination Process](#)

[2019 Canada Volunteer Award Recipients](#)

## WSCC PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**WSCC** Workers' Safety & Compensation Commission | ᐃᑦᑲᑲᑦᐃᑲᑦᑎᐱᑦ ᐃᑦᑕᐱᑦᑲᑦ ᐃᑦᑕ ᐱᑦᑕᑲᐱᑦᑲᑦ ᑲᑦᐃᑲᑦᑎᐱᑦ

### Public consultation begins on workers' compensation pension system

Yellowknife, NT (August 10, 2020) – The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC) is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the pension system for workplace injuries or illnesses.

[Read the Media Release here](#)

## More from the NWTAC.....

**Supportive Member of the Month**



Government of Northwest Territories

**School of Community Government Calendar October 2019 Schedule**

[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)

Check out our New Website!

