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NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES



Government of
Northwest Territories



**Joint News Release:
Agreement on Protection for
the Subsurface of Edézhzié
has been Achieved**

Premier Caroline Cochrane and Dehcho First Nations (DFN) Grand Chief Gladys Norwegian are pleased to announce today that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is indefinitely extending a subsurface land withdrawal for the Edézhzié Protected Area

[Copy of news release](#)



URGENT -Media Statement: Statement Clarifying Public Health Restrictions on Travel Within the NWT

Government of Northwest Territories

YELLOWKNIFE – June 10, 2020 –Caroline Cochrane, Premier of the Northwest Territories, Diane Thom, Minister of Health and Social Services, and Dr. Kami Kandola, Chief Public Health Officer issued the following joint statement today to clarify the existing Public Health Order – COVID-19 Travel Restrictions and Self-Isolation Protocol:

“Travel restrictions are a legitimate and necessary measure implemented by the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate its impact on Northwest Territories (NWT) residents, communities and the health care system.

“While the CPHO does not have the authority to prohibit Canadians from entering the NWT, she does have the authority to restrict travel within our borders.

“Under the current orders, and in an effort to ensure the orders are adhered to, all travelers entering the NWT are greeted at a checkpoint by a Border Officer.

“The Border Officer will collect their information, and if they do not meet an identified exemption, the Border Officer will inform them of the NWT’s public health travel restrictions – including the requirement for anyone entering to self-isolate for 14 days.

“Travellers have the opportunity to voluntarily turn around. If they choose not to, they are informed that they must seek an exceptional circumstances exemption, and immediately self-isolate if they wish to proceed further in the NWT.

“This is a shift in how the order was being implemented through May 29, and reflects an effort to more closely align implementation of the order with the mobility provisions of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

“Prior to May 29, border officials asked people to turn around and return to their destination if they did not fit an existing exemption in order to meet our objectives.

“The process outlined above is an interim measure and the CPHO and her team are working diligently on amendments to our travel restriction and self-isolation order to more transparently protect mobility rights under the Charter.

'In an interview with CBC Television on Monday, June 8, Premier Cochrane was asked if tourism was "off the table" for the NWT. The Premier answered that tourism was on the table, so long as people self-isolated for 14 days, which is consistent with how CPHO orders are currently being implemented.

'While the GNWT approach to tourism during the pandemic is still developing, the NWT is expecting to establish a travel bubble with Nunavut as part of its new travel orders and will be encouraging tourism by residents of both territories.

'The Premiers comments were made in the context of the current understanding of Charter limitations on the CPHO's powers and the intention to promote tourism among NWT and Nunavut residents.

'While it will respect the right of any Canadian resident to enter the territory, the GNWT will still be enforcing the CPHO's legitimate orders to restrict travel within the territory, including restrictions on leisure travel within the territory, to ensure that the health of all NWT residents and communities is protected.

"As stated in the House yesterday, new travel orders are expected to be implemented with Phase 2 of the Emerging Wisely Plan and when details of those orders are finalized, they will be thoroughly explained to NWT residents and the media."

NEW - 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](#)

Do not change your behavior to avoid being infected.

Assume you are infected and change your behavior to avoid transmitting.

COVID-19 MUNICIPAL HUB

The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented public health and economic challenge, and local leaders are on the front lines. To support your local responses, we've created the COVID-19 Municipal Hub, which features important tools, resources

and inspiring stories of leadership on the front lines. We'll update the hub as new information becomes available, so be sure to check it regularly.



CONSUMER SURVEY



Northwest Territories Industry, Tourism and Investment

The Government of the Northwest Territories wants to hear how COVID-19 has impacted you as a consumer.

Has your employment situation changed? Are you facing financial challenges? Are there products or services that you are looking for or new ways of accessing them? What do you think about travelling? Would you welcome visitors to your community?

This is your opportunity to share your experience during these extraordinary times with the Government of the Northwest Territories which can help shape future government investments and activities to support the economy.

The survey is open until June 19, 2020 .

[Complete the survey here](#)

PHOTO CONTEST

Happy National
AccessAbility Week
(#NAAW)!



This June, in celebration of **June is Recreation and Parks Month (JRPM)** and Senior Citizens' Month, we're teaming up with the **NWT Seniors' Society** to host a multi-generational photo contest! You could be the lucky winner of a prize pack with some must-have summer recreation items and swag!

[Link to Contest](#)

MORE WAYS to STAY SAFE





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Hand washing
Social distancing
Community thinking

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



ARCTIC ENERGY ALLIANCE

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING PROJECT

DEADLINE FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2020 NOON MST

The Arctic Energy Alliance has secured funding to work with up to three NWT communities each year, for the next three years, to develop new community energy plans. This project includes funding to support a local part-time community energy champion in the selected communities.

[Link to EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING PROJECT](#)

ENABLING ACCESSABILITY FUND (EAF)

Funding is available to improve accessibility and safety in your community spaces and workplaces.


Enabling
Accessibility
Fund



You can apply for this EAF funding opportunity until July 13, 2020

We wish to inform you of a current funding opportunity under the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF). Your business or organization could receive a grant of up to \$100,000 through the EAF small projects component to improve accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities.

[Link to more information on EAF](#)

LOCAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (LFIF)

Local Food Infrastructure Program is accepting applications



Government of Canada

Agriculture and Agri-food Canada's Local Food Infrastructure Program (LFIF) Stream 2 is now open and currently accepting applications. Projects should be mostly infrastructure specific, community-driven and dedicated to improving access to safe and healthy foods for Canadians at risk of food insecurity.

Eligible applicants consist of:

- community or charitable organizations
- Indigenous groups
- not-for-profit co-operatives
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[Link to information, guidelines and application forms](#)

[For more information send an email](#)

or call: 1-877-246-4682

Commercial Fisheries Industry Safety Support Program



The Department of Industry, Tourism, and Investment is providing increased safety funding to commercial fishers working on the Great Slave Lake, Tathlina Lake, or Kakisa Lake.

Northwest Territories Industry, Tourism and Investment

Up to \$10,000 (based on 2019 production) will be made available to individual fishers under the Commercial Fisheries Industry Safety Support Program to equip their fishing vessels with the safety equipment needed to meet both COVID-19 protection measures and Transport Canada's Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations.

[More information on the funding](#)

SURPLUS FOOD RESCUE PROGRAM



Government of Canada

Government of Canada implements surplus food rescue program to help alleviate food concerns of vulnerable Canadians

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, today launched the \$50 million Surplus Food Rescue Program. The program aims to move surplus food commodities such as potatoes and other possible horticulture, fish and seafood, and meat through the food system as efficiently as possible to help vulnerable Canadians.

[Link to Surplus Food Rescue Program](#)

[Link to Surplus Food Rescue Programs Step-1](#)

RISK MANAGEMENT



COVID-19: Return to the Workplace - Restart of Operations

During these unprecedented times, many businesses have had to idle or reduce occupancy/production at their facilities. As the spread of COVID-19 slows, facilities will want to return to normal operations. The following guidelines are provided as general advice that building owners and operations managers can use to develop a site-specific plan to prevent or mitigate hazards as facilities return to normal occupancy. If your business involves dealing with the public, regular interaction with customers, visitors, passersby, etc., you must provide a reasonably safe environment and premises

[Link to reopening the workplace](#)

More from the NWTAC.....

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