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NWTAC would like to congratulate Sheila Bassi-Kellett

As part of its ongoing 2020 awards celebrating Women of Influence in Local Government, Municipal World is recognizing Sheila Bassi-Kellett. City Administrator in Yellowknife, Bassi-Kellett is a former Deputy Minister and the first woman to ever hold the position with the municipality.

[Link to recognizing Sheila Bassi-Kellett](#)

STAYING SAFE WHILE ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered life for all



National Guidelines

Responsible Trail Operations and Visitation during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Version 1.0 - May 21, 2020



Canadians. More than ever, Canadians are turning to their trails as a venue for daily physical activity, family time, and mental respite. Trails will become even more important as communities work to reignite their local tourism economies, seek safe transportation alternatives and green infrastructure.

As Canada's leading national trail organization, Trans Canada Trail developed these new guidelines to be clear and easy-to-implement; leveraging international best practices that are also reflective of Canadian public health advice.

[Click here for your copy of the guideline for the Trans Canada Trail](#)

[Go to the Trans Canada Trail webpage](#)

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](#)

CULTURAL RESOURCE MATERIALS

Hotiì ts'eeda, in partnership with FOXY (Fostering Open Expression in Children and Youth), has developed culturally safe resource materials that present federal and territorial government advice on pandemic safety measures through a cultural lens. All are available for download at this site: www.covidresourcesnwt.info. Please feel free to post and distribute these in communities and through your networks.

- New **COVID-19 Basics** infographics have developed in English and are currently available for download. <https://www.covidresourcesnwt.info/infographics-covid-19-basics>

These resources will be translated into all NWT Indigenous languages and mailed to community organizations across the NWT. This site will be updated with translated infographics they become available.

- **Safe on the Land** posters in all NWT Indigenous languages are available for download and printing: <https://www.covidresourcesnwt.info/posters-safe-on-the-land>
- **Home is our Camp** posters in all NWT Indigenous languages are available for download and printing: <https://www.covidresourcesnwt.info/home>

THE GREAT POTATO COLLABORATION



NFTI announces The Great Potato Collaboration!

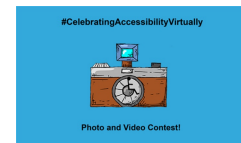
Sunny Crest Farms -

<http://sunnycrestfarms.com> has donated 50,000 lbs of seed potatoes for the NWT! Read the announcement to see how your community can benefit.

[Link to information on free potatoes!](#)

PHOTO AND VIDEO CONTEST

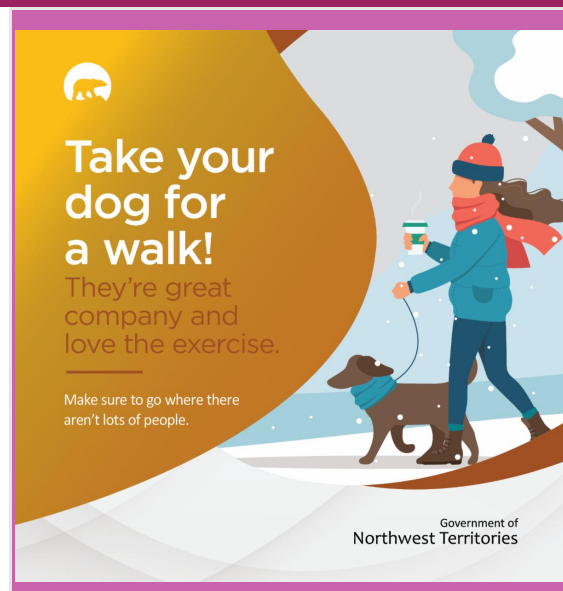
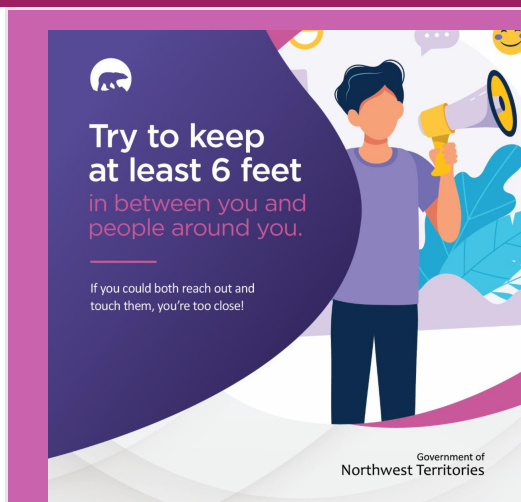
Happy National AccessAbility Week (#NAAW)!



From May 31 to June 6, we come together to celebrate the contributions of Canadians with disabilities during National AccessAbility Week (#NAAW). #NAAW is also an opportunity to recognize the efforts of Canadians who are actively removing barriers and ensuring persons with disabilities have an equal chance to participate in all aspects of society.

[Link to Contest](#)

MORE WAYS to STAY SAFE



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

DEADLINE NOON JUNE 19, 2020

The Arctic Energy Alliance has received limited-time funding to help install pumps and fans with electronically commutated motors (ECMs) in buildings across the NWT. Devices with ECMs use much less electricity and are usually quieter. The AEA can provide rebates and help with project coordination

[Link to additional information on grant funding document](#)

[Link to additional information on grant funding webpage](#)

Good Food Access Fund (GFAF)**Apply by 11:59 PM PST Wednesday June 10**

There is an opportunity to apply to Community Food Centres Canada to their Good Food Access Fund (GFAF) which provides funding from private sources to address the existing and anticipated food access needs in your community that have arisen as a result of COVID-19 restrictions and impacts.

This funding round is ONLY FOR GROCERY GIFT CARDS: these may be distributed directly to participants or used by organizations to support food purchase for food access activities.

The Granting Program is available to Qualified Donees, which are defined by the CRA and is available by invitation only.

[Link to contact Anna Jacobs to receive an invitation to apply](#)

Federal help for municipalities: a modest first step

The Prime Minister's announcement today that he will accelerate 2020-2021 Gas Tax Fund transfers to municipalities recognizes that our municipal financial crisis is a national crisis—one that requires urgent national leadership, with meaningful provincial collaboration.

While this modest, preliminary measure may help some municipalities, it is not new money. This money has already been accounted for in municipal budgets. It does not directly address our financial crisis—or the stark choices municipal leaders now face in this pandemic.

The Prime Minister did confirm his readiness to engage with municipalities on solutions, and we're encouraged by that. FCM will continue working directly with the federal government—and with our members and partners across the country—to secure emergency funding for municipalities.

Asset Management & Insurance



Case study: One mayor's role in his community's asset management journey

Is your municipality looking for ways to balance infrastructure needs with limited resources? As the mayor of Pointe-Fortune, QC learned, having a data-supported asset management plan in place may be the best way to find success.

Proper asset management helps your community understand its infrastructure needs, anticipate repairs and work towards long-term goals.

Read the case study to learn how to upgrade your asset management journey.

[Link to case study](#)



Impact of COVID-19 on Liability Waivers

As businesses begin to re-open in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are implementing the use of liability waivers to attempt to exonerate themselves from liability in the event an individual contracts the novel coronavirus while at the business. While, in some cases, liability waivers may successfully shield the business from liability, there are important considerations that ought to be kept in mind when relying on these waivers. This includes ensuring the liability waivers are effective in protecting against claims concerning COVID-19 and determining who can be asked to sign the waivers. These considerations will be particularly imperative for insurers who may be on the hook for claims relating to persons who have contracted COVID-19.

[Link to Impact of COVID-19 on Liability Waivers](#)

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