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**NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES**

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



**NWTAC VIRTUAL AGM 2021**

**The 55th Virtual Annual General**



**Meeting of the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) will be online in late February 2021.**

The NWTAC will share additional details of the upcoming virtual AGM in the weeks to come. Below is some

initial information related to AGM registration and agenda. Keep up to date with our website

[More information about NWTAC's Virtual AGM 2021](#)

[Click here to visit our website](#)

## NWTAC CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS



### **SECOND CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS - 2021 VIRTUAL NWTAC AGM, LATE FEBRUARY**

Click below for a copy of the Form and Guidelines for Annual General Meeting Resolutions ahead of the 2021 virtual meeting.

The guidelines detail, step-by-step, how to construct a resolution for any issues that you feel require action by other levels of government. PLEASE make sure when you are constructing your resolution that your wording is universal in nature - do not reference your community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact [yvonne@nwtac.com](mailto:yvonne@nwtac.com).

**Deadline for inclusion in the 2021 Annual General Meeting Booklet is Friday, January 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

[Form and Guidelines for Annual General Meeting Resolutions](#)

[GNWT Response to Resolutions NWTAC 2020](#)

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGE



## WALK TO TUK

Walk to Tuk is an annual community walking challenge. Community members, schools, and workplaces are encouraged to form teams and conceptually walk the distance of the Big River from Zhatie Kue/Fort Providence to Tuktoyaktuk/Tuktoyaktuk, a total of 1,658km. This free event is a great way to meet new people and stay active during the cold and dark months of winter.

**Participants have from January 1 to February 28, 2021 to collectively walk 1,658km and get their team to Tuktoyaktuk.**

2020 has been a trying year for us all- Walk to Tuk is a great way for us to celebrate the new year being healthy, safe, and engaged with our community. See you out there!

[For more information click here](#)

[Walk to Tuk Poster for your community](#)

## FEATURED NWTAC VIDEO

### SO NOW YOU ARE A COUNCILLOR!

Congratulations to all those elected in the Community Elections on December 14, 2020.

This video was produced by the NWT Association of Communities and the NWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs for NWT residents who have been elected to municipal office



[Watch the video here](#)

## SCHOLARSHIP





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## APPLICATIONS FOR FCM's WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN

FCM is proud to offer awards and scholarships to outstanding women in the field of municipal politics. Our scholarships for women in secondary school, CEGEP and university encourage students in their studies of women in politics, as well as their community involvement.

The scholarship is open to female students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council. There are five awards of \$1000, each, with one award to be presented in each of the five regions of Canada (British Columbia, The Prairies and Territories, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada).

[For more information click here](#)

[Apply Here](#)

## GRANTS

### NWT PARKS AND RECREATION 2020-2021 WATER SAFETY GRANTS



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Apply for an NWT Recreation and Parks Association 2020/21 Water Safety Grant

Organizations are encouraged to apply for the following grant categories to teach water safety in their community.

There are two (1) grant categories:

1. Water Smart learning Event

Swim to Survive event hosts will be granted 850\$ for one [S2S](#) event

2. Swim to Survive Event

Water Smart event hosts will be granted 750\$ for three events which incorporate [Water Smart activities](#).

**Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

[For more information click here](#)

## CORONAVIRUS 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.

**NEW COVID-19 POSTERS & SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS AVAILABLE FOR USE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA**



The toolkit now contains fresh new posters and social media posts for you to use around your community and on your social media pages. Have a look!

[Link to Coronavirus Toolkit](#)

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### Holiday Activities! FOR FAMILIES

Wondering what some socially distanced activities that you might do as a family over the holidays are?

Outdoor Activities	Indoor Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dogsledding</li><li>Snowmobiling</li><li>Snowshoeing</li><li>Ice fishing</li><li>Cross-country skiing</li><li>Skating on an outdoor rink</li><li>Hiking &amp; walking</li><li>Camping</li><li>Hunting</li><li>Outdoor picnic with a bonfire</li><li>Snow sculpture contest</li><li>Scavenger hunt (walking/driving)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Karaoke party</li><li>Indoor scavenger hunt</li><li>Make tie-dye shirts with sharpies</li><li>Let your kids dress you up and do your hair</li><li>Play charades or board games</li><li>Do a puzzle or make your own</li><li>Get a head start on spring clearing</li><li>Teach your kids how to sew, knit or crochet</li><li>Movie marathon</li><li>Write letters (thank you's / love's you / how are you's)</li><li>Teach kids how to do some home repairs</li><li>Build an indoor fort</li></ul>

### Merry & Bright

Suggestions to help make your community Merry & Bright while still respecting social distancing!

Try these suggestions:

- Promote winter activities: dogsledding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, outdoor skating, hiking
- Activities on the land: explore ways to support and encourage
- Lending outdoor equipment to promote socially distant physical activity
- Promote zooming Christmas dinner with friends & family - be together but apart
- Photo contest: house decorations inside and/or out
- Delivery of dinner to seniors in their own home - perhaps your feast volunteers will assist?
- Photos: best sunset, sunrise, community, wildlife
- Virtual contests: jiggling, singing, traditional clothing, traditional & Northern games
- Snow sculpture challenge/contest
- Promote family tours to see Christmas decorations in the community (maybe to help judge decorating contest)
- Fishing contest
- Decorate an area of your community that people can drive through as reverse parade or light & sculpture display. Use an area where there is time to set up like an industrial area of a campground
- Community scavenger hunt
- Photo challenge/contest - best safely dressed Christmas pet
- Offer virtual fitness classes, meditation, yoga
- Contest for inventions - board games, outdoor games, etc
- Lego contest
- Promote Walk to Tuk
- Drawing contest - family at Christmas, family in the winter, family activities
- Promote story writing - post to community page for others to read
- Promote creating music video/mini concerts - post to community page for others to see
- Promote best local recipes - post to community page for others to use/try
- Program to recognize those who make a difference in your community

## COVID-19

## PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Entire household must self-isolate for 14-days with returning travelers unless they have self-contained suite. Non-essential

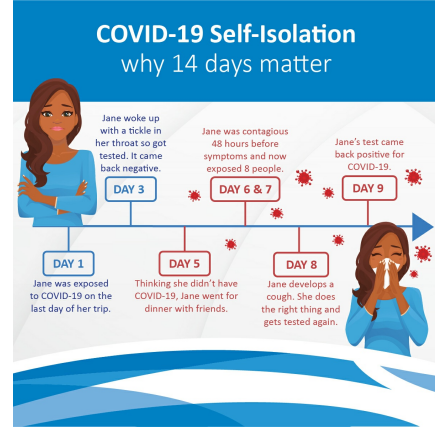


travel outside of NWT strongly discouraged.

With COVID-19 surging in Canada and trends in household transmission, the GNWT has updated NWT's self-isolation rules.

It's not easy, but let's keep doing our part to keep each other safe.

[Click here for Self-Isolation update](#)



## PROPOSAL PRESENTATION



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### TRANSPORT CANADA – FEE PROPOSAL PRESENTATION NAVIGATION PROTECTION PROGRAM (NPP)

Transport Canada would like to invite you to a presentation on its Fee Proposal for the Navigation Protection Program (NPP).

The online presentation in English is scheduled for January 13, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). The presentation will provide an overview of the fee proposal, and provide an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss any preliminary comments you may have.

Please contact us at [NPP-Secretariat-PPN@tc.gc.ca](mailto:NPP-Secretariat-PPN@tc.gc.ca) if you are interested in participating and we will send you the details to join the presentation.

Meanwhile, we welcome any feedback you would have on our proposed fees for services from the NPP. Please refer to the [Let's Talk Navigation page](#) to access our [Fee Proposal](#). You will also find instructions on how to participate and provide your feedback, as well as a [FAQ](#) that summarizes key aspects of the proposal.

## MARKET STUDY



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### CANADA'S COMPETITION BUREAU IS SEEKING CANADIANS VIEWS ON DIGITAL HEALTH SERVICES

As part of its latest [market study](#), the Competition Bureau wants to better understand barriers Canadians may face accessing and using digital health services. Share your views in the [Competition Bureau's](#) short five-minute [survey](#).

# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RESILIENCE FUND



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## Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund

The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) is an Indigenous-led effort to respond to urgent community needs while taking a long-term view on building community resilience.

The Fund is governed by an **Indigenous Advisory Council** that approves all governance, resilience fund projects, communications and fund-raising strategies and recommendations related to the work of fulfilling the purpose of the IPRF.

Any Indigenous-led organization or Indigenous-serving organization working to foster resilience in Inuit, Metis and First Nations communities anywhere in Canada can apply for resiliency funds ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000. For examples of eligible projects, see the **Applicant Guide**.

[Click here for more details](#)

## CANADA RECOVERY SICKNESS BENEFIT



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### CANADA RECOVERY SICKNESS BENEFIT(CRSB)

Income support to employed & self-employed individuals unable to work because they are sick or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, or have underlying health conditions and are at greater risk of getting COVID-19

**The Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is available for one year, from September 27, 2020 to September 25, 2021.**

The benefit provides \$500 per week for up to a maximum of two weeks, for workers who:

- are unable to work for at least 50% of the week because they contracted COVID-19,
- are self-isolated for reasons related to COVID-19, or
- have underlying conditions, are undergoing treatments or have contracted other sicknesses that, in the opinion of a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, person in authority, government or public health authority would make them more susceptible to COVID-19.
- NWT employees who do not have sick leave coverage with

their employers qualify for the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit.

[Click here for more information](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



### RAPID HOUSING INITIATIVE

In order to address urgent housing needs and create rapid affordable housing, we are excited to announce that we have launched the [Rapid Housing Initiative \(RHI\)](#).

Available to municipalities, provinces and territories, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, and non-profit organizations, \$1 billion in funding will be available under two streams (Major Cities Stream and the Projects Stream) to support the creation of up to 3,000 new affordable housing units.

To cover the costs of construction of modular housing, the acquisition of land, and the conversion/rehabilitation of existing buildings to affordable housing, RHI will issue funding directly to selected municipalities under the Major Cities Stream. All other eligible organizations will have the opportunity to apply for funding under the Projects Stream.

RHI has announced identified municipalities from the Major Cities Stream, and applications under the Projects Stream are now open **until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. All information will be available on the [Rapid Housing Initiative website](#).

As applications are now open, we encourage you to share this message with anyone you know who may be interested in supporting the development of rapid affordable housing.

Want to learn more? [Get in touch with a Housing Solutions Specialist](#) who can connect you with industry partners and help develop solutions for your Multi-Unit housing projects.

The Rapid Housing Initiative Team

## ASSET MANAGEMENT

### MANAGING SNOW LOADS IN

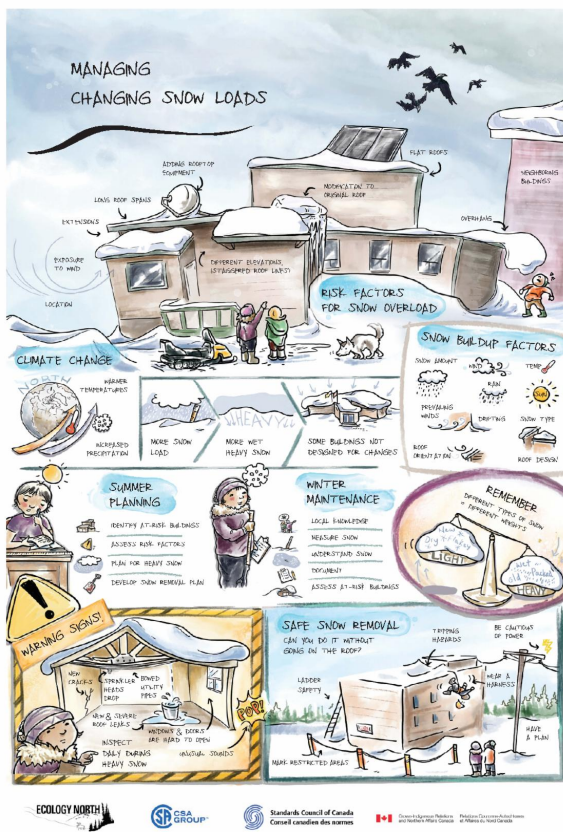


## YOUR COMMUNITY

The objective of this Standard is to inform communities on measures for safe roof snow removal from existing buildings and for protection of building occupants and assets from overloading risks due to increasing accumulations and weights.

Procedures that can reduce risks for roof and building collapses are outlined, including procedures for monitoring heavy snow and ice accumulations, safe removal of snow on roofs when needed, and for maintenance and snow removal planning.

[See the full Snowload Illustration Guide here](#)



## More from the NWTAC.....

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**Community Election  
Schedule**



[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)

**Check out our Website!**

