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NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES

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.

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](#)

CONTEST



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Food Waste Reduction Challenge Agriculture Canada

Who Can Apply to a Challenge Stream?

Are you an innovator with a great solution that prevents and/or diverts food waste? Or are you trying to advance a technology that can extend the shelf-life of food or transform food waste? If so, the Food Waste Reduction Challenge is for you!

We are inviting innovators of all types and sizes to apply to one of the [four streams of the Food Waste Reduction Challenge](#). International applicants with a Canadian partner or an ability to register to do business in Canada are encouraged to apply. Ideas and concepts can originate from anywhere globally, but to receive funding under the Challenge, the solutions presented in the submissions must be developed, tested, piloted, demonstrated, and deployed in Canada.

We are currently accepting applications for Challenge Streams A and B.

Application intake for these streams closes January 18, 2021.

Please see the [Applicant Guide](#) for more eligibility details. Applications for Streams C and D will open in Spring 2021.

Up to 30 Prizes of \$100,000

Open to all eligible innovators submitting a concept application at Stage 1.

Up to 12 Prizes of \$400,000

Open to all Semi-Finalists who reach Stage 2.

Up to 2 Grand Prizes of \$1,500,000

Open to all Finalists who reach Stage 3.

CRTC PUBLIC CONSULTATION



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CRTC LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON NORTHWESTEL'S SERVICES

The CRTC is inviting Canadians living in the North to provide feedback on telecommunications services in the North, and particularly those offered by Northwestel.

The CRTC is seeking to better understand the state of telephone, wireless and Internet services in the areas served by Northwestel. This will help determine whether more needs to be done to ensure Canadians living there have access to high-quality services at reasonable rates.

Among other things, the CRTC is seeking comments on:

- the affordability of telecommunications services for residents and businesses in the North
- the quality of telecommunications services, including Internet speeds, mobile coverage and service reliability, and
- how the CRTC may foster competition in the North.

Canadians are encouraged to share their opinions by January 20, 2021 using one of the following methods:

- filling out the online form
- writing to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2, or
- sending a fax to 819-994-0218.

All comments submitted will form part of the public record and will inform the CRTC's decision.

[Share your views with CRTC here](#)

WEBINAR SERIES



Northwest
Territories Municipal and Community Affairs

**Providing and Performing
Reference Checks**

If you missed this very informative webinar hosted by Steve Connors you can still [watch the presentation](#).

The webinar schedule has been updated. Click the link below to review the new schedule.

[See the Updated Full Schedule of Webinars 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](#)

ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

December 14, 2020, is election day for Aklavik, Enterprise, Fort McPherson, Fort Resolution, Ulukhaktok, and Tulita.

Make sure your voice is heard. Get out and VOTE



TOURISM REVIEW

TOURISM IN THE NWT

[Click here to read the full Review](#)



COVID-19

COVID ALERT APP



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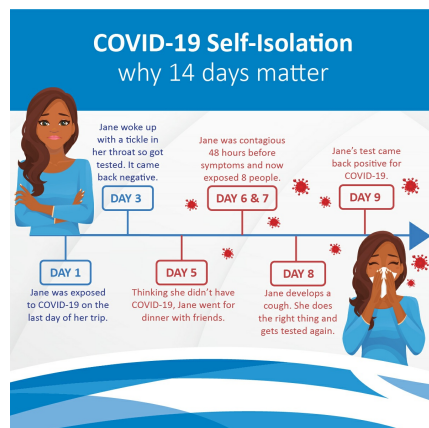
is now covered by the federal government's CovidAlert app, allowing residents to report Covid-19 diagnoses for contact tracing purposes.

The COVID Alert app is free and voluntary, and is another tool to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Users who test positive for COVID-19 will receive a one-time key from their health authority that they can enter into the app. When the key is entered, COVID Alert will notify other users who may have come in close contact with that person for at least 15 minutes, and direct them on next steps based on their provincial or territorial public health advice.

To safeguard the confidentiality and privacy of all Canadians, the app uses strong measures to protect any data it collects, and does not track a user's location or collect personally identifiable information. The Privacy Commissioner of Canada continues to be engaged on COVID Alert, and supports its use by Canadians.

[Click here for more information](#)

[Download CovidAlert App here](#)



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](#)

FUNDING PROGRAM



Northwest
Territories Health and Social Services

GNWT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021 ANTI-POVERTY FUND

Yellowknife (November 18, 2020) – The Government of Northwest Territories is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the 2021 Anti-Poverty Fund. The annual \$1 million Fund can be used to support poverty reduction initiatives in NWT communities.

NWT Indigenous governments and community governing authorities as well as non-government organizations who demonstrate partnership or support from an Indigenous or community governing authority can apply for funding.

Eligible projects must be located in the NWT and must align with at least one of the Territorial Anti-Poverty Strategy priorities:

- Children and Family Support
- Healthy Living and Reaching Our Potential
- Safe and Affordable Housing
- Sustainable Communities
- Integrated Continuum of Services

Application deadline is January 31, 2021.

The application form and guidelines are available here:

[Applying for the Anti-Poverty Fund](#)

CANADA RECOVERY SICKNESS BENEFIT

**CANADA RECOVERY
SICKNESS BENEFIT
(CRSB)**



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of Canada**

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](#)

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](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



**Rapid
Housing
Initiative**



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 31st, 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

WORKPLACE WEBINAR



WORKPLACE HARASSMENT & VIOLENCE

AN INTRODUCTION TO EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY

Employer responsibility to protect employees from workplace harassment and violence and to respond to complaints of same is set out in statute (e.g. occupational health and safety, human rights legislation) and by common law. For those working in the area of human resources, it is essential to appreciate what is considered a workplace and to remain current and sensitive to issues that may arise in the workplace that must be responded to.

Join [Daniel Weber](#) and [Jessica Kruhlak](#) for an introductory review of:

- The legislative backdrop informing employer responsibility to create a safe work environment and to respond to workplace harassment and violence;
- Proactive steps to address workplace harassment and violence;
- Responding to/ addressing workplace harassment and violence; and
- Recent case law.

Who Should Attend: This webinar is designed for human resource professionals and in-house counsel.

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020
Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Cost: \$50 per registration link

[Click here to register](#)

FEATURED NWTAC VIDEO



LOADER MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION

Regularly maintaining your loader will not only keep it ready and safe for use when you need it, it will also lengthen its lifespan

[Watch Video Here](#)

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[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)

Community Election
Schedule

Check out our Website!

