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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 February 25-27 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](#)

## NWTAC CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS



### **THIRD AND FINAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS - 2021 VIRTUAL NWTAC AGM, FEBRUARY 25-27, 2021**

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 !!Today!! January 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

[GNWT Response to Resolutions NWTAC 2020](#)

## COVID-19 VACCINE

### **MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE**

Charlie Furlong, former President of the NWTAC & Mayor of Aklavik gets his vaccination in Aklavik. Way to go Charlie!

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is currently approved for people 18 years of age and older. Priority groups in the NWT will be offered the vaccine first between January and February 2021. The rest of the eligible adult population can expect to get the vaccine





starting in March 2021.

Getting vaccinated is a choice you can make to prevent or reduce the risk of severe COVID-19 disease for yourself and others. Even if you are not at high risk of severe disease from COVID-19, it is important to think of your friends, family, co-workers, elders, and other community members who might be.

[Have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine? Watch this Video](#)

[2021 COVID-19 Updated Vaccine Clinics Schedule](#)

## COMMUNITY CONTEST



# ARCTIC ENERGY ALLIANCE

### COMMUNITY ENERGY PROFILE CONTEST

The Arctic Energy Alliance is running a contest to encourage community governments to get to know their community energy profiles. Answer five questions about energy use in your community for a chance to win.

Participating community governments could win:

- An early-bird prize of a \$500 donation to a community organization of your choice
- A grand prize of a \$1,000 donation to a community organization of your choice

**The contest runs from January 18 to February 12.**

[Find your community energy profile under the link for your community](#)

[Read the rules and enter the contest](#)

## MUNICIPAL NATURAL ASSETS INITIATIVE (MNAI)



**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS  
OF INTEREST**

The Municipal Natural Assets Initiative, a not-for-profit, is seeking expressions of interest from local governments that may want to undertake a natural asset inventory, as a first step towards natural asset management. The costs to local governments would be nominal.

[Further details on the opportunity and how to apply are at this link](#)

We want to make sure we have a good geographic distribution of projects, and would be grateful if you would share with local government colleagues in the NWT whom you feel may be interested.

If you require more information on MNAI and/or would like to sign up to our newsletter then please let me know.

With thanks,

Roy

--Roy Brooke

Executive Director

Municipal Natural Assets Initiative

Website: [MNAI.ca](http://MNAI.ca)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/municipalnaturalassets/>

Twitter: @natural\_assets

[Sign up for our newsletter](#)

MNAI is the winner of:

[Clean 50 - Best Project Award - 2018](#)

[EcoStar - Ecological Stewardship \(Non-Profit\) Award - 2018](#)

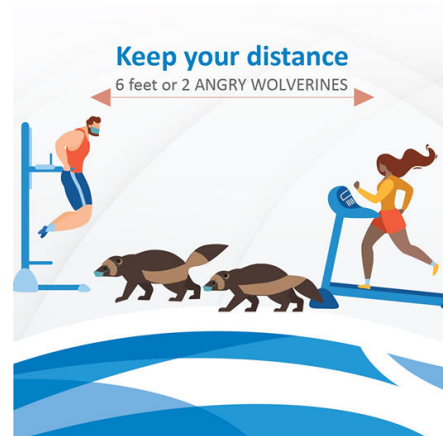
[Real Estate Foundation of BC - Land Use and Conservation Award - 2018](#)

## 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  
SOCAIL 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](#)

## ANTI-POVERTY FUND

**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](#)

## COVID-19

### MANAGING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

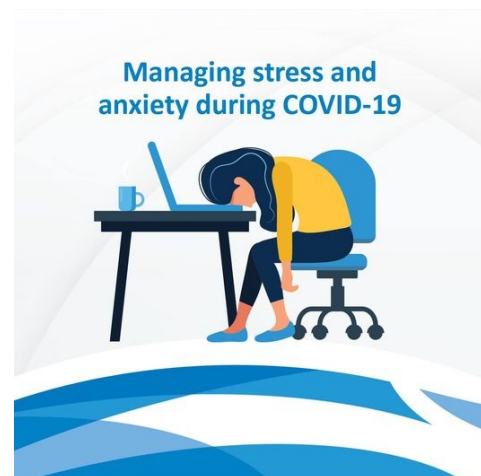
COVID-19 and social distancing is hard on everyone. Looking after your mental wellness is important.

During these difficult times, it is normal to feel stressed or anxious.

The link below will take you to some tools to help take care of your mind, manage stress and anxiety

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

[Click here for mental health tools](#)



## GRANTS





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

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](#)

## UNIVERSAL BROADBAND FUND

### OTTAWA LAUNCHES UNIVERSAL BROADBAND FUND



Dear rural, remote, and Northern members,

The federal government [launched its Universal Broadband Fund](#)—a major win for rural, remote and northern communities.

This \$1.75 billion fund will help connect communities to high-speed Internet across the country. That's up from the \$1 billion originally allocated in Budget 2019.

This progress is a direct result of the tireless efforts of rural and northern municipal leaders. It responds to FCM's call to do more, faster, to bring reliable broadband to all communities—and shows the federal government is listening to the priorities of Rural Canada. We did this. Our unity of purpose has paid off.

The Universal Broadband Fund aims to fund broadband infrastructure projects that will bring high-speed Internet at 50/10 Megabits per second (Mbps) to rural and remote communities.

Below you will find important details on the new funding program.

Key Links and Details:

· In the coming weeks, Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada (ISED) will be hosting a series of webinars to help guide you through

the application process.

- The application guide provides detailed explanations to help you apply to the Universal Broadband Fund, including who is eligible to apply, what areas are eligible for coverage, and what expenses are considered eligible.

- An eligibility mapping tool has been developed to assist applicants in developing the most comprehensive projects with no overbuild or overlap.

**Deadline:**

- **Applications are being accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.**
- **The deadline for the regular project stream is February 15, 2021.**

Contact:

If you are unsure where to begin, want more information on the application process, or have questions, you can connect directly with a dedicated UBF team at ISED:

Telephone: 1-800-328-6189, Email: [get-connected@canada.ca](mailto:get-connected@canada.ca)

As always, FCM will continue to advocate for connectivity for all. It's 2020, reliable Internet is essential. Rural, remote and northern communities shouldn't have to wait any longer.

Garth Frizzell, FCM President

## 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



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### CanNor EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for new single or multi-year projects starting in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

As part of this EOI, priority will be given to projects that address one or more of the following business and community economic development priorities, in line with the four key themes of CanNor's Pan-Territorial Growth Strategy

#### **Diversification and Innovation - including:**

- Business Scale up and Market Expansion – projects that help businesses to accelerate their growth and assist with the adoption of innovative technologies that support scale-up, productivity and global competitiveness (e.g. clean technologies).
- Regional Innovation Ecosystems – projects that help create, grow and develop strong and inclusive regional networks that support business growth and innovation, that foster the entrepreneurial environment, and that increase the competitiveness of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Indigenous Economic Development – projects that support and increase the participation of northern Indigenous communities and businesses in economic opportunities (e.g. tourism).
- Sector Development – projects that foster the development and growth of key sectors (e.g. tourism, fisheries, agriculture & food systems) in a manner which increases community capacity and maximizes jobs and wealth within the territories

#### **Infrastructure Investments and Development:**

Projects that leverage other investments to maximize local and regional opportunities by closing the economic infrastructure gap, as well as by supporting broadband and clean technology initiatives.

#### **Resource Development:**

Projects that support the development and growth of SMEs within the supply chain and remediation sectors, as well as the development of innovative mining techniques and clean technology innovation.

#### **Skilled Workforce:**

Projects that will increase the availability and quality of pre-employment and targeted job skills training based on industry demand, through support for curriculum development, equipment and infrastructure investments.



## Economic Recovery & Stabilization:

Projects that support communities, not-for-profit organizations and SMEs in the economic recovery of their sector (e.g. tourism).

All EOIs must be submitted to CanNor via email at [cannor.operations.cannor@canada.ca](mailto:cannor.operations.cannor@canada.ca) by 11:59PM Pacific Time on February 5, 2021, using the [EOI Form](#)

[Application for Expression of Interest](#)

[Applicant Guide](#)

## ASSET MANAGEMENT GRANT

### APPLY NOW: ASSET MANAGEMENT GRANTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES



Our Municipal Asset Management Program is now accepting applications for grants of up to \$50,000 to fund an asset management initiative in your community. With a solid asset management approach, your municipality can respond to changing concerns in your community and help meet its service needs reliably and sustainably.

Apply for a grant for an initiative that, for example, collects data on your assets or develops asset management policies and strategies. Our funding is especially helpful for small and medium-sized communities.

[Watch a video to learn more.](#)

## NWTAC FEATURED VIDEO



### NWTAC Asset Management Videos - F150 Truck

Daily Inspection for Ford F150

This video was produced by the NWT Association of Communities with funding from FCM.

[Watch the video here](#)

More from the NWTAC.....

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[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)

**Community Election  
Schedule**

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