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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 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.

[Register Now for the AGM!](#)

[Updated information for the AGM!](#)

[2021 AGM AGENDA](#)

NWTAC CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND

ELECTIONS



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR ELECTIONS FOR OUR VIRTUAL AGM

As a member community of the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) you are a member with the right to nominate individuals for election to the Board of the NWTAC. A nominee must be a member of council.

The NWTAC Board is composed of 7 elected positions. Three positions are up for election in 2021. These three positions will be for a 2-year term.

**Nominations for all positions are open now until Today 5pm Friday,
February 19, 2021.**

All nomination forms should be sent to yvonne@nwtac.com before the deadline.

[Nomination Form - President](#)

[Nomination Form - Vice-President for Cities, Towns and Villages](#)

[Nomination Form - Vice-President for Hamlet, Charter Community, Tliche Government, Community Government or Municipal Corporation](#)

COMMUNITY AWARDS



NWTAC 2021 COMMUNITY AWARDS!!

COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARDS

Do you have someone in your community who:

- Is an Elected Official who has provided exemplary leadership in your community
- An individual, organization or business that has demonstrated exemplary service to your community
- Do you have someone in your community who has served on council for 15 years or longer

HEALTHY COMMUNITY AWARD

- In a year where COVID has wreaked havoc on our lives, what did your community do to encourage and support your residents to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Tell us what you have done to promote physical activities, nutrition and social connects even with the requirements for social distancing, how did you help your community to get through the tough times that played on everyone's mental health. We want to hear your amazing story! And you can win \$5000.00

ENERGY EXCELLENCE AWARD

- *Your community has a chance to win \$5000.00!!!* How has your community demonstrated leadership in improving energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Tell us how and what you have done and help other communities with your successful story!

CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AWARD

- In a time where we can see what climate change is doing to the earth, why not tell us and everyone what your community is doing in climate change adaptation. Has your community been pro-active to the challenges caused by Climate Change! Win your community \$5000.00 by telling us your success story!

Deadline for Nominations: TODAY February 19, 2021

[COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARDS](#)

[HEALTHY COMMUNITY AWARD](#)

[ENERGY EXCELLENCE AWARD](#)

[CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AWARD](#)

ONLINE TRAINING WORKSHOP

**ECM MOTORS FOR
CIRCULATOR
PUMPS**



**ARCTIC ENERGY
ALLIANCE**

The Arctic Energy Alliance is hosting a series of online workshops for building maintainers, mechanical/electrical contractors and suppliers to learn more about circulator pumps that use electronically commutated motors (ECMs).

March 8–12, 2021

There's a different session every day. Attend as many as you'd like, but it's strongly recommended that everyone attends the sessions on March 8 and 9, as they include background information for the rest of the week.

Facilitated by the TACO Comfort Group, Altatech Agencies Ltd. and the Arctic Energy Alliance.

[Find more information and register online.](#)

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](#)

Accepting final applications February 2021

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

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.

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](#)

AURORA COLLEGE



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COLLEGE**

Transformation Quarterly Report

Aurora College Transformation team at the Department of Education, Culture and Employment has just released its first Quarterly Report to keep everyone up to date on our progress. Transparency and accountability are important to the transformation process. The more people who know what is happening the more open and successful the transformation will be.

[Read the report here](#)

SECTORAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM



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THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CANADA HAS LAUNCHED A CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) has launched their Sectoral Initiatives Program 2021 call for proposals, and jurisdictions may be interested in applying for support in their COVID-19 economic recovery.

In Summary:

Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$2,500,000 (per project, per year). ESDC will fund projects that identify, forecast and address sectoral or cross-sectoral human resources and skills development needs. Projects are to be a maximum of 36 months. This funding supports projects that focus on one or more of the following objectives:

- Develop and implement sector-based solutions to address the workforce challenges and needs of Canadian workers and employers
- Address specific workforce needs in support of economic recovery for a specific sector or across sectors
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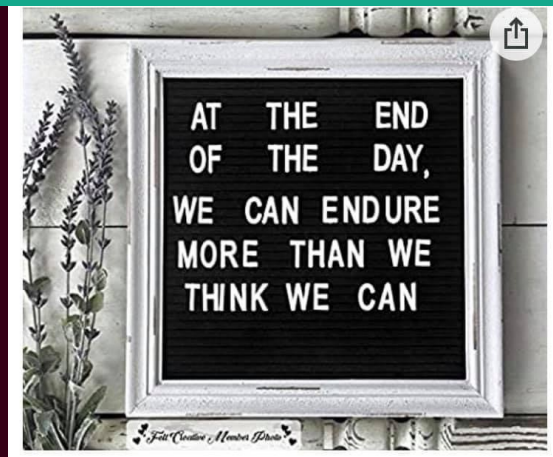
Eligible organizations include:

- Not-for-profit organizations
- For-profit organizations, provided that the nature and intent of the activity is non-commercial and does not generate profit
- Municipal governments
- Provincial and Territorial governments, institutions, agencies or Crown Corporations
- Indigenous organizations including:
 - Band councils
 - Tribal councils
 - Self-government entities

[About the Sectoral Initiatives Program](#)

[Apply for funding for the Sectoral Initiatives Program](#)

COVID-19



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](#)

FCM WEBINAR

**Take your project
from study to capital**



Are you interested in transitioning a sustainable initiative from a study or pilot to a capital project?

Tune into the Green Municipal Fund (GMF)'s free webinar and learn how to make the leap from idea to "shovel-ready" for your project.

We'll discuss green municipal projects that have made the transition at various stages in the process, how each stage fits in the big picture, and the types of support GMF can provide from start to finish.

March 2, 2021 - 1 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

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 COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT



Northwest
Territories Municipal and Community Affairs

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ADVANCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS PROGRAM (ALGAP)

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs' (MACA) School of Community Government (SCG), along with its partners: Northwest Territories Association of Communities and the Local Government Administrators of the Northwest Territories offers the ALGAP, which is a funding opportunity for community governments. The key purpose of this is to support local governments while developing the skills and knowledge of local candidates to become Local Government Administrators in their community.

A local government can apply to ALGAP, first by submitting an Expression of Interest to the SCG. Currently we are accepting Expressions of Interest for 2021/2022.

Although there is no deadline, these are encouraged to be submitted by 15th March 2021 for the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Contact your Regional Superintendent or Jennifer Rafferty at Jennifer_rafferty@gov.nt.ca or by calling 867.767.9163 x 21061.

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NORTHERN FOOD INNOVATION CHALLENGE

The Northern Food Innovation Challenge is one of three streams under the Northern Isolated Community Initiatives (NICI) Fund.

The objective of this Challenge is to support innovative, community-led projects for local and Indigenous food production systems to help improve food security in Canada's territories.

Priority will be given to projects that use innovative solutions that work in a northern or remote climate, can be deployed in the territories, and address one or more of the following areas:

- Food Production/Harvesting
- Food Processing
- Food Distribution/Transportation

Projects related to innovative training and capacity building in these areas will also be considered.

Priority will be given to proposed projects that address food security in Indigenous communities or other vulnerable populations.

Why Should You Apply?

- Funding for project costs up to \$250,000 for successful applicants in Phase 1.
- Final Innovators will be eligible for up to \$1 million to deploy their project in Phase 2.
- Access to northern experts and CanNor support to shepherd project development through pathfinding and mentorship.
- Be part of the solution to tackling one of the biggest challenges in Canada's territories!

Challenge Deadline: March 31, 2021

[More about the challenge!](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Applications](#)

NWTAC FEATURED VIDEO

Permafrost 101

This is a subject that could save your community millions of dollars in future building repair costs.

Permafrost is one of the risks that community governments are exposed to but one that receives little attention: melting of permafrost and the impacts that it can have on community buildings.

This 11-minute presentation from the NWT Association of Communities and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada will walk you through the basic information on permafrost in the NWT.



[Watch the video here](#)

CYBER CRIME



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STAYING CYBER SECURE DURING COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has created some unique challenges for cyber security. Staying cyber secure has never been more important.

Be prepared for what's out there.

Like in any good action movie, the villains (or in this case, cyber attackers) often wait for a high-profile event to enact their big, evil plans.

The COVID-19 pandemic is that event — and unfortunately, cyber criminals are taking advantage of it. COVID-19-related scams and cyber attacks are on the rise. To keep yourself, your family and your devices safe, it's important to stay aware of what's out there and know how to avoid it.

[What to watch out for](#)

SUSTAINABLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

**APPLY NOW: FUNDING
TO IMPROVE THE
ENERGY PERFORMANCE
OF AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**



Are you a local affordable housing provider?

Apply for funding through our Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative to retrofit existing housing, or build new, energy-efficient units that emit lower GHG emissions. Whether you're just getting started or already have a project underway, grants and loans from the Green Municipal Fund can help increase energy and housing affordability, improve building quality, and support the health, comfort and quality of life of your residents

[Get started with the SAH factsheets.](#)

More from the NWTAC.....

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Member
of the Month**



[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)



Community Election Schedule

Check out our Website!

