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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!](#)

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 5pm Wednesday,
February 24, 2021.**

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

[NWTAC 2021 Board Elections](#)

[Nomination Form - President](#)

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

[Nomination Form - Vice-President for Hamlet, Charter Community, Tlicheo 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: February 19, 2021

[COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARDS](#)

[HEALTHY COMMUNITY AWARD](#)

[ENERGY EXCELLENCE AWARD](#)

[CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AWARD](#)

CRA AND SERVICES CANADA WEBINAR

AFTER CERB: TRANSITIONING TO NEW BENEFITS

We are pleased to invite you to our first territory-wide webinar Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CRA Outreach and Business Liaison officers will talk about COVID-19 related support for individuals and businesses, scams, and the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP). Service Canada will talk about Employment Insurance benefits.

We will be available to answer general questions during the session.

[To register for the online event, please click here](#)

AFTER CERB: TRANSITIONING TO NEW BENEFIT!

Please join us for a virtual information session to learn more about the new recovery benefits available to individuals and businesses.

Representatives from the Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada will provide information on:

- Canada Recovery Benefit
- Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit
- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit
- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy
- Scams
- Community Volunteer Income Tax Program
- Employment Insurance benefits

WHEN: Wednesday, February 17th @ 11:00AM

INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS



MEETING BETWEEN NORTHWEST TERRITORY METIS NATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The meeting focused on continuing to share information and perspectives between the two governments, including:

- the importance of working together and including Indigenous perspectives in the transformation of Aurora College to a polytechnic university,
- infrastructure projects in the South Slave,
- sharing information and collaboration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and particularly with respect to enforcement and vaccine planning to keep NWT residents safe,
- establishing an NWT Council of Leaders Multilateral Forum,

- implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,

- advancing land claim negotiations,

- maximizing housing opportunities in NWTMN communities,

- the federal Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families,

- opportunities for economic recovery.

[Read the full document here](#)



MEETING BETWEEN GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL AND GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- continuing to share information and provide updates to the Gwich'in Tribal Council and all Indigenous governments on COVID-19 including the roll out of the vaccine in the NWT;

- advocating to ensure travel options in the territory are safe during COVID-19;

- working together to address core housing needs in Gwich'in communities and maximize housing opportunities;

- maximizing economic opportunities for Gwich'in, including renewal of collaboration that builds upon the economic measures outlined within the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;

- ongoing work to support the health and wellness of Gwich'in;

- ongoing work to support post-secondary education and trades training of Gwich'in;

- enforcement related to harvesting in the Gwich'in Settlement Area;

- advancement of Gwich'in government negotiations; and

- renewal of the shared intergovernmental cooperation agreement.



MEETING BETWEEN SAHTU SECRETARIAT INC. AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The meeting focused on areas of mutual interest, including:

- implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,
- establishing an NWT Council of Leaders Multilateral Forum,
- advancing work on the boreal caribou range plan,
- opportunities for economic recovery,
- collaboration to advance shared priorities with the federal government,
- sharing information on pathways to employment for Sahtu beneficiaries, and
- the federal Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families, and
- protecting residents from COVID-19.

The Sahtu Secretariat Inc. and the Government of the Northwest Territories renewed their intergovernmental memorandum of understanding for another five-year term, confirming their commitment to work together to continue to build a strong government-to-government relationship.

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](#)

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 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](#)

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

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



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.



**NWT
RECREATION
& PARKS
ASSOCIATION**

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

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 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](#)

TRANSPORT CANADA



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Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program (NPP)

NPP helps keep Canada's navigable waters open for transport and recreation by reviewing proposals submitted under the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* for works in, on over, under, through or across navigable waters in Canada.

As part of Transport Canada's fee modernization initiative, the NPP is launching a consultation process to hear views about the fees the program proposes to introduce to help cover the costs of services provided under the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act*.

We want to hear from you

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.

Transport Canada is requesting that **feedback on the Fee Proposal be provided by the end of the consultation period, February 12, 2021**. The feedback can be sent by email to NPP-Secretariat-PPN@tc.gc.ca.

Taking into consideration the comments received on this Fee Proposal, Transport Canada will develop and pre-publish proposed Cost Recovery Regulations in the Canada Gazette, Part I, expected in mid-2021.

The Program would like to thank you for your interest and your collaboration during this consultation process. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you want to discuss our proposal in more details.

The Secretariat – Navigation Protection Program

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 Water Truck

Water Truck Inspection and
Maintenance

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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of the Month



[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)

Community Election Schedule

Check out our Website!

