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NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES

NWTAC'S 2021 VIRTUAL AGM



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES A SUCCESSFUL 55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over 100 delegates from across the territory gather for a packed agenda over a 3-day event February 25 – February 27, 2021

The Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC) welcomed over 100 delegates to the 55th Annual General Meeting virtually last week. This event continued to promote advocacy, unity, and strengthening communities for the organization, which was formed in 1966 by the communities of Yellowknife, Hay River, Fort Smith, and Inuvik but now represents all 33 communities. NWTAC thanks everyone for attending and

making successful our first virtual 2021 AGM.

The 55th AGM was leaner than previous years but still included presentations from MACA, updates from the President, committees and staff on the past year, and the always interesting Open Discussion Session with GNWT Ministers. This year, the NWTAC was pleased to welcome Premier Cochrane and all Members of Cabinet to the meetings. As always, the Resolutions debate was well attended and will set the Association Agenda for the next year.

Two very diverse keynotes rounded out the program: Comedian Don Burnstick and Doug Griffiths, Author of 13 Ways to Kill your Community.

AWARDS

The closing session included the annual awards distributed by the Association for outstanding contributions and achievements in communities of the NWT.

There were two Community Builder Awards.

A Community Service Award was presented to Ross Potter, Fire Chief, member from Hay River, who was recognized with the Long-Standing Service Award of 37 years and the Community Builder Award was presented to Rocky Norwegian, member from Tulita, recognizing exemplary leadership on council in his community.

The Healthy Community Award and \$5,000 was presented to the Inuvik Food Bank for encouraging and supporting residents and providing essential services to those in need.

The Energy Excellence Award and \$5,000 was presented to the Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic for demonstrating leadership in conserving energy and improving energy efficiency.

The Climate Change Resilience Award and \$5,000 was presented to the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk for taking a pro-active approach to the challenges caused by climate change and for strengthening their community's resilience through their actions.

The President's Award was presented to the GNWT COVID Response and Dr. Kandola for their outstanding commitment, dedication and timeless hours spent to keep our communities safe and a viable place to live, work and raise our children.

The NWTAC was pleased see the acclamation of Mayor Lynn Napier as President, Mayor Rebecca Alty Vice President of Cities Towns and Villages and Mayor Raymond Ruben as the Vice President of Hamlet, Charter Community, Tliche Government, Community Government and Municipal Corporation.

Watch for a series of Interactive Sessions over March and April as an extension of the AGM.

The NWTAC is encouraged by the ongoing active participation of all its member communities and looks forward to a productive year serving the communities.

GNWT SURVEY

HAVE YOUR SAY ON WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE NWT

The GNWT is currently seeking public input on two key water stewardship and management initiatives: a new Water Stewardship Strategy Action Plan (2021-2025); and Intentions Documents for Transboundary Water Management Agreements with Yukon.

The public is invited to provide feedback through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) website until March 15, 2021.

2021-2025 Action Plan Survey

The next five-year Action Plan (2021-2025) for the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy (Water Strategy) is currently being developed with water partners and will ensure continued progress towards achieving the goals and vision of the Water Strategy.

Northern residents are invited to participate in a survey on ENR's website until March 15, 2021. The public input collected through this survey will feed into the collaborative Action Plan development process – informing water partners of priorities that should be considered in the 2021-2025 Action Plan.

The Department intends to release a What We Heard Report alongside the new Water Stewardship Strategy Action Plan (2021-2025) in the summer of 2021.

NWT Transboundary Water Management Agreement with Yukon

The GNWT and the Yukon Government have negotiated two separate Yukon-NWT Intentions Documents for Peel/Mackenzie Delta and Liard basins, as waters that flow between Yukon and the NWT are located within these two areas. The Intentions Documents address all aspects that will be included in the final bilateral agreements with Yukon.

Public engagement ensures that northern residents' may express concerns and interests before the agreements are finalized.

The Intentions Documents and plain language summaries are now available on a designated Have Your Say webpage.

Members of the public are invited to review these documents and email their feedback to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources by e-mail at nwtwaterstrategy@gov.nt.ca, or by phone at (867) 767-9234 ext. 53115 until March 15, 2021.

Quotes

"Clean, abundant water is one of our most valuable natural resources in the Northwest Territories. Our government will always listen to residents and

partners to ensure their values and perspectives are reflected in the ways we manage this precious resource. I encourage everyone to participate in these engagement opportunities.”

- **Shane Thompson**, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources

Quick facts

- The GNWT is conducting public engagement on the Water Stewardship Strategy: for the 2021-2025 Water Strategy Action Plan; and the Yukon-NWT Intentions Documents for two Transboundary Water Management Agreements.
- General Public can participate in these public engagement activities until March 15, 2021.

Related links

- [Have Your Say webpage- NWT Transboundary Water Management Agreements](#)
- [Have Your Say webpage- 2021-2025 Water Stewardship Strategy Action Plan](#)

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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.](#)

NWTAC FEATURED VIDEO



FINISH STRONG NWT

We are so close!

These have been challenging times for all of us. So many sacrifices have been made by

individuals and businesses to keep others in their communities and the Territory safe.

We have seen many great kindnesses shown to each other. Getting the vaccine is one of them. It not only protects individuals – it helps protect everyone collectively.

This video was made possible by the partnership between the NWT Association of Communities, the Premier's office and the Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs and Health and Social Services.

[Watch the video 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.



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](#)

HEALTHY CHOICES FUND



HEALTHY CHOICES FUND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (March 8, 2021)– As part of its commitment to supporting health promotion and prevention activities, the Government of the Northwest Territories

(GNWT) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 Healthy Choices Fund. The annual funding is \$400,000, with a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$75,000 per activity per fiscal year.

The objectives of the Healthy Choices Fund include:

- Supporting the vision of healthy, educated individuals, families, and communities in the Northwest Territories;
- Increasing awareness of healthy choices;
- Focusing on youth;
- Encouraging community participation, promote partnerships; and,
- Enabling residents to participate in healthy choices through the community environment and available resources.
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Application deadline is 5:00 pm MT on April 1, 2021.

To access the application form and guidelines, view previously funding activities or contact someone who can assist with the application, please click the link below:

- [Applying for the Healthy Choices Fund](#)

COMMUNITY EFFICIENCY FUNDING

**NEW FUNDING TO
HELP HOMEOWNERS
MAKE THEIR**

PROPERTIES MORE AFFORDABLE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT



Yesterday, with the Government of Canada, FCM's Green Municipal Fund launched its newest funding call from our Community Efficiency Financing initiative to support Canadian municipalities and partners in the delivery of home-energy upgrade financing programs. Municipalities can access grants, loans and credit enhancement to create or scale up local programs to help homeowners upgrade the energy performance of their homes.

We can help you reach your environmental goals, bring jobs to your community and build better lives.

[Apply now!](#)

COVID-19



Have you
been outside
of the Northwest
Territories recently?
Start self-isolating
for 14 days

If you haven't been – start now!



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Northwest Territories



If you're
self-isolating,
watch for
symptoms
like fever, cough, and
difficulty breathing.

Call your local health centre
if they develop.



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ENERGY SAVING PROGRAM



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MUNICIPALITIES

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CANADIENNE DES
MUNICIPALITÉS

Do households in your municipality struggle to meet their home energy needs?
Use the Energy Poverty and Equity Explorer to better understand the people

and neighbourhoods facing this challenge. This tool, developed by FCM's partner, the Canadian Urban Sustainability Practitioners (CUSP), will help you map energy poverty in your community and develop clean energy programs to address it.

[Learn more about the Energy Poverty and Equity Explorer.](#)

CARNIVALS & JAMBOREES



IS YOUR COMMUNITY PLANNING A SPRING CARNIVAL OR JAMBOREE?

[Here is what Host Communities need to know.](#)

WEBINAR

MACA WEBINAR

Our webinar this week is on Workplace Safety. This is the second in a series of MACA Webinars on the topic.



Municipal and Community Affairs

Thursday, March 11 at 10:00 am

Cary Ingram of WSCC asks us to watch for signs of fatigue in ourselves and our staff. He will discuss three questions:

- Are you fit to work today?
- What is the difference between fatigue and just being tired?
- How can we best manage fatigue in the workplace?

If you wish to join the webinar, please email Scott_Lough@gov.nt.ca or call Scott Lough at 867 767 9163 x21062.

FUNDING COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT



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.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



Government
of Canada

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](#)

CYBER CRIME



THE RANSOMWARE EPIDEMIC

Aon's Cyber Solutions and Stroz Friedberg Incident Response Ransomware is, by multiple measures, the top cyber threat facing businesses today. Unlike data breach, ransomware is a risk without discretion. Any company that either requires access to critical data, or faces loss or hardship in the event of business interruption is a potential ransomware victim.

[Read the full document which Includes risk mitigation strategies](#)

NCIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES INSURANCE PROGRAM

A REMINDER to all communities participating in our Insurance Program

Visit our toolkit website. There is lots of great info to be found

<https://toolkitnwtac.com/>



Heater Service Incentive Program, **\$15,000** annually for inspection of your heating units. Contact us for more details.

We will send you property inspection forms. Use one form to inspect one community building. Send in all inspection forms, one from each of your buildings, to us. We will send you a cheque. Contact us if you haven't done

yours yet this year.

Bylaw improvement program. For Water and sewer bylaw and procurement bylaw. **\$5,000** for each. Contact us for more info. Your new draft bylaw should be sent to us for review and comments prior to final approval by council.

If you have bylaws that have been recently approved, or you feel are pretty good as is, please send them in. If we agree they comply, we will send the cheque.

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[NWTAC Tool-Kits](#)

**Community Election
Schedule**

Check out our Website!

