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NWTAC -NEWS AND COVID UPDATES

COVID-19 REGULATION UPDATES

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

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Some gatherings can have a higher risk than others of allowing COVID-19 transmission. The safest gatherings have good air ventilation, and provide for safe distancing between people who are not likely to have travelled outside the NWT.



Outdoor gatherings

Outdoor gatherings of up to 200 people are permitted. Outside gatherings are lower risk because there is a lot of space to distance and more air flow so COVID-19 has less of a chance to hang around. That means we can enjoy outdoor sports, music festivals, food and drink on patios and have garage sales and parades. Physical distancing and masking is not required. Activities involving less than 200 people can go ahead with minimal restrictions:

- For outdoor sports, players must adhere to COVID-19 guidelines from their national and provincial sports organizations.
- Businesses, organizations, restaurants and bars must develop and implement an exposure control plan to eliminate or minimize worker exposure to COVID-19, and have it available if requested by a Public Health Officer

Additional Approvals

OCPHO approval is required for:

1. Outdoor gatherings of over 200 people
2. High-risk activities, including:
 - Funerals or celebrations of life

To host a gathering of over 200 people or a high-risk activity, [apply for an activity exemption](#).

If a business/organization already has approval from the OCPHO to hold a high-risk activity or gathering of more than 200 people, they do not need to reapply unless the activity has changed. Businesses can apply for exemption to host multiple events of the same type in a specific location rather than having to apply for each individual event.

Optional Additional Measures

Even if a business/event does not require an approved plan, it is recommended that organizers, business owners, operators and residents [complete their own risk assessments](#).

Indoor gatherings

Indoor gatherings of up to 200 people are permitted. This means we can go to people's houses, have parties and workplace get-togethers, and most businesses restaurants, stores and offices can operate at normal capacity. Businesses and organizations can return to pre-pandemic indoor capacity limits as long as that capacity is not for more than 200 people in an indoor location per floor. Physical distancing and masking is not required.

- Businesses, organizations, restaurants and bars must develop and implement an exposure control plan to eliminate or minimize worker exposure to COVID-19, and have it available if requested by a Public Health Officer.

Additional Approvals

OCPHO approval is required for:

1. Gatherings of over 200 people
2. High-risk activities, including:
 3. Live singing
 4. Wind instrument performances
 5. Indoor dancing
 6. Funerals
 7. Handgames
 8. Indoor winter sports

To host a gathering of over 200 people or a high-risk activity, [apply for an activity exemption](#).

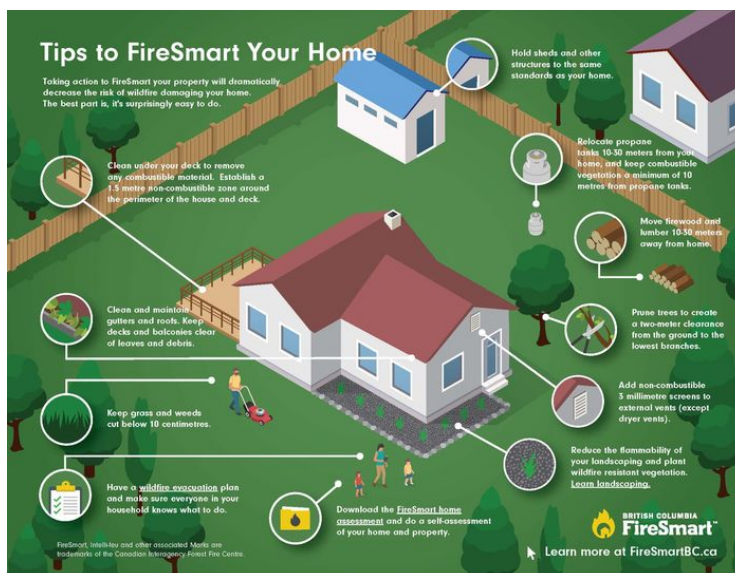
Optional Additional Measures

Masking and physical distancing are not required for indoor gatherings, however higher risk indoor facilities such as health care, long-term care and corrections facilities may adopt more stringent policies if they wish. Even if the event does not require an approved plan, it is recommended that organizers, business owners, operators and residents [complete their own risk assessments](#).

Contact Us

Call 811 or Email protectnwt@gov.nt.ca (link sends e-mail) (8 am to 8 pm daily)

FIRESMART



WHEN IT COMES TO PREPARING FOR THE THREAT OF WILDFIRE, WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY

Wildfires are a natural part of Northwest Territories' wildland ecosystems. Without wildfire, the landscape loses its diversity. Wildfires recycle nutrients, help plants

reproduce and create a mosaic of vegetation that provides habitat for a variety of wildlife.

By choosing to extend our lifestyles and communities further into forested areas, we become more exposed to the danger of wildfire. Living where wildfires can occur puts your home or cabin at risk; however, it is possible to live safely with this natural event.

How FireSmart® can help

FireSmart recommendations reduce the risk of wildfire to your property, community and neighbourhood, and help firefighters to defend your home.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) provides FireSmart information and workshops to help communities, industry and homeowners reduce the threat of wildfire.

[Watch "ENR Fire Prevention Doing Your Part" video here](#)

AWARD NOMINATIONS

NWT MINISTERIAL LITERACY AWARDS



The Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), the Premiers of Canada Council of the Federation, and the NWT

Literacy Council are pleased to be accepting nominations for the annual NWT Ministerial Literacy Awards. These awards provide an opportunity to honour the literacy achievements of youth and adult learners, exceptional educators, and organizations and businesses across the territory.

Up to nine literacy awards may be given each year, including eight Ministerial Literacy Awards and the Premiers of Canada Council of the Federation of Literacy Award for the NWT.

Ministerial Literacy Awards include:

- Youth Learner Literacy Award
- Adult Learner Literacy Award
- Youth Indigenous Language Champion Award
- Outstanding NWT Educator Award
- Outstanding Support for Literacy Development NWT Business Award
- Second Language Learner Award
- Supporting Literacy Through Technology Award
- Outstanding Non-Profit Support for Literacy/Language Development

Nomination forms are available on [ECE's website](#), or contact Deana Twissell to assist at deana_twissell@gov.nt.ca or 867 767-9309 ext 71375.

Deadlines for 2021:

- **July 15, 2021 - Premiers of Canada Council of the Federation of Literacy Award nominations due**
- **August 20, 2021 – Ministerial Literacy Awards nominations due**

This year the awards will be presented virtually.

INCOME ASSISTANCE ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS IN FLOOD ZONES

DEHCHO REGION RESIDENTS

If you are affected by flooding and are currently receiving Income Assistance or are experiencing financial difficulties you can contact an ECE Client Services Officer:

Income Assistance access
for residents in flood zones



Residents of Fort Providence, Fort Simpson
or Jean Marie River: Call the Fort Providence
CSO: 867-699-4431

Residents of Fort Liard, Nahanni Butte,
Sambaa k'e and Wrigley: Call the Fort Liard
CSO: 867-770-4104 - extension 121

TRANSITIONAL RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (TRSP)

WHAT IS THE TRANSITIONAL RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (TRSP)?



Through the Transitional Rent Supplement Program (TRSP), the NWT Housing Corporation is reaching out to you if your family is living in market housing, you are struggling to pay your bills, and you are spending more than 30% of your total household income on your shelter costs.

The TRSP can provide a rent subsidy of up to \$500 per month for a transitional period of time. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

Who is eligible for the Transitional Rent Supplement Program (TRSP)?

NWT Residents in Private market rentals who pay more than 30% of their total income for rent are eligible for this program.

Residents in Public Housing or who are receiving Income Assistance are not eligible for the supplement.

What funding is available?

Funding is up to \$500.00 per month.

How do I apply?

Submit a completed [application form](#) to NWTHC_TRSP@gov.nt.ca or please contact the [District Office](#) for your region, to find out more details, and for help to fill out an application if you need it. For further questions, please contact 1-844-NWT-HOME (1-844-698-4663) or nwthc_comms@gov.nt.ca.

OUTFITTER LICENCES

OUTFITTER LICENCES NOW AVAILABLE

A limited number of Outfitter Licences are



now available for Unit U and R. You need this licence if you plan to provide equipment and guide services to people hunting big game, or if you expect to receive money, goods, or services in exchange for these services. The number of licences available is limited, and complete applications will be considered on a first-come first-served basis.

To apply, complete the attached application and include:

- A Certificate of Good Standing from Corporate Registries
- Letters of support from Indigenous governments or Indigenous organizations on land where you will be outfitting
- The appropriate licence fee (\$880 for a new license or \$440 for licence renewal).

To submit applications or if you have any questions, please contact wildlife@gov.nt.ca. For more information, visit www.enr.gov.nt.ca.

CANADA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND (CCRF)



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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA LAUNCHES \$500 MILLION CANADA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND TO DRIVE POST-COVID-19 RECOVERY

Shared public spaces in villages, towns and cities are at the heart of communities across Canada. Main streets, downtown cores, community and cultural centres, farmers' markets, libraries, outdoor spaces and other public places draw in residents and visitors alike, supporting local businesses and jobs. In many communities, these spaces have remained empty as Canadians took precautions to stay safe from COVID-19.

The Government of Canada recognizes that Canadian cities and towns flourish when they have community infrastructure to promote social interaction and physical activity and provide access to recreational programs and facilities. These are integral to our overall well-being as individuals, families and communities.

Our economic recovery is closely linked to the vitality of our local communities and their shared spaces. The new Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) announced in Budget 2021 provides \$500 million over two years to [Canada's regional development agencies](#) (RDAs) to invest in shared and inclusive public spaces, helping to create the conditions and accessibility to stimulate local economies and bring Canadians back together once it is safe to do so.

[For more information about the fund click here](#)

GMVF SURVEY



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GENUINE MACKENZIE VALLEY FUR (GMVF) PROGRAM EVALUATION

The Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur (GMVF) Program provides Northwest Territories (NWT) trappers with “one window” access to the international fur auction market for fur harvested in the NWT. In addition, the Program actively markets and promotes fur at international venues through partnerships with other harvesting jurisdictions and the private sector. The programs and services under this program include:

- providing trappers access to the international fur market through an ongoing relationship with the Fur Harvesters Auction;
- covering the costs of shipping and drumming;
- marketing and promoting fur at international venues through partnerships with other harvesting jurisdictions and the private sector;
- protecting trappers against unexpected changes in the fur market through providing guaranteed advances for high-quality fur;
- providing prime fur bonuses to trappers whose pelts sell at amounts higher than the guaranteed advance;
- providing annual start-up funds for eligible harvesters through Trapper’s Grubstake;
- providing community-based trapper training to help trappers get the best price for their furs; and,
- recognizing top trappers annually through trapper awards.

We are currently evaluating the program with the goal of improving delivery to best support NWT trappers and their needs. Please take a few minutes to give us feedback.

You can enter your name and email at the end to be entered into the prize draw. Your name and email will not be linked to any responses.

[Take the survey here](#)

CHAP SURVEY

COMMUNITY HARVESTERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CHAP) EVALUATION

The Community Harvesters Assistance



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Program (CHAP) is a GNWT program that provides funding to Indigenous Governments, Renewable Resource Councils, Hunters and Trappers Committees or Local Hunting Organizations who in turn distribute the CHAP funding to support their members. These groups determine how they wish to spend the money they are provided. The program is currently being evaluated with the goal of improving the delivery for both harvesters and the organizations that run the program. Please take a few minutes to give us feedback.

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CANADIAN NETWORK FOR THE PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE



DEVELOPING A ROADMAP FOR ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION IN CANADA

CNPEA is building a pan Canadian strategy to increase the prevention of elder abuse.

Our goal: Developing a roadmap with multiple entry points, which will allow each of us, at an individual, organizational, community, and government level to play a role in preventing elder abuse, now and for the generations to come.

Change is possible. We all have a role to play. Are you ready?

[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 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](#)



MARINE RESUPPLY



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KICK OFF OF THE MARINE RESUPPLY SEASON

Marine Transportation Services (MTS) is pleased to announce the kick-off of the 2021 marine resupply season.

The MV Kelly Ovayuak left the Hay River marine terminal on Monday, July 5, 2021, towing seven barges with a total of 6,261 tonnes of cargo and petroleum products.

This is the first of seven sailings planned from the Hay River terminal this season.

This season, MTS will deliver cargo and fuel to eleven communities:

- Aklavik
- Norman Wells
- Łutsel K'e
- Tulita
- K'asho Got'ine
- Inuvik
- Tuktoyaktuk
- Ulukhaktok
- Sachs Harbour
- Paulatuk

- Kugluktuk

The last delivery is scheduled for early September.

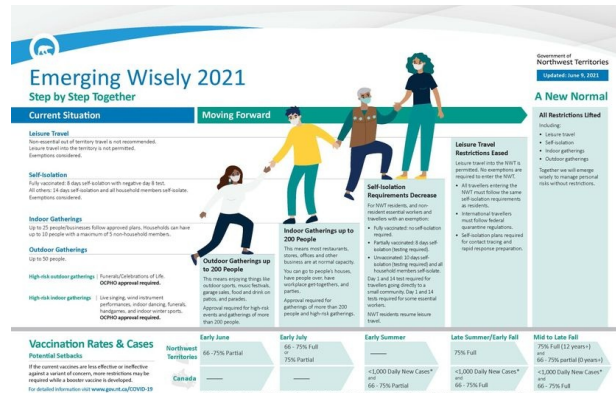
MTS provides essential marine transportation services, seasonally dispatching from the Port of Hay River to government, business, industry, and residents on Great Slave Lake, along the Mackenzie River corridor, and in the Western Arctic.

COVID-19

EMERGING WISELY 2021

The step-by-step guide to easing public health restrictions and moving forward from COVID-19, is available now.

[Get your copy here](#)



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Your community.
Your future.

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Votre collectivité.
Votre avenir.

Complete your online census questionnaire today!
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Remplissez votre questionnaire du recensement en ligne dès aujourd'hui!
www.recensement.gc.ca

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2021 CENSUS

The 2021 Census is still open for residents to complete.

Visit this website to fill yours out:
<http://www.census.gc.ca/>

If you cannot complete the Census online, you can contact the Census Help Line at 1-855-340-2021.

HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION

APPLY FOR HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS DISASTER COMPENSATION



In the event that a traditional harvester in the Northwest Territories suffers loss or damage to equipment or assets because of a natural disaster, compensation is available.

To qualify for assistance, harvesters must possess a General Hunting Licence and/or be a land claim beneficiary, be actively engaged in renewable resource harvesting activities, and prove that their harvesting provides for at least 25% of their gross annual income. The maximum compensation allowable under this program is \$4500.

This program does not compensate for losses incurred from wildland fire and cannot be used to cover losses arising from poor judgment, carelessness or acts of vandalism.

For more information, contact your [local Environment and Natural Resources office](#).

NWTAC'S FEATURED VIDEO



NWTAC VIDEO ON THE FRONT LINES

Climate change in the Northwest Territories

[Watch the video here](#)

ADDICTIONS RECOVERY PEER SUPPORT FUND



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WHO CAN APPLY?

- Community-based or Indigenous Organizations
- Community-based groups or community members working in partnership with an eligible community-based or Indigenous Organization

How to apply?

- To apply for the Addictions Recovery Peer Support Fund, you will need to complete and submit the Addictions Recovery Peer Support Fund Application Form.

Funding is available for two purposes.

Training Requirements for an Addictions Recovery Peer Support Program

- Total available funds annually: \$100,000
- Available for Multi-Year Projects: No

Basic Requirements for an Addictions Recovery Peer Support Group and/or

- Total available funds annually: \$180,000
- Available for Multi-Year Projects: No

[Application for Addiction Recovery Peer Support Fund](#)

COMMUNITY EFFICIENCY FUNDING



FUNDING TO HELP HOMEOWNERS MAKE THEIR

PROPERTIES MORE AFFORDABLE AND ENERGY-EFFICIENT

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!](#)

NEW COUNCIL ORIENTATION

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Whether you're a new or returning municipal councillor, you'll find value in this two-day course offered by Doug Griffiths and the 13 Ways team.

We'll walk you through everything you need to know in order to competently and effectively represent your electors — and to collaborate with your new cohort around the council table.

- Roles & Responsibilities
- Laws & Legislation
- Protocols & Procedures
- Corporate & Governance Practice
- Relationship Management
- Conflict Resolution



[Register to secure your spot](#)

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