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**2022
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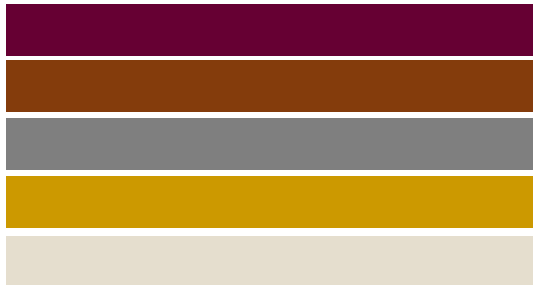
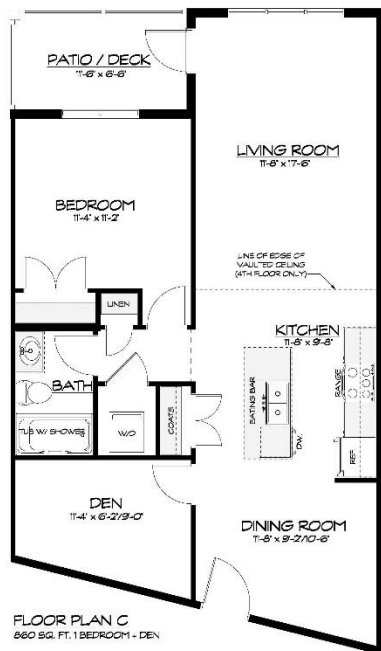
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What Do Your Fees Buy?

ADVOCACY

The NWTAC works **year-round** on advocacy for its members, meeting with **elected officials** and **government representatives** at all levels to promote the interests of NWT communities. These advocacy efforts are informed by the **resolutions** passed at each Annual General Meeting.

RESOURCES

The NWTAC produces resources like **Smart Management Practices**, sample **policies** and other templates, **posters**, comprehensive **toolkits**, and **videos** for use by members. The NWTAC can support members with custom pieces as well, upon request.

NWTAC Group Purchasing Program

This program offers member communities **major discounts** on the purchase of a wide range of supplies needed for running a community government. The Purchasing Program is a **strategic partnership** with the Trade Division of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC), one of the largest public sector buying groups in Canada. With **145 approved suppliers** serving 800 member communities, AAMDC brings major buying power to negotiation of member discounts. Items like tires, auto parts, fencing and posts, office supplies, safety equipment, construction equipment, and fuel tanks are only some of the products available at discounted rates.

Toolkits

The NWTAC has developed a series of Toolkits to support communities!

Our Toolkits cover such topics as:

- Healthy Communities
- Built Environment
- Hiring and Managing Your SAO
- Strategic Planning
- Community Research
- Community Emergency Planning

Smart Management Practices (SMPs)

The NWTAC has SMPs covering the following areas:

- Planning
- Climate Change
- Good Governance
- Energy
- Healthy Communities
- Preventing Internal Crime

CLIMATE CHANGE

The NWTAC has worked with partners to develop a northern-focused set of climate change-related **standards and guidelines**, a course through the **School of Community Government**, and has undertaken **studies** on the impacts of climate change in our communities.

ELECTION SUPPORT

Customized **posters** encouraging community members to vote and to run for elected office, materials outlining the **responsibilities of elected officials**, and information about **identification** requirements are all services provided by the NWTAC.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

With our partners at Health and Social Services, the NWTAC has developed a **Healthy Communities Toolkit** to guide community governments. This includes sections on **alcohol, smoking, healthy eating, physical activity, and mental health**.

COMMUNITY FUNDING

The NWTAC continues to advocate for **fair community funding** from the GNWT, providing information and resources to community members, elected officials, and directly to Members of Legislative Assembly about the **impact of dollars invested at the community level**, and the importance of services provided by community governments.

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The **Northern Communities Insurance Program** is community-owned and operated, covering all property, mobile equipment, vehicles, money, employee bonding, accidental death and dismemberment for council and emergency personnel, public liability including administration errors and omissions, and wrongful dismissal. Insurance rates were rolled back to 2001 levels and frozen. **The self-insurance program has saved communities well over \$25 million since its inception in 2003.**

Services and Expenses Covered by NCIP

MEMBER SERVICES

NWTAC Members have access to **advisory services** in the areas of **legal support**, **human resources**, and **procedural/governance** support. Use of these services is **confidential**.

Legal Services include informal verbal advice by phone on our **municipal helpline (1-800-661-9069)**, three hours of **formal legal advice** each year, access to licenced lawyers, **legal opinions**, and resource materials

Human Resources services include **unlimited** telephone access to HR experts, **access** to a database of documents and templates, and help customizing policies for your community. Contact Allan Twissell at Northways Consulting in Yellowknife at allan@nwtac.com or 867-873-5444.

Procedural and Governance support on the administration of a community government, including **election** resources, **by-laws**, and help interpreting **legislation**. You can reach David Kravitz at david@nwtac.com or 867-688-9415.

Loss Prevention Incentive Program: \$5.5 million has been made available to communities since 2010 for good claims experience and inspections of community buildings. Each community that is a part of NCIP has **annual funds available** to them for simply doing inspections on their buildings to identify existing hazards.

Appraisal Program: All buildings, contents, mobile equipment and emergency vehicles are **appraised and updated each year including funding reports** which project the costs and timeframes for the replacement of major building components over the next 25 years. This is very valuable for **budgeting and planning** of building maintenance and the asset management of your property.

Asset Management: Working in conjunction with MACA, NCIP is developing **inspection forms** for buildings, mobile equipment and emergency vehicles, **maintenance videos** for heavy trucks and equipment and information on **best practices**.

Risk Management, Legal Review and Research: NCIP regularly covers **research costs** on subjects such as procurement, contracting, request for proposals, by-laws, policies, and procedures that can affect communities in the way they do business. The NWTAC has an **online resource library** of bylaws, policies and procedures which we continually develop and add to annually.

Contract Review: NCIP helps communities **review contracts** and can pay for the development of professionally reviewed agreements for the performance of contracted services. NCIP continually adds new **sample contracts** to the NWTAC's online resource library.

Safety Videos: NCIP offers a suite of **more than 80 short safety videos** on one USB stick, for use in staff training.

Posters and Advertising: **Anti-vandalism** posters distributed to all the communities to increase awareness of the damage of vandalism and reduce senseless acts. Advertising has been placed to remind the public to be mindful of potholes; advertising has proven to be a **defense against legal action** in some jurisdictions.

Lessons from Losses: NCIP distributes bulletins to members, highlighting losses involving such topics as property, liability, auto and criminal losses. *Lessons from Losses* include details of the loss event, what lead to the loss and how-to steps to **avoid similar losses**.

Legislation and Standards: NCIP and the NWTAC regularly participates in the review, amendment and update of NWT **legislation and regulations** that have an impact on community governments including assisting the **Canadian Standards Association** in the development of various new standards for the North.

TAB 2

**2022
NWT Association of
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Annual General Meeting**



**2021 Annual General Meeting
55th AGM
Virtual AGM
Minutes
February 25 – February 27, 2021**

Minutes

The Chairperson (President Napier) called the meeting to order 2:45 pm.

Welcome from President Napier

President Napier welcomed everyone to the 55th Annual General Meeting of the NWT Association of Communities and our 2021 Virtual historic AGM. She respectfully acknowledged that the land on which we are hosting this meeting from is Chief Drygeese Territory, traditional home of the Yellowknives Dene and the traditional land of North Slave Metis. She wished everyone and their family members best wishes in these difficult times and she extended continued health and safety to everyone. President Napier expressed her sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the frontline workers and all serving so selflessly though these hard times to keep all residents of the NWT safe. COVID 19 has caused a tremendous amount of loss, it has turned our world as we know it upside down and has affected billions of people all over the world. Through these challenging times we the leaders of the NWT have stood together to fight this deadly virus. Along with our friends in the GNWT and the Federal Government we have charted a path that is hopeful for our future. Together we are stronger, more resilient than this disease. She also thanked our amazing partners from the GNWT, AON, Brownlee LLP and NCIP for their continued sponsorship.

President Napier stated that the GNWT has put in place public health measures and restrictions for gatherings and events to limit the spread of COVID 19. NWTAC has been working closely with the Board of Directors and legal counsel to find a solution that will allow the Annual General Meeting to proceed while continuing to put the health and safety of its members and staff first.

President Napier said the NWTAC's Bylaws do not expressly address conducting an AGM virtually; however, based on the interpretation from the Registrar our by-law allows for virtual participation so having our entire meeting virtually is allowed. Given these unprecedented times, the Board of Directors sees no other viable option and is convinced the Association's interests are best served by proceeding with a virtual AGM at this time. In calling this meeting, the Board is relying on its authority under section 9.1 of the Bylaws to determine the "time and place" of the Annual General Meeting.

She said we understand that proceeding with a virtual meeting is a significant change for our members. This is a challenge that associations across the country are also facing in response to COVID 19 public health measures. The NWTAC had taken every reasonable precaution to ensure the virtual format of this meeting does not inhibit members from participating or contributing. She said our members' participation is vital.

She stated to reduce complications and on the advice of legal counsel, the Board of Directors has chosen to limit the agenda of the AGM to essential items only, which will take place over the next three days.

Welcome From GNWT

Deputy Minister Eleanor Young from Municipal and Community Affairs gave opening comments and greetings on behalf of MACA and the GNWT. She said the Premier and members of Cabinet will be here on Saturday for the Open Discussion Session with delegates. Deputy Minister Young said she as well as members of MACA's staff look forward to updating everyone over the next couple of days. She looks forward to answering any questions members may have.

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson (Town of Hay River) and seconded by Councillor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) that the agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President's Report was moved by Councillor Angela McKay (Hamlet of Fort Resolution) and seconded by Councillor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik).

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE 2020 AGM MINUTES

Moved by Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) and seconded by Mayor Rebecca Alty (City of Yellowknife) that the 2020 AGM minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE 2019-2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved Councillor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) and seconded by Mayor Sean Whelly (Village of Fort Simpson) that the 2019 – 2020 Financial Statements be adopted.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021-2022 NWTAC BUDGET

Moved Councillor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) and seconded by Councillor Evelyn Krutko (Hamlet of Fort Providence) that the 2021-2022 Budget be accepted.

CARRIED

NWTAC POLICY & BYLAW

Moved by Mayor Natasha Kulikowski (Town of Inuvik) and seconded by Mayor Richard Nerysoo (Hamlet of Fort McPherson) to accept the 2021 Re-affirmed policies of the NWTAC as follows.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor David Weaver (Town of Norman Wells) and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya (Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk) to accept the 2021 Standing Policies of the NWTAC as follows.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor David Weaver (Town of Norman Wells) and seconded by Councillor Mike Couvrette (Town of Fort Smith) to accept the 2021 Deleted policies of the NWTAC as follows.

CARRIED

Standing	Re-Affirm	Delete
ST-21-19-06	RA-21-20-04	DL-21-20-01
ST-21-19-12	RA-21-20-05	DL-21-20-02
ST-21-17-03	RA-21-20-06	DL-21-20-03
ST-21-17-12	RA-21-20-07	DL-21-20-08
ST-21-17-25	RA-21-20-09	DL-21-20-14
ST-21-14-01	RA-21-20-10	DL-21-20-15
ST-21-14-03	RA-21-20-11	DL-21-19-10-A
ST-21-13-01	RA-21-20-12	DL-21-18-09
ST-21-09-08	RA-21-20-13	DL-21-17-07
ST-21-01-07	RA-21-20-16	DL-21-16-01
ST-21-01-11	RA-21-20-17	DL-21-15-04
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**NWT Association of Communities
2021 NEW Resolutions**

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NWTAC Resolutions are divided into the following categories:

CATEGORY A Territorial Wide Municipal Issues

This category will contain resolutions on issues that are of a direct or indirect concern to all territorial Communities.

CATEGORY B Issues which Pertain to Regional Concerns Only or Are Not Within Municipal Jurisdiction

This category will contain resolutions, which are of a regional concern only or are not within municipal jurisdiction. No action is taken on Category B resolutions.

CATEGORY C Matters Dealt with by the NWTAC in the Previous Three Years

This category will contain resolutions relating to specific matters, which have already been considered by the NWT Association of Communities within the previous three years.

2021-01 Amendment to Disaster Assistance Policy – Solid Waste Management Facility Fires

WHEREAS NWT communities that are responsible for operation and management of a municipal solid waste management facility will not have adequate financial resources to support the cost of extraordinary, emergency firefighting and associated environmental protection related activities during a community solid waste management facility fire.

WHEREAS the cost of firefighting and environmental protection activities associated with a solid waste management facility fire will not be adequately covered through Northern Communities Insurance Program.

WHEREAS increasing environmental regulations are equating to significant costs associated with emergency firefighting and associated air quality and water quality monitoring and mitigation.

WHEREAS the GNWT has recently ruled that a disaster classification requires proof of widespread damage that affects a significant number of people's properties.

WHEREAS the GNWT has recently ruled that environmental contaminants resulting from a significant solid waste management facility fire do not represent a risk to the health, safety and welfare of residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to recognize extraordinary, emergency fires at solid waste management facilities as a potential disaster that can lead to significant municipal property destruction, significant environmental damage, and put peoples' health, safety and welfare at risk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy be updated to include the specific indication that extraordinary, emergency solid waste management facility fires can be considered a disaster.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy's maximum assistance payable be increased from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 to more appropriately cover the costs associated with or prevention of a community disaster.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fiscal status of the community should have no bearing on the eligibility or amount of coverage under the GNWT Disaster Assistance Policy.

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2021-02 Property Tax Forgiveness When Property is Destroyed by Fire

WHEREAS in the event that an improvement is damaged or destroyed by fire and the damage or destruction is so significant as to render the taxable property unfit for further use or occupation, the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act* grants the Council of a municipal taxing authority to enact a by-law to reduce or rebate a portion of the property taxes, upon application by the assessed owner;

AND WHEREAS the ability to reduce or rebate a portion of the property taxes when fire damages or destroys an improvement and renders it unfit for further use is a reasonable action;

AND WHEREAS the current requirement to enact a by-law to effect the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes under these circumstances introduces additional burden and potentially significant time delays, and unnecessarily brings public attention to what can be a very personal tragedy;

AND WHEREAS the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes on a specific property under these conditions is largely prescriptive and can be achieved administratively without requiring policy direction from the Council of a municipal taxing authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider amending the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act* to enable the Senior Administrative Officer of a municipal taxing authority to approve, upon application by the assessed owner, the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes when an improvement is damaged or destroyed by a fire that has rendered it unfit for further use or occupation.

CATEGORY A CONCURRENCE

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2021-03 Accessibility Legislation

WHEREAS accessibility in Canada is about creating communities, workplaces and services that enable everyone to participate fully in society without barriers.

WHEREAS according to the 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability, more than 6 million Canadians aged 15 and over (22% of the population) identify as having a disability

WHEREAS the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects a number of our rights and freedoms, including banning the discrimination of people with a mental or physical disability.

WHEREAS the Canadian *Human Rights Act* and the Northwest Territories *Human Rights Act* prohibits the discrimination or harassment of people on a number of grounds, including disability.

WHEREAS the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia and Manitoba have provincial accessibility legislation and British Columbia has introduced provincial accessibility legislation;

WHEREAS the *Accessible Canada Act* received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019 and came into force on July 11, 2019 and many provinces are expected to adopted mirroring legislation;

WHEREAS Canada joined the United Nations (UN) *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* in 2010. The Convention protects and promotes the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities without discrimination and on an equal basis with others.

WHEREAS Courts and Human Rights Tribunals have determined that meeting the *National Building Code* is not always adequate for individuals and building owners to ensure they are meeting accessibility requirements under Human Rights Acts.

WHEREAS there is no clear guidance for in the Northwest Territories on how to address accessibility in facilities and services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of the Northwest Territories establish comprehensive accessibility legislation that enables all persons to participate fully in society without barriers by providing clarity of requirements and standards to be met throughout the Northwest Territories.

CATEGORY A CONCURRENCE

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2021-04 NWT Association of Communities - Climate Change Call to Action Building Resilience Through Thriving and Inclusive Communities

We stand together as community government leaders, acknowledging that wherever we are in the NWT, we are on indigenous land and expressing our highest concern at the climate crisis that the world is now facing.

With average temperature changes between 2-4 times of the average global rate, NWT communities are on the frontlines of climate change and that this will have impact on every aspect of our lives.

As we urgently increase our efforts to reduce emissions, we must give equal and increased urgency to build resilience for the future. Permafrost thaw, wildfires, devastating storms, coastal and shoreline erosion, sea level rise are just some of the climate impacts already threatening our communities. Our communities are centres of culture, commerce and innovation, yet these same strengths make us highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

As elected officials we have a unique and important role to play in building resilient and livable communities. We are on the frontlines – often the public face of a community's response to a disaster or an extreme weather event. Residents and businesses alike look to us for leadership, guidance, reassurance and a calm voice of reason in stressful situations. Building community resilience will help to empower the community to pull together in the face of climate change and related events. At the same time, building resilience will allow us to make progress on equity, inclusion and social justice.

We are all experiencing the impacts of climate change in a very real way. It is easy to get overwhelmed by the sense of urgency around these issues, but as community leaders we must use this urgency as an opportunity for action and forward momentum, and most importantly the opportunity to approach these issues with new ways of thinking and acting together.

The steps needed to address climate change necessitates the remaking of society's systems, from energy generation to housing to transportation to education to land use. In that remaking there are powerful opportunities to create healthier, more equitable and more just communities.

To address the climate challenge we call on **all leaders** to:

- Ensure that all actions that we take are done through a lens of climate change, decolonization, health and well-being, equity and inclusion, racial and social justice and ecological integrity.
- Empower and resource our communities and use our role as leaders to create opportunities for education, connection to each other and the land, belonging, and community building.
- Enrich the fabric of our communities by building communities that create a sense of place and a strong sense of connection to the land.

- Leverage the interconnection of issues and look for opportunities to solve complex challenges that generate multiple benefits and solutions.
- Seize the pockets of brilliance in our communities that are coming from elders, youth and residents as grassroots solutions to our collective challenges.
- Invest in our collective resources to deliver short- and long-term solutions that will have the greatest impact and help us to go further, faster together.

Based on the Call to Action developed at the 2019 Livable Cities Forum in Victoria, BC

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nomination Committee was chaired by Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and Councillor Joe Lalonde.

This year the positions of President and Vice-President for both Cities, Towns and Villages as well as Hamlets, Charter Communities, Tlicho Government and Community Governments were up for election.

The 2021-2022 Board of Directors is as follows:

President	Mayor Lynn Napier Town of Fort Smith
Vice President, Cities/Towns/Villages	Mayor Rebecca Alty City of Yellowknife
Vice President, Hamlets/Charter Communities Tlicho Government/Community Governments	Mayor Raymond Ruben Hamlet of Paulatuk
Director, City/Towns/Villages	Mayor Kandis Jameson Town of Hay River
Director, City/Towns/Villages	Mayor Natasha Kulikowski Town of Inuvik
Director, Charter Communities/ Hamlet/Tlicho Government/ Community Governments	Councillor Joe Lalonde Hamlet of Enterprise
Director, Charter Communities/ Hamlet/ Tlicho Government/ Community Governments	Councillor Ryan Yakeleya Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned ~ 5:00 pm. Saturday, February 27, 2020.

**NWTAC Board of Director Virtual Meeting
February 16, 2021
Minutes**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Lynn Napier	President, Town of Fort Smith
Mayor Rebecca Alty	Vice-President, City of Yellowknife
Mayor Kandis Jameson	Director, Town of Hay River
Mayor Natasha Kulikowski	Director, Town of Inuvik
Mayor Ray Ruben	Vice-President, Hamlet of Paulatuk
Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya	Director, Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk
Councillor Joe LaLonde	Director, Hamlet of Enterprise

Staff

Sara Brown	Chief Executive Officer
Yvonne Fleming	Senior Financial Officer/Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:11pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Mayor Natasha Kulikowski to accept the agenda.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17, 2020 MINUTES

Moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya to accept the December 17, 2020 minutes.

CARRIED

AGM UPDATE

Sara Brown updated the board on the upcoming AGM of the NWTAC. Keynote speakers have been booked and they are Doug Griffiths and Don Burnstick. Staff of the NWTAC will continue to reach out to communities and encourage the membership to join our virtual AGM. Information for the AGM will be sent out soon.

CARRIED

2019-2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Mayor Ray Ruben to accept the 2019-2020 NWTAC Financial Statements.

CARRIED

VARIANCE REPORT

Yvonne presented the April 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 Variance Report to the Board. The Board reviewed the numbers and we happy with the way things looked. The Variance Report was moved by Mayor Rebecca Alty and Mayor Kandis Jameson.

CARRIED

OPERATING RESERVES

NWTAC is required under by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and our auditors to formally pass a motion by our Board of Directors to set up an Operating Reserve for NWTAC.

At the Sept 2020 Board Meeting, the Board ratified the recommendation internally restrict \$50,000.00 of the unrestricted accumulated surplus as a reserve for future projects at the discretion of the NWTAC Board of Directors. This reserve shall be prepared in accordance with the standards established by the Accounting Standards Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants and the NWTAC Auditors, Avery, Cooper, and Co.

It was further discussed to establish an Operating Reserve as a protection against a loss of operating revenues.

An operating reserve is an unrestricted fund balance set aside to stabilize a non-profit's finances by providing a cushion against unexpected events, losses of income, and large unbudgeted expenses. The most common trigger for use of operating reserves is on the income side, such as when a previously reliable source is reduced or withdrawn.

We consulted with our sister organizations across the country and only found one association that had an operating reserve and that was focused exclusively around allowing for an expense increase in advocacy.

In doing further research with respect to Non-Profits and Operating Reserves. They had quite a broad range from one payroll cycle to two years of operating expenses. The rule of thumb suggested by the Non-profit Operating Reserves Initiative Workgroup is a minimum reserve of 25 percent or three months of the annual operating expense budget.

Because we have had a good surplus for the last three years it is recommended to focus at this time on establishing an Operating Reserve of 3 months or 25% of Expenditures. This would not include Special Projects amounts or Administrative Recoveries (NCIP/NORCIX).

Moved by Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Mayor Rebecca Alty that an Operating Reserve of \$150,000 be established and that a Reserve Policy be drafted for review and approval by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

BUDGET 2021-2022

Yvonne presented the 2021-2022 Draft Budget to the NWTAC Board. She stated 2021-2022 Budget lines numbers have not changed much over the last 4 years. She highlighted the difference in Contributions to special projects, this number may change throughout the fiscal year, depending on new projects arising. The 2021-2022 Budget was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Mayor Rebecca Alty.

CARRIED

PLAN FOR ADVOCACY VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Sara Brown discussed the idea of virtual advocacy meetings between Federal Minister and the NWTAC Board. At present things are not looking promising but she will continue to work on this and keep the Board updated.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING

It was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second Mayor Natasha by to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED

**NWTAC Board of Director Virtual Meeting
March 31, 2021
Minutes**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Lynn Napier	Town of Fort Smith
Mayor Natasha Kulikowski	Town of Inuvik
Mayor Rebecca Alty	City of Yellowknife
Mayor Kandis Jameson	Town of Hay River

REGRETS

Mayor Ray Ruben	Hamlet of Paulatuk
Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya	Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk
Councillor Joe Lalonde	Hamlet of Enterprise

Staff

Sara Brown	Chief Executive Officer
Karen Kuronen	Manager, Northern Communities Insurance Program
Yvonne Fleming	Senior Financial Officer/Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:55 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Mayor Natasha Kulikowski to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of other business.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021 BOARD MINUTES AND 2021 AGM MINUTES

Moved by Mayor Rebecca Alty and second by Mayor Natasha Kulikowski to accept the February 16, 2021 Board Minutes and the 2021 AGM Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

2021 AGM DEBRIEF AND 2022 AGM PLANNING

For the first time in the history of the NWT Association of Communities, like many other organizations our AGM was done virtually by Zoom video and call in. The Board felt overall the NWTAC AGM went very well, discussion was held regarding the session with Cabinet as well as keynote speakers and getting the agenda out earlier was discussed. The request from members for questions to cabinet and the responses were well received. Everyone felt this went great. The submission of new and prior year resolutions was also discussed and ideas surrounding how better communication and answers on how issues can be addressed. NWTAC will send a letter to the Premier and Cabinet to set up a meeting between the Board and Cabinet to discuss what was submitted. Sara Brown stated that administration tries every year to get the agenda out early so people know ahead of time, but it is next to impossible, commitment is an issue. That is why administration developed and distributed the "Agenda at a glance". The Board felt the Zoom format was good if needed to do again. The Board and staff felt everyone missed the in person feeling, it is nice to see people from year to year and better for networking. If we were to do virtual again, show videos between sessions, either success stories or information on issues. Hopefully, next year as the NWTAC is now planning our 56th AGM in Hay River we will again be able to do in person. NWTAC staff will be working on the details of the NWTAC 56th AGM in the coming months. The Board suggested developing a theme for the 56th AGM.

VARIANCE REPORT

It was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Mayor Rebecca Alty to accept the variance report.

CARRIED

RESERVES AND SURPLUSES

The Board had a discussion regarding reserves and the surplus of the NWTAC. After much discussion it was the recommendation of the Board that the staff of the NWTAC bring to the next Board meeting recommendations on how to use the current surplus. Some suggestions from the Board were to keep it and make sure three to six months of the annual operating expense budget is there to help run the NWTAC in the event

something tragic happens. Use the surplus for studies that our member communities could better their communities, to address issues of concern for all members. The other option discussed was to give back the money for membership dues to our membership. Staff will work on this and bring back suggestions to the next board meeting.

RESOLUTIONS/ADVOCACY

Ms. Brown said resolutions were sent to the Premier and Cabinet. She said she had followed up with the Premier's office and cabinet to see if Cabinet would meet with the Board to discuss the 2021 and prior year resolutions. The response from the GNWT was a solid no. The Board was very upset and expressed this was not acceptable. Direction was given to the CEO to return an email to Cabinet and address the response that was given. If this does not get the right response the CEO is to write back to Cabinet and ask them to reconsider and cc all MLAs, expressing the importance of partnerships and the level of government we represent.

The Board also discussed the monthly Mayor and Chiefs meetings. The board felt that these meetings are important to keep the lines of communication open between the GNWT and municipal governments. The Board felt that these meetings should continue after COVID and broaden the scope of discussions. The monthly meetings could have different Ministers and senior staff, this was very well received when COVID hit first, and we had our meetings.

The Board also stated that Mayors and Chiefs meet with their regular member of the legislative assembly and remind them we are a level of government and a very important part of government in communities. Discuss with them how great we can be when we work together, example of this is COVID and how communities and the GNWT have worked together to fight this pandemic.

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROJECTS

The Board discussed projects in relation to equity and diversity projects. One question was if there is any campaign for status of woman, campaign school only and this is minimum in hub communities. The board recommended that administration analyze woman on council and send that information out to Board members. Changes are needed to CTV Act so people can participate by electronic means, so more people have the option to participate, right now you cannot do that. The government has been reaching out to communities on the PADA Act, Sara to follow up on this.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed the \$2.57 million defamation suit filed against the Town of Norman Wells by a former senior administrative officer (SAO). As the Town of Norman Wells is a member of the NWTAC and the NWTAC Insurance Program, the board discussed what was happening with this.

STAFFING AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Board had a discussion on the current staffing of the NWTAC and succession planning for the future.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING

It was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 12:50pm.

CARRIED

**NWTAC Board of Director Virtual Meeting
December 9, 2021
Minutes**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Rebecca Alty	City of Yellowknife
Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski	Town of Inuvik
Mayor Kandis Jameson	Town of Hay River
Mayor Ray Ruben	Hamlet of Paulatuk
Councillor Ryan Yakeleya	Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk
Deputy Mayor Allan Flamand	Hamlet of Enterprise

Staff

Sara Brown	Chief Executive Officer
Karen Kuronen	Manager, Northern Communities Insurance Program
Yvonne Fleming	Senior Financial Officer/Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1:07pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Mayor Kandis Jameson to accept the agenda.

CARRIED

NWTAC ORIENTATION

The NWTAC's CEO Sara Brown walked new and old board members through the NWTAC orientation. Copy of the orientation upon request.

APPROVAL OF March 31, 2021, BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Mayor Kandis Jameson to accept the March 31, 2021, Board Minutes.

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Alty thanked everyone for joining the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first meeting together as a Board following Cities Towns and Villages Elections. These elections meant that our President at the time was not re-elected she said as per our by-law, as Vice President, I became President. President Alty stated that we also had a vacancy created by our board member from Enterprise having lost his Council seat. President Alty welcomed the new members, Deputy Mayor Allan Flamand of Enterprise, and Deputy Mayor Kevin Heron of Fort Smith.

She also welcomed the returning Board representatives; Ray, Kandis, Ryan and Natasha. She said they are joined by the NWTAC staff as well Karen Kuronen, our Insurance Manager, Yvonne Fleming, Senior Financial Officer and Sara Brown, Chief Executive Officer.

President Alty said she attended her first FCM Board Meeting as Association President last week virtually. She said fortunately she was appointed to FCM approximately a year ago, so the concept and structure of the meetings was not new. She just had to approach it from a different perspective. The hybrid meeting was interesting and included numerous high-profile speakers from every national party.

President Alty said normally the November FCM Meeting includes advocacy on Parliament Hill. She stated that this is the time of year when we did NWTAC advocacy on the Hill in the past as well as Ryan and Ray can attest to.

She said given the timing relative to the federal election, this advocacy did not happen at FCM, nor did it make sense for us to our advocacy right now. The FCM has been looking at dates in January or February and we will attempt to coordinate with those if we can. There is more later on in the agenda on getting assistance with our advocacy in Ottawa.

President Alty said it has been a busy year for all of us at the NWTAC. She said we have all been busy at home in our communities and the association has been busy supporting our communities. She said she will not duplicate what we are going to hear about in various reports later in the meeting but just a few stats for the past year:

- We hosted and minute 21 Mayors and Chiefs COVID Meetings
- We also helped facilitated 16 other meetings and consultations
- The board had 5 meetings with various politicians (MP, Senator, Ministers, Premier & Cabinet) and we anticipate many more this year.
- Fairly recently we have also had meetings with Minister Shane Thompson as well as all of cabinet both of which proved to be eye-openers.

President Alty said she looked forward to hearing about the planning going into the AGM and is getting excited about meeting in person again in Hay River – with Plan B in place if need be but it is just not the same virtually.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Sara Brown updated the Board on activities of the NWTAC. Copy of this update is available upon request.

COVID -19

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya to approve the HR Policy – mandatory vaccinations for all staff of the NWTAC to include the Board as well. It was noted that this policy was drafted by legal council for the NWTAC.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS/ADVOCACY

The Board reviewed the letter received from Premier Cochrane. The Board also discussed future meeting for federal advocacy. Sara will work on dates and get back to the Board.

2022 AGM Planning

Sara and Yvonne updated the Board on their trip to Hay River to view the venue and other planning activities for the 2022 AGM. With COVID-19 restrictions the 2022 AGM of the NWTAC will go ahead unless something unexpected happens.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya that anyone attending the 2022 NWTAC AGM must have a least two of vaccines. Proof of vaccination will be required to attend.

CARRIED

The following committees were established for the 2022 NWTAC AGM:

Finance Committee – Mayor Rebecca Alty and Yvonne Fleming

Nomination Committee – Mayor Ray Ruben

Resolutions and By-law Committee – Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski, Mayor Kandis Jameson and Mayor Rebecca Alty

2020-2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Yvonne and Sara explained that after further review of the financial statements some questions were brought to the attention of staff which they wanted to clarify with the Association's auditors before presenting to the Board. 2020-2021 Financial statements will be addressed at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

VARIANCE REPORT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya accept the variance report.

CARRIED

RESERVES AND SURPLUSES

Sara Brown presented the Board with some recommendation for the surplus the NWTAC currently has. These recommendations included:

- Elimination of Accumulated Vacation Banks to one week for staff
- Federal Advocacy Assistance
- Territorial Advocacy Assistance
- Climate Change Partnerships White Paper
- Funding Model to Measure the Cost of Mental Health and Addictions in the NWT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Mayor Kandis Jameson to accept the recommendations for reserves and surplus. Copy of this report is available upon request.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Mayor Ray Ruben that the NWTAC appoint Avery Cooper & Co. as the auditors for the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022.

CARRIED

SETTING OF RESERVES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Deputy Mayor Allan Flamand that the NWTAC internally restrict \$150,000.00 as an operating surplus for the NWTAC and restrict an additional \$50,000.00 as a general reserve for future projects at the discretion of the NWTAC Board of Directors. These reserves shall be prepared in accordance with the standards established by the Accounting Standards Board of Chartered Professional Accountants and the NWTAC Auditors, Avery, Cooper and Co.

CARRIED

STAFFING AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Board had a discussion on the current staffing of the NWTAC and succession planning for the further.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING

It was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 5pm.

CARRIED

NWTAC Member Communities

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Vice President – Cities/Towns/Villages	Mayor Kandis Jameson
Vice-President – Charter Communities/Hamlets	Mayor Raymond Ruben
Director	Deputy Mayor Kevin Heron
Director	Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski
Director	Deputy Mayor Ryan Yakeleya
Director	Councillor Bart Hart

Past Presidents

2019 – 2021	Lynn Napier
2018 – 2019	Clarence Wood
2014 – 2018	Charles Furlong
2013 – 2014	Tina Gargan
2012 – 2013	Mervyn Gruben
2006 – 2012	Gordon Van Tighem
2000-2005	Blake Lyons
2000- (Term Ended November 2000)	George Roach
1998-1999	George Roach
1997-1998	George Roach
1996-1997	Dennis Bevington
1995-1996	Dennis Bevington
1994-1995	Dennis Bevington
(Term Began November 1994)	
1994	Pat McMahon
(Term Ended November 1994)	
1993-1994	Pat McMahon
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1990-1991	Pat McMahon
1989-1990	Pat McMahon
1988-1989	Kelvin Ng
1987-1988	Walter Kudelik
1986-1987	Walter Kudelik

Past Presidents

1985-1986	Charles Dent/Ted Blondin/ Walter Kudelik
1983-1984	Don Sian
1982-1983	Cynthia Hill
1981-1982	Walter Kudelik
1980-1981	Walter Kudelik
1979-1980	Fred Henne
1978-1979	Fred Henne
1977-1978	Jim Robertson
1976-1977	Jim Robertson
1975-1976	Jim Robertson
1974-1975	Arnold McCallum/Bob Findlay
1973-1974	Don M. Stewart
1972-1973	Don M. Stewart
1971-1972	Fred Henne
1970-1971	Fred Henne
1969-1970	Fred Henne
1968-1969	Earl L. Covery
1967-1968	G. Brian Purdy

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Yellowknife, N.W.T.

NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended March 31, 2021

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING

The accompanying non-consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management, which is responsible for the reliability, integrity and objectivity of the information provided. They have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Where necessary, the statements include amounts that are based on informed judgments and estimates by management, giving appropriate consideration to reasonable limits of materiality.

In discharging its responsibility for the integrity and fairness of the non-consolidated financial statements and for the accounting systems from which they are derived, management maintains the necessary system of internal controls designed to provide assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded, and proper records are maintained. These controls include quality standards in hiring and training employees, written policies and procedures manuals, and accountability for performance within appropriate and well-defined areas of responsibility. The Board's management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the Board's affairs in accordance with the requirements of applicable laws and sound business principles, and for maintaining appropriate standards of conduct.

Avery Cooper & Co. Ltd. Chartered Professional Accountants provide an independent, objective audit to express an opinion on the non-consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.



Sara Brown, P.Eng.
Chief Executive Officer
NWT Association of Communities

September 29, 2021



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
NWT Association of Communities

Opinion

We have audited the Non-Consolidated financial statements of NWT Association of Communities (the "Association"), which comprise the Non-Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as at March 31, 2021, and the Non-Consolidated Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Assets, and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Non-Consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying Non-Consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Non-Consolidated financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2021, and the Non-Consolidated results of its operations and its Non-Consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the Non-Consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 17 to the non-consolidated financial statements, concerning the worldwide spread of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 and its effect on the global economy. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Non-Consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Non-Consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Non-Consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Non-Consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Non-Consolidated financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ♦ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Non-Consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ♦ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- ♦ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- ♦ Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Non-Consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ♦ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Non-Consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Non-Consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Avery Cooper & Co. Ltd.

Avery Cooper & Co. Ltd.
Chartered Professional Accountants
Yellowknife, NT

September 29, 2021

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2021

ASSETS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 905,627	\$ 438,667
Term deposit (note 3)	131,806	130,541
Accounts receivable (note 4)	246,460	314,187
Prepaid expenses and deposits	<u>32,817</u>	<u>15,091</u>
	1,316,710	898,486
INVESTMENTS (note 5)	157,911	92,445
DUE FROM RELATED PARTY (note 9)	19,687	20,665
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (note 6)	<u>8,306</u>	<u>7,837</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,502,614</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,019,433</u></u>

LIABILITIES


CURRENT		
Wages and benefits payable	\$ 85,824	\$ 80,100
Trade payables and accruals	97,564	115,464
Deferred revenue (note 7)	<u>212,855</u>	<u>154,552</u>
	396,243	350,116
EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (note 8)	<u>78,020</u>	<u>46,789</u>
	<u>474,263</u>	<u>396,905</u>

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (note 9)

NET ASSETS

RESERVES		
(NOTE 15) per page 3	200,000	50,000
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS per page 3	820,045	564,691
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS per page 3	<u>8,306</u>	<u>7,837</u>
	<u>1,028,351</u>	<u>622,528</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,502,614</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,019,433</u></u>

Approved:

 Director

 Director

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2021

	2021 Budget note 11	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
REVENUES			
Admin recoveries	\$ 549,000	\$ 561,250	\$ 602,729
Contributions for special projects	525,840	536,879	875,593
Canada Covid-19 subsidies	-	281,574	-
GNWT core funding	230,000	230,000	230,000
Membership fees	113,550	112,815	120,746
Annual General Meetings	120,000	52,886	156,017
Supportive membership	15,000	15,000	15,000
Investment income	12,000	5,829	6,745
	<u>1,565,390</u>	<u>1,796,233</u>	<u>2,006,830</u>
EXPENSES			
Annual General Meeting	95,000	51,865	131,475
Communications	9,000	9,430	7,569
Computer	12,000	13,490	10,873
Honoraria	14,000	8,950	17,930
Insurance	1,000	1,048	1,048
Interest and bank charges	1,400	1,144	1,218
Memberships	2,000	1,050	2,465
Office and administration	6,500	5,752	6,754
Office photocopy	6,000	3,780	4,900
Office publications	1,200	1,619	1,121
Professional fees	18,000	25,211	15,077
Rent	71,000	50,458	64,008
Salaries and benefits	833,700	928,750	794,064
Special projects	436,800	345,975	787,482
Travel	23,000	408	23,808
Travel - Board members	30,000	2,408	29,171
	<u>1,560,600</u>	<u>1,451,338</u>	<u>1,898,963</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	<u>4,790</u>	<u>344,895</u>	<u>107,867</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)			
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(4,500)	(2,183)	(2,722)
Gain (loss) on sale of investments	-	(4,182)	8,318
Bad debts	-	4,246	(20,806)
Change in market value of investments	-	63,047	(25,020)
	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>60,928</u>	<u>(40,230)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 290</u>	<u>\$ 405,823</u>	<u>\$ 67,637</u>

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended March 31, 2021

	<u>Reserves (note 15)</u>	<u>Accumulated Surplus</u>	<u>Invested in Capital Assets</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>	<u>Total 2020</u>
BALANCE, opening	\$ 50,000	\$ 564,691	\$ 7,837	\$ 622,528	\$ 554,891
Excess of revenues over expenses per page 2	-	405,823	-	405,823	67,637
Transfers	150,000	(150,000)	-	-	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	2,183	(2,183)	-	-
Purchase of tangible capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,652)</u>	<u>2,652</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
BALANCE, closing	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 820,045</u>	<u>\$ 8,306</u>	<u>\$ 1,028,351</u>	<u>\$ 622,528</u>

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended March 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (note 18)		
Cash received from:		
Fees, recoveries and other	\$ 1,244,749	\$ 785,963
GNWT contributions	590,350	1,131,912
Government of Canada contributions	147,249	130,134
Investment income	<u>6,563</u>	<u>6,685</u>
	<u>1,988,911</u>	<u>2,054,694</u>
Cash paid for:		
Materials and services	553,419	1,051,429
Salaries and benefits	<u>894,967</u>	<u>909,611</u>
	<u>1,448,386</u>	<u>1,961,040</u>
	<u>540,525</u>	<u>93,654</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in term deposit	(1,265)	(15,560)
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	40,436
Purchase of investments	(69,648)	-
Purchase of tangible capital assets	<u>(2,652)</u>	<u>(8,708)</u>
	<u>(73,565)</u>	<u>16,168</u>
INCREASE IN CASH	466,960	109,822
CASH, opening	<u>438,667</u>	<u>328,845</u>
CASH, closing	<u><u>\$ 905,627</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 438,667</u></u>

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2021

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

NWT Association of Communities (the "Association" or "NWTAC") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated on November 21, 1973 under the *Societies Act* of the Northwest Territories. NWTAC provides administrative and support services to its membership, Northern Communities Insurance Program (NCIP), and Northern Communities Insurance Exchange (NORCIX). The Association is exempt from income taxes under paragraph 149(1)(f) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant accounting policies are detailed as follows:

(a) Basis of presentation

The Association has elected to report each controlled entity by providing the disclosure as set out in Note 10. Accordingly, these non-consolidated financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of NWTAC and exclude the accounts of NCIP and NORCIX. The financial position, results of operations and cash flows of NCIP and NORCIX are presented in a separate set of financial statements that do not include the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Association.

(b) Cash equivalents

The Association considers all investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition, and bank loans with no fixed terms of repayment to be cash equivalents.

(c) Financial instruments

The Association initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Association subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.

(d) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost. The Association provides for amortization using the straight-line method at rates designed to amortize the cost of the tangible capital assets over their estimated useful lives. One half of the year's amortization is recorded in the year of acquisition. No amortization is recorded in the year of disposal. The annual amortization rates are as follows:

Computer equipment	3 years
Office equipment	5 years

Amortization of leasehold improvements is recorded over the remaining term of the lease plus the first renewal option.

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March 31, 2021

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(d) Tangible capital assets, continued

Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, the contributed capital asset is recorded at nominal value.

(e) Employee future benefits

Under the terms and conditions of employment, the Association's long-term employees may earn post-employment severance benefits based on years of service which can be carried forward. The benefits are paid upon resignation of an employee. The expected cost of providing such benefits accrue when employees render service, provided that payment of the benefits is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

(f) Pension plan

Defined contribution plan accounting is applied to a multi-employer plan, whereby contributions are expensed when due as the Association has insufficient information to apply defined benefit plan accounting.

(g) Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Externally restricted contributions received or receivable related to expenses of future years are deferred and recognized as revenue in the same year or years in which the related expenses are incurred.

Restricted contributions for the purchase of capital assets that will be amortized are deferred and recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired capital assets.

Restricted contributions for expenses of the current year are recognized as revenue in the current year.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the current year when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and ultimate collection is reasonably assured.

Membership fees are recognized as revenue when received or receivable.

(h) Government assistance

Government and other grants related to tangible capital assets are accounted for as deferred government assistance and amortized on the same basis as the related tangible capital assets. Operating grants are accounted for as revenue when earned.

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2021

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(i) Contributed materials and services

The Association recognizes contributions of materials and services, but only when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services are used in the normal course of the Association's operations and would otherwise have been purchased.

(j) Allocation of expenses

The Association engages in administrative and support services. The costs of special projects include the costs of personnel, premises and other expenses that are directly related to providing the special projects. NWTAC also incurs a number of general support expenses that are common to the administration of the Association and each of its special projects. Accordingly, such expenses are allocated among special projects consistently each year based on time, space, per capita basis, or proportionately on the same percentage as the direct costs of the project.

General support, including communications, computer, insurance, office and administration, office photocopy, office publications, and postage and courier expenses, are allocated to special projects on a per capita basis. Rent expense is allocated based on square footage. Salaries and benefits expense is allocated based on actual time.

(k) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of these non-consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make certain judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the non-consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates are used in determining the useful lives of depreciable assets, employee future benefits, and allocating common administrative and general support expenses to special projects.

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March 31, 2021

3. TERM DEPOSIT

The Association invests in redeemable guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) with the Bank of Montreal, with annual interest rates of 0.96% and 1.85%, an aggregate cost of \$130,000 (2020 - \$128,000), a fair value of \$131,806 (2020 - \$130,541) including accrued interest, maturing May 12, 2021 and November 18, 2021.

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contributions for special projects:		
GNWT - HSS - Community Healthy Living (Schedule 1)	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500
GNWT - ITI - Morel Mushroom Harvest	-	2,179
GNWT - ENR - Cost Implications of Climate Change	-	5,000
GNWT - ENR - Community Scale Mapping	-	3,025
GNWT - ENR - Community Planning Guidelines	-	3,450
GNWT - ENR - Community Change Video Project	-	1,750
GNWT - MACA - Annual Conference and Orientation		
Resources	-	25,000
GNWT - MACA - Mayors Camp	-	25,000
	<u>37,500</u>	<u>102,904</u>
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	56,185	56,185
Government of Canada - Emergency Wage and Rent Subsidies	87,505	-
Annual General Meeting	33,350	87,083
Membership fees	15,057	31,808
Interest income	1,806	2,541
Admin recoveries & Other	16,058	54,472
	<u>247,461</u>	<u>334,993</u>
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	1,001	20,806
	<u>\$ 246,460</u>	<u>\$ 314,187</u>

5. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of common and preferred shares managed by the Bank of Montreal with an aggregate cost of \$110,453 (2020 - \$118,072) and market value of \$157,911 (2020 - \$92,445). Net investment income for the period is as follows:

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NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2021

5. INVESTMENTS, continued

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Realized investment income:		
Interest from term deposit	\$ 2,467	\$ 2,842
Dividends from investments in shares	3,362	3,903
Gain on sale of investments	<u>(4,182)</u>	<u>8,318</u>
	1,647	15,063
Unrealized investment income:		
Change in market value of investments	<u>63,047</u>	<u>(25,020)</u>
Net investment income	<u>\$ 64,694</u>	<u>\$ (9,957)</u>

6. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2021			2020
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net	Net
Computer equipment	\$ 12,186	\$ 9,976	\$ 2,210	\$ -
Leasehold improvements	132,523	132,523	-	-
Office equipment	23,149	17,053	6,096	7,837
	<u>\$ 167,858</u>	<u>\$ 159,552</u>	<u>\$ 8,306</u>	<u>\$ 7,837</u>

7. DEFERRED REVENUE

As detailed in Schedule 1, deferred revenue represents membership fees received in advance, and externally restricted money received related to future special project expenses to be recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Changes in deferred revenue during the period are summarized as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Opening balance	\$ 154,552	\$ 358,027
Cash funding received	1,345,549	1,389,631
Contributions receivable	37,500	102,533
Revenue recognized	<u>(1,324,746)</u>	<u>(1,695,639)</u>
	<u>\$ 212,855</u>	<u>\$ 154,552</u>

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NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2021

7. DEFERRED REVENUE, continued

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Deferred revenue at March 31, 2021 consists of the following:		
Membership fees received in advance	\$ 42,159	\$ 112,979
Contributions for special projects received in advance	<u>170,696</u>	<u>41,573</u>
	<u>\$ 212,855</u>	<u>\$ 154,552</u>

The Association has various contribution agreements with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Departments of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), and Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) to fund special projects. Agreements stipulate that any money advanced to NWTAC and not expended prior to the termination or expiry of the contract shall be refunded to the GNWT.

Salaries and benefits expenses allocated to special projects during the year is \$197,405 (2020 - \$255,465), representing the administration component of project costs. Such allocations are based on the provisions of the respective contribution agreements as a percentage of project costs. Total aggregate salaries and benefits expense of the Association during the year is \$932,900 (2020 - \$911,624).

There was no unexpended funding repaid during the year.

8. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

Employees are entitled to severance pay if, among other things, an employee has 10 or more years of continuous employment, at the weekly rate of pay to a maximum of 13 weeks.

Changes during the period to employee future benefits are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS, opening	\$ 46,789	\$ 45,501
Severance benefits earned by employees during the year	<u>31,231</u>	<u>1,288</u>
EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS, closing	<u>\$ 78,020</u>	<u>\$ 46,789</u>
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
DUE FROM RELATED PARTY, opening	\$ 20,665	\$ 19,377
Severance benefits earned by employees during the period	<u>(978)</u>	<u>1,288</u>
DUE FROM RELATED PARTY, closing	<u>\$ 19,687</u>	<u>\$ 20,665</u>

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8. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS, continued

Net employee future benefits obligation is \$27,102 (2020 - \$26,124).

Except otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the obligation will not be settled within the coming year. Accordingly, the obligation is presented as a non-current liability on the non-consolidated statement of financial position.

The Association intends to recover NCIP's portion and settle the obligation simultaneously.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Parties related by direct control through a common Board of Directors include:

(a) Northern Communities Insurance Program (NCIP), a program offered to members of the NWTAC, which insures property, liability, automobile and other risks that communities in the NWT are required to insure. NCIP is subject to the same tax treatment as the NWTAC, and

(b) Northern Communities Insurance Exchange (NORCIX), an unincorporated formal Insurance Reciprocal Exchange licensed in the NWT, is governed by the NWT Insurance Act to administer insurance on behalf of NCIP subscribers. The Exchange is exempt from income taxes under paragraph 149.1(1)(d.3) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). The Exchange is economically dependent on the premiums paid into the Exchange by the subscribing communities of the Insurance Reciprocal Exchange.

The transactions, consisting of fees charged by the Association to provide various administrative services to related parties, are in the normal course of operations and are recorded at fair value. Such services include the cost for providing staff, offices, communications, and other office expenses. Except as otherwise noted, amounts due to or from related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and due on demand, with no specified terms of repayment. Reimbursable expenses paid on behalf of related parties are excluded from revenues and expenses.

(a) Transactions

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenues		
Admin recoveries - NCIP	\$ 468,022	\$ 470,588
Admin recoveries - NORCIX	83,937	79,927
AGM Sponsorship - NCIP	<u>7,500</u>	<u>10,909</u>
	<u>\$ 559,459</u>	<u>\$ 561,424</u>

(b) Due from related party

Due from NCIP	<u>\$ 19,687</u>	<u>\$ 20,665</u>
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NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2021

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS, continued

The balance consists of the accumulated cost of severance benefits which are recoverable from NCIP when benefits are paid upon resignation of an employee. It is management's opinion that the balance will not be settled within the coming year. Accordingly, the balance is presented as a non-current asset on the non-consolidated statement of financial position.

(c) Accounts receivable include amounts receivable from:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
NCIP	\$ -	\$ 3,096
NORCIX	<u>-</u>	<u>8,241</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,337</u>

10. CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Summary financial information at March 31, 2021 and for the year then ended from the most recent audited financial statements of NCIP and NORCIX are as follows:

	<u>NCIP</u>	<u>NORCIX</u>
Total assets	\$ 1,839,436	\$ 18,926,388
Total liabilities	<u>(30,733)</u>	<u>(3,171,235)</u>
Net assets	<u>\$ 1,808,703</u>	<u>\$ 15,755,153</u>
Revenues	\$ 4,249,152	\$ 5,618,766
Expenses	<u>(3,854,540)</u>	<u>(2,784,812)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 394,612</u>	<u>\$ 2,833,954</u>
Net cash from operating activities	\$ 283,139	\$ 47,810
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(14,335)</u>	<u>(479,516)</u>
Increase in cash	<u>\$ 268,804</u>	<u>\$ (431,706)</u>

At March 31, 2021 the net assets of NORCIX of \$15,755,153 (2020 - \$12,921,199) includes \$6,509,766 (2020 - \$7,021,302) in internally restricted net assets for its Loss Prevention Incentive Programs. Net assets of NCIP of \$1,808,703 (2020 - \$1,414,091) includes \$nil (2020 - \$27,877) in internally restricted net assets for its Loss Prevention Reserve.

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NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2021

11. BUDGET AMOUNTS

The 2021 budget included in the non-consolidated statement of operations on page 2 was approved by the Board of Directors on February 29, 2020, is unaudited, and is presented for information purposes only.

12. COMMITMENTS

The Association has entered into operating leases including for the premises expiring May 31, 2025 and office equipment expiring September 29, 2021. Future minimum lease payments for operating leases are as follows:

2022	\$ 48,698
2023	47,372
2024	47,372
2025	47,372
2026	<u>7,895</u>
	<u>\$ 198,709</u>

The operating lease for office space carries an option to extend the term for a further period of five year.

13. PENSION PLAN

Eligible employees of the Association are members of the Northern Employee Benefits Services (NEBS) Pension Plan (the Plan), a contributory defined benefit plan. The Plan is administered by NEBS as part of benefits program providing insurance, health care and pension benefits for employees of member employers in the North. NEBS is a member owned, not-for-profit corporation of which the Association is a member.

The Plan is governed by the Northern Employee Benefits Services Pension Plan Act (in force October 1, 2015) (the Act) and a Plan Text document maintained by the administrator of the Plan. Both the Act and the Plan Text document provide that participating employers are liable for their share of any funding shortfalls in the Plan as determined on a going concern basis, and on Plan windup. The Act and the Plan Text document provide that any going concern shortfalls, should they arise, are to be paid down over no more than 15 years and that contribution rates may be increased if necessary to do so.

Pursuant to the Act, the Plan is exempt from compliance with the Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985 (PBSA) and is not required to be funded on a solvency basis.

As at January 1, 2021, the NEBS Pension Plan has a preliminary going concern surplus of \$45,100,000 (2020 - \$31,200,000) and a funded ratio of 118.0% (2020 - 113.0%). The Plan serves 3,534 employee members and 117 participating employers.

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13. PENSION PLAN, continued

Participating employers in the Plan, including the Association are required to make contributions to the plan of 8% (2020 - 8%) of pensionable earnings, and to remit employee contributions of 8% (2020 - 8%). These contributions cover current service costs and a provision for adverse deviation.

Sufficient information is not available to use defined benefit plan accounting. As such, defined contribution plan accounting is used. During the period, employee contributions to the Plan is \$51,926 (2020 - \$55,331), and employer contributions to the Plan is \$51,926 (2020 - \$55,331).

As at January 1, 2021, the Northern Employee Benefits Services Pension Plan is in a preliminary solvency deficiency position of \$164,719,700 (2020 - \$142,700,000). While the Association does not intend to terminate its participation in the Plan for the foreseeable future, the Association would be obligated, per the NEBS Act, for its share of the solvency deficiency upon withdrawal. The Association's obligation, as Plan Sponsor, would be calculated based on actuarial estimates for all active, deferred and retired employees.

14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Association's financial instruments consist of cash, term deposits, accounts receivable, investments, trade payables and accruals, contributions repayable, and wages and benefits payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest rate, market, currency, credit, liquidity or cash flow risks arising from these financial instruments and that the fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Transactions in financial instruments may result in an entity assuming or transferring to another party one or more of the financial risks described below. The required disclosures provide information that assists users of non-consolidated financial statements in assessing the extent of risk related to financial instruments.

Included in wages and benefits payable at March 31, 2021 is \$nil (2020 - \$43,515) for amounts payable in respect of government remittances consisting of payroll taxes.

The Association has credit cards limits totaling \$50,000 available from US Bank Canada, a division of U.S. Bank National Association.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether the factors are specific to the instrument or all instruments traded in the market.

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15. RESERVES

The NWTAC internally restricted \$200,000 (2020 - \$50,000) of the unrestricted accumulated surplus for the following reserves:

(i) a general reserve for \$50,000 (2020 - \$50,000) for future special projects at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

(ii) an operating reserve for \$150,000 (2020 - \$nil) approved by the Board of Directors on February 16, 2021. The reserve is to stabilize the Association's finances by providing a cushion against unexpected events, losses of income, and large unbudgeted expenses.

16. CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS

The Association entered into the following multi-year contribution agreements with departments of the GNWT and the Government of Canada so the Association may continue to provide future services in the communities:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Project / Term</u>
GNWT - HSS	Healthy Living Partnership April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2022
Canada - CIRNAC	Community Building Foundation Evaluations 2020-2023
Canada - CIRNAC	Climate Change Preparedness in the North (CCPN)

Future maximum contributions remaining under these agreements are as follows:

2022	\$ 391,000
2023	<u>232,000</u>
	<u>623,000</u>

17. COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, there was a global outbreak of a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, which has had a significant impact on organizations and companies through the restrictions put in place by federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments regarding travel, business operations and isolation or quarantine orders.

While the Association is unable to quantify the overall financial effect of these events, it continues to take measures to mitigate the effects of the current crisis.

The Association was eligible for a subsidy under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Program. It has applied for \$264,265 subsidy for the period from June 5, 2020 to March 31, 2021. \$264,265 of which has been recognized in the financial statements.

The Association was also eligible for a subsidy under the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy Program. It has applied for \$17,308 subsidy for the period from December 4, 2020 to March 31, 2021. \$17,308 of which has been recognized in the financial statements.

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18. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The reconciliation during the period of the excess of revenues over expenses to cash flows used for operating activities is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses per page 2	\$ 405,823	\$ 67,637
Items not requiring cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,183	2,722
Change in market value of investments	(63,047)	25,020
Loss (gain) on sale of investments	4,182	(8,318)
Accrued interest income	(1,806)	(2,541)
Net severance benefits	97,062	(22,286)
Bad debts	<u>(4,246)</u>	<u>20,806</u>
	<u>440,151</u>	<u>83,040</u>
Net change in non-cash operating working capital accounts:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	71,973	278,887
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and deposits	(17,726)	38,631
Increase (decrease) in wages and benefits payable	5,724	2,013
(Decrease) increase in trade payables and accruals	(17,900)	(105,442)
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue	<u>58,303</u>	<u>(203,475)</u>
	<u>100,374</u>	<u>10,614</u>
Cash flows used for operating activities per page 4	<u>\$ 540,525</u>	<u>\$ 93,654</u>

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED REVENUE

For the year ended March 31, 2021

Projects	Opening balance	Cash funding received	(note 4) Funding receivable	Total funding available	Revenue recognized	Closing balance
ADMINISTRATIVE RECOVERIES						
Members						
Membership fees received in advance	\$ 112,979	\$ 42,159	\$ -	\$ 155,138	\$ 112,979	\$ 42,159
Northern Community Insurance Program (NCIP)						
Administrative recoveries received in advance	-	469,000	-	469,000	469,000	-
CONTRIBUTIONS						
Government of Canada						
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)						
INAC Municipal Building Foundation Evaluations 2020-2023	-	152,050	-	152,050	6,625	145,425
Climate Change Preparedness in the North	-	247,250	-	247,250	228,129	19,121
Total INAC	-	399,300	-	399,300	234,754	164,546
Total Government of Canada	-	399,300	-	399,300	234,754	164,546

See accompanying notes.

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED REVENUE

For the year ended March 31, 2021

Projects	Opening balance	Cash funding received	(note 4) Funding receivable	Total funding available	Revenue recognized	Closing balance
Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)						
GNWT - Department of Health and Social Services						
Community Health Wellness Initiatives	-	37,500	37,500	75,000	75,000	-
The Dope Experience	41,573	121,590	-	163,163	163,163	-
Total HSS	41,573	159,090	37,500	238,163	238,163	-
GNWT - Department of Municipal and Community Affairs						
Core Support	-	230,000	-	230,000	230,000	-
Video Based Learning Pilot Project	-	46,000	-	46,000	39,850	6,150
Total MACA	-	276,000	-	276,000	269,850	6,150
Total GNWT	41,573	435,090	37,500	514,163	508,013	6,150
Total contributions	41,573	834,390	37,500	913,463	742,767	170,696
Total recoveries and contributions	\$ 154,552	\$ 1,345,549	\$ 37,500	\$ 1,537,601	\$ 1,324,746	\$ 212,855

See accompanying notes.

NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

SCHEDULE OF CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS IN THE NORTH PROGRAM For the year ended March 31, 2021

	2021 <u>Budget</u>	2021 <u>Actual</u>
REVENUES		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	<u>\$ 247,250</u>	<u>\$ 228,129</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages	165,000	165,000
Travel, accommodation and meals	20,000	-
Training/workshops	27,000	25,524
Professional fees	-	2,330
Communications	2,000	2,025
Office supplies and equipment	1,000	1,000
Administration costs (15%)	<u>32,250</u>	<u>32,250</u>
	<u>247,250</u>	<u>228,129</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
AMOUNT DEFERRED FROM CIRNAC		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ 247,250	\$ 247,250
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	<u>(247,250)</u>	<u>(228,129)</u>
Amount Deferred	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,121</u></u>

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SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOUNDATION EVALUATIONS PROGRAM

For the year ended March 31, 2021

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
REVENUES		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ 152,050	\$ 6,625
EXPENSES		
Professional fees	-	2,000
Communications	-	500
Administration costs		3,000
Consulting fees	-	1,125
	-	6,625
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 152,050</u>	<u>-</u>
AMOUNT DEFERRED FROM CIRNAC		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ 152,050	\$ 152,050
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	<u>(152,050)</u>	<u>(6,625)</u>
Amount Deferred	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 145,425</u>

TAB 4

**2022
NWT Association of
Communities
Annual General Meeting**

NWT Association of Communities

2022-2023 DRAFT Budget

	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Budget
Revenue				
Government of the NWT Core Funding	230,000	230,000	230,000	\$ 230,000
Contributions for Special projects	525,840	536,879	593,550	1,085,000
Admin Recoveries	549,000	561,250	560,700	566,400
Membership Dues	113,550	112,815	113,550	113,550
AGM Revenues	120,000	52,886	120,000	125,000
Supportive Membership	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Interest Income	12,000	5,829	12,000	10,000
Other Government Funding(CEWS/CERS)		281,574	60,000	0
Total Revenue	\$1,565,390	1,796,233	\$1,704,800	\$ 2,144,950
Expenditures				
AGM Expenses	95,000	51,865	95,000	100,000
Communications	9,000	9,430	9,000	9,000
Computer Expenses	12,000	13,490	12,000	15,000
Honoraria	14,000	8,950	15,000	15,000
Insurance	1,000	1,048	1,200	1,200
Interest and Bank Charges	1,400	1,144	1,700	2,300
Membership Dues	2,000	1,050	2,500	2,500
Office and Administration	6,000	5,752	6,500	7,000
Office Photocopy	6,000	3,780	5,500	3,000
Office Publications	1,200	1,619	1,500	1,500
Postage and Courier	500	-	500	500
Professional Fees	18,000	25,211	23,000	34,000
Rent	71,000	50,458	54,000	56,000
Salaries & Benefits	833,700	928,750	829,095	1,035,000
Special Projects	436,800	345,975	548,550	820,000
Travel Board	30,000	2,408	20,000	22,000
Travel Chief Executive Officer	23,000	408	15,000	16,000
Travel Staff	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,560,600	1,451,338	1,640,045	2,140,000
Excess of Revenues over expenses from operations	4,790	344,895	64,755	4,950
Bad Debts		4,246		
Change in Market value of investments		63,047		
Gain on sale of investments		(4,182)		
Amortization of tangible assets	(4,500)	(2,183)	(4,500)	(4,500)
Loss of disposal on capital assets				
Loss on sale of tangible assets				
Total other expenses	(4,500)	60,928	(4,500)	(4,500)
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 290	405,823	\$ 60,255	\$ 450

TAB 5

**2022
NWT Association of
Communities
Annual General Meeting**



Association Bylaws

2022

The Bylaws describe the Vision and Mission of the NWT Association of Communities, Membership Rules and Responsibilities, Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and how the association shall be run.

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NWTAC VISION:

Working together to achieve all that our communities want to be.

NWTAC MISSION:

We are working together to serve our communities by addressing common issues, delivering programs and exchanging information. We are the unified voice for communities on municipal goals determined by our members.

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

1.1 Defined Terms

For the purposes of these Bylaws, the terms set out below shall have the following meaning:

- (a) "Act" means the Societies Act R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c. S-11, as amended from time to time;
- (b) "AGM" means the Annual General Meeting to be held pursuant to Section 9.1, hereof;
- (c) "Associate Member" means any society, corporation, Community Government, or board situated within the geographic boundaries of the Northwest Territories the activities of which include, but are not restricted to, the provision of services in or for a Municipal Corporation;
- (d) "Association" means the Northwest Territories Association of Communities;
- (e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association established pursuant to Article 4, hereof;
- (f) "Caucus" means Caucus One or Caucus Two;
- (g) "Caucus One" means those Members that are a City, Town or Village; "Caucus Two: means those Members that are a Hamlet, Settlement, Charter Community, Tliche Government, Community Government or Municipal Corporation not included in Caucus One.
- (h) "Charter Community" means a municipal corporation with the status of a charter community as defined in the Charter Communities Act S.N.W.T. 2003, c. 22 s.1;
- (i) "Chief Executive Officer" means that individual appointed to such position pursuant to Section 4.3, hereof;
- (j) "Community Government" means a council, self government group or other group of persons in respect of an area where a Municipal Corporation does not exist, which carries out activities that include, but are not restricted to, the provision of services similar to those provided in or for a Municipal Corporation;
- (k) "Council" means the council of a Municipal Corporation or a body of individuals belonging to a Community Government having similar rights and obligations as members of a council of a Municipal Corporation;
- (l) "Delegate" means, for the purposes of attending and voting at any meeting of the Association, an individual that is:

- (ii) the Senior Administrative Officer of a Member who has been authorized by the Member to participate at a meeting of the Association, such authorization to be delivered in writing to the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Member before the commencement of such meeting of the Association; or
- (iii) a member of the Council of the Member;
- (m) "Director(s)" means the director(s) of the Association appointed to the Board in accordance with these Bylaws;
- (n) "Dues" means those dues established pursuant to Section 3.1, hereof;
- (o) "Good Standing" means in respect of a Member, Associate Member, Supporting, that all Dues have been paid by such member and that there are no other amounts payable to the Association by such member that are in arrears, as shown in the records of the Association;
- (p) "Honorary Life Member" means an individual that has been granted honorary life membership pursuant to Section 2.3, hereof;
- (q) "Member" means a Municipal Corporation or Community Government that has complied with the requirements of Section 2.2 of the Bylaws;
- (r) "Municipal Corporation" means any entity defined as a Municipal Corporation in the Interpretation Act, R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c I-8 or any other Northwest Territories enactment.
- (s) "Senior Administrative Officer" means that individual appointed to such position by a member community;
- (t) "Special Meeting" means a special meeting of the Association contemplated in Section 9.5, hereof;
- (u) "Supporting Member" means a profit or non-profit organization which has been approved for membership by the Board and has paid all Dues required by the Association.
- (v) "Voting Card" means a card issued by the Association to the Member for the purpose of casting a vote at the meeting of the Association for which the card is issued.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Members

Any Municipal Corporation or Community Government in the Northwest Territories is eligible to become a Member.

2.2 Terms of Admission

All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer. Upon payment of Dues and subject to the written approval of the Board, an applicant that is eligible for membership in accordance with Section 2.1 above shall receive a copy of the Bylaws and be enrolled as a Member. Acceptance of a copy of the Bylaws of the Association by the new Member shall constitute its adherence to the terms thereof.

2.3 Non-voting Members

An Associate Member is entitled to receive a copy of the Bylaws and may attend the AGM and may have the privilege of the floor, but shall have no vote, nor shall their representatives be entitled to be elected to any office in the Association.

Applications for associate membership shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer. Upon payment of Dues and subject to the written approval of the Board, applicants under this section who meet the definition of Associate Member shall be enrolled as an Associate Member.

An honorary life membership may be conferred upon an individual authorized by the NWTAC Board of Directors. An Honorary Life Member is entitled to receive a copy of the Bylaws, is not required to pay Dues, and shall have no vote."

Supporting Members may be admitted to membership in the Association if a Supporting Member application, satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer is submitted, any required membership Dues are paid and the written approval of the Board is obtained. A Supporting Member is entitled to receive a copy of the Bylaws and may attend the AGM as an observer, but may not have the privilege of the floor and shall have no vote.

2.4 Withdrawal from Membership

Any Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member of the Association may withdraw from the Association by submitting to the Chief Executive Officer a notice of withdrawal in writing and by discharging any lawful liability upon the books of the Association against such Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member at the time of withdrawal and such withdrawal shall take effect after any lawful liability upon the books of the Association against such Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member. Immediately upon delivery of the notice of withdrawal to the Chief Executive Officer, any and all rights and privileges of the Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member, as the case may be, shall cease.

If such notice of withdrawal in writing is received before March 31 of any year, that Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member, as the case may be, will be refunded Dues paid for that year. However, if such notice of withdrawal in writing is received after March 31 of any year all Dues paid for that year shall be unconditionally forfeited to the Association.

2.5 Expulsion from Membership

Any Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member that is not in Good Standing for a continuous period of one (1) year shall automatically cease to be a Member, Associate Member, or Supporting Member, as the case may be, effective as of January 2 immediately following the completion of the aforesaid continuous period of one (1) year.

2.6 Readmission to Membership

Any Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member who has withdrawn or who has been expelled from the Association may be reinstated as a Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member upon complying with the provisions of Section 2.2 or 2.3 respectively and upon payment of current and unpaid accounts.

ARTICLE 3 - DUES

3.1 Establishment of Dues

The annual Dues of Members, Associate Members and Supporting Members shall be determined by the Members at the AGM or any Special Meeting.

3.2 Time for Payment

The Dues of all Members, Associate Members and Supporting Members shall be payable by April 1 of each year.

ARTICLE 4 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1 Board Composition

The Board shall consist of seven (7) Directors: the President, two (2) Vice-Presidents and four (4) Directors. One (1) Vice-President and 2 Directors shall be elected by the members from Caucus One and one (1) Vice-President and two (2) Directors shall be elected by the members from Caucus Two. The President may be elected from either Caucus as per Section 4.11.1.

The Chief Executive Officer shall be entitled to attend and participate at all Board meetings, except they shall not be entitled to vote on any matter put before the Directors for a vote.

In no event shall more than one (1) Director from any Member be permitted to serve as a Board Director at the same time.

4.2 Qualifications of the Board

Except for the Chief Executive Officer, only an individual that is a member of a Council of a Member in Good Standing is eligible to be a Director.

4.3 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

The Directors shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer, also known as the Executive Director, as and when required.

4.4 Election of Directors

The President shall be elected at an AGM, and shall hold office for two (2) years following the AGM at which he/she was elected.

The Vice-Presidents shall be elected at an AGM, and shall hold office for two (2) years following the AGM at which he/she was elected.

Four (4) Directors (two (2) Directors from each Caucus) shall be elected at an AGM and shall hold office for a period of two (2) years following the AGM at which he/she was elected.

Elections of the Directors shall be ordered in such a manner that:

- 4.4.1 at each second AGM (for example, odd numbered years) the President, the Vice-President for Caucus One and the Vice-President for Caucus Two shall be elected; and
- 4.4.2 at each alternative second AGM (for example, even numbered years) two (2) Directors from each Caucus shall be elected.

4.5 Board Meeting

Board meetings may be formally called by

4.5.1 the President; or

4.5.2 any Director on the direction in writing of two (2) Directors.

Notice of the time and place of every Board meeting shall be given by the Chief Executive Officer or any Director to each other Director personally, by telephone, by email, or by facsimile transmission not less than seven (7) days before the date and time fixed for the holding of such Board meeting, provided that any Board meeting may be held at any time and place without such notice if all the Directors are present thereat and signify their waiver of such notice at such meeting.

Directors may participate in any Board meeting by conference telephone call, videoconference or other electronic means that permits each Director to hear and be heard at such meetings. Any resolution passed by the Directors at such meeting shall have the same effect as if all Directors were physically present at such meeting.

4.6 Board Quorum

Four (4) Directors, including the President or one (1) of the Vice-Presidents, shall constitute a quorum.

4.7 Remuneration and Expenses

Subject to the approval of a majority of the Directors at a Board meeting, (except for attendance at the AGM, Board meetings held in conjunction with the AGM and teleconference Board meetings under 1.5 hours duration), a Director traveling to Board meetings or otherwise for the purpose of discharging his obligations as a Director engaged in the business and affairs of the Association may be reimbursed for the following expenses and receive the following honoraria:

4.7.1 hotel room costs or fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for private accommodation

4.7.2 meals and incidentals reimbursed as per Government of the Northwest Territories reimbursement policy and rates in effect at the time;

4.7.3 economy class return airfare to the meeting attended by the Director;

4.7.4 ground transportation as per the Government of the Northwest Territories reimbursement policy and rates in effect at the time;

4.7.5 Honorarium

4.7.5.1 for a full day meeting, the lesser of two hundred and twenty (\$220.00) dollars or the actual lost income from business or employment incurred by the Director for such day;

4.7.5.2 for a half day, the lesser of one hundred and ten (\$110.00) dollars or the actual lost income from business or employment incurred by the Director for such half day;

All claims for honoraria or reimbursement of those expenses set forth in this Section must be set out on the Association's expense form, accompanied by reasonably acceptable receipts, invoices or vouchers and submitted to the Chief Executive Officer within thirty (30) days from the date upon which such expenses are incurred or honoraria earned.

Notwithstanding any provision within these bylaws to the contrary, if a Director is absent from a Board meeting without the permission of the Board, the Director shall not be entitled to any honoraria or reimbursement for any expenses set forth herein relating to the day(s) of such absence. For the purposes of these Bylaws, absent means absent from all or any portion of a Board meeting without the consent of a majority of the Directors participating at such Board meeting.

Any changes to remuneration or honorarium to be provided to the Directors shall be determined for the immediately ensuing year by the Members at the AGM.

4.8 Voting

At Board meetings, each Director, including the chairman of the meeting shall have one (1) vote. Every matter to be voted upon shall be decided by not less than a majority of the votes cast. In the case of a tie, the motion shall be lost.

4.9 Disqualification of a Director

A Director is disqualified immediately and a vacancy on the Board shall exist if:

- 4.9.5 a Director resigns in writing from his position of Director or from his/her position as President or Vice-President;
- 4.9.6 a Director ceases to be a member of a Council; or
- 4.9.7 a Director is absent from two (2) consecutive Board meetings without the advance consent of the Board and it is resolved by a majority of the Directors participating in the immediately following Board meeting that the Director be removed. The Director affected by such resolution shall not be entitled to vote on such resolution in any manner.

4.10 Board Vacancies

Should a vacancy on the Board occur, the following shall apply, subject to Section 4.1:

4.10.5 If the vacancy involves the director serving as President:

- (i) the Vice President of the same caucus as the departing President shall become President.

4.10.5.2 If that position is vacant as well, then the remaining Vice President shall become President

4.10.5.3 The appointment as President shall be for the unexpired portion of the departing President's term or the next opportunity for an election at an AGM, whichever comes first

4.10.5.3.1 At the next AGM, an election shall be held for the position of President for the unexpired portion of the departing President's term if any remains.

4.10.6 if the vacancy involves the director serving as a Vice-President:

- (i) the President shall appoint a successor from among the Directors that have been elected by the former Vice President's Caucus to fill the vacancy in the position of Vice-President for the affected Caucus to serve for the unexpired portion of the former Vice-President's term or the next opportunity for an election at an AGM, whichever comes first

4.10.6.2 At the next AGM, an election shall be held for the position of Vice President for the unexpired portion of the departing President's term if any remains

4.10.6.3 If the position is filled by a Director whose initial term for which they were elected has not expired, then they may return to their original elected position when the term as vice-president is completed;

4.10.7 if the vacancy involves a Director that is not the President or a Vice-President:

- (i) the position shall first be offered to another representative of the community of the disqualified directors if the community remains a Member in Good Standing and is from the same caucus;

4.10.7.2 If the offer above is declined then the President will appoint a member of a Council from a Member in Good Standing from the same Caucus to fill the vacancy in the Director position;

4.10.7.3 The appointment shall be to serve for the unexpired portion of the Director's term or the next opportunity for an election at an AGM, whichever comes first;

4.10.7.4 If there is no Director returning from an appointment as Vice-President as per clause 7.19(b)(iii) then at the next AGM, an election shall be held for the director's position for the unexpired portion of the departing director's term if any remains.

4.11 Procedure for Elections

Nominations may be made by the nominating committee, as per Article 6 of these Bylaws, or from the floor.

4.11.5 President and Vice Presidents

First call for nominations for these positions shall be called during the first day of an AGM. Second call for nominations for these positions shall be on the second day. Third and final call for nominations for the position of President shall be during the morning of the last day of the AGM. Once the election of the President has been completed, the third and final call for the position of Vice President shall be called.

The President shall be elected by the Members at large. The Vice-President for Caucus One shall be elected by the Members within Caucus One. The Vice-President for Caucus Two shall be elected by the Members within Caucus Two.

A Director may run for the position of President and/or Vice President for the Caucus to which such Director belongs. If he/she is unsuccessful he/she shall retain his/her Director position for the term of which they were elected. If he/she is elected, his/her Director position will be deemed to be vacant and Section 4.10(c) shall apply.

4.11.6 Directors

First call for nominations for the Director positions shall be called during the first day of an AGM. Second call for nominations shall be in the morning of the second day. Third and final call for nominations shall be during the last day of the AGM following the election for President and Vice-Presidents of Caucuses.

Directors for Caucus One shall be elected from and by the Members within that Caucus. Directors for Caucus Two shall be elected from and by the Members within that Caucus.

The two (2) candidates with the most votes within their Caucus shall be elected as Directors.

4.11.7 Candidate Speeches

Each candidate with an accepted nomination for President, Vice-President or Director, shall have the opportunity to speak to the members for a period of no more than two minutes prior to their respective elections.

ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

5.1 The President

The President shall preside at the AGM and all Special Meetings. He or she shall sign all instruments that require his or her signature and shall perform all duties incidental to his or her office, as well as such other duties and powers as may from time to time be assigned to the President by the Members.

The President shall be a member of the Board and shall have one vote at any meeting of the Board.

5.2 Vice-President

Vice-Presidents shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all of the duties of the President in the absence of the President or the disability or refusal to act by the President. If the President is absent, the duties shall be carried out by whichever Vice-President is present at the time action is required. If both Vice-Presidents are available, the exercise of the President's duties and powers shall alternate between the two (2) Vice-Presidents and be exercised firstly by the Vice-President chosen by the majority of the Directors present.

5.3 The Power and Authority of the Board

The Board may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Association pursuant to and consistent with objects that are not, by the Bylaws of the Society or by law, expressly directed or required to be done by the Society at a meeting of the Members or otherwise.

5.4 Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer shall have the care and custody of all funds of the Association and shall deposit the same in such bank account or bank accounts as is reasonable. He or she shall sign or counter-sign such instruments that require the signature of the Chief Executive Officer. He or she shall issue or cause to be issued notices of meetings of the Association when directed to do so by the Board, and shall be responsible for the preparation and custody of the minutes of Association meetings, Directors meeting minutes, Director's correspondence and financial records. He or she shall conform to all lawful orders given to him or her by the Board.

The Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be kept all books, papers, records, correspondence, contracts and other documents belonging to the Association and shall cause the same to be delivered up when required by the Act or when authorized by the Board to such person as may be named by the Board.

ARTICLE 6 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

6.1 Appointment of Nominating Committee

During the AGM each year, the Vice-Presidents shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three (3) persons. A member of the nominating committee cannot continue as a member of that committee if he or she becomes a candidate for the Board position to be elected at the AGM.

6.2 Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee shall be responsible for the recommendation of names for offices of the President, Vice-Presidents and Directors. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Members at the AGM.

6.3 Member Consent Required for Nomination

The nominating committee shall recommend persons for election as Directors in accordance with the provisions in Article 4 of these Bylaws, but in no case shall a Member be recommended by the nominating committee unless he or she has given their consent to act if elected.

6.4 Floor Nominations

Nominations for President, Vice-Presidents and Directors may be made from the floor and will be submitted to the Members at the AGM.

ARTICLE 7 - RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

7.1 Resolutions

The Vice-Presidents shall appoint at least two (2) Directors to sit on the resolution committee. The resolution committee shall accept and process resolutions that may be presented by Members.

7.2 Communication of Resolutions

Prior to the AGM, the resolution committee shall communicate for the purpose of considering all resolutions and submit its recommendations on each resolution to the AGM.

7.3 Rules and Procedures

The Board shall establish rules and procedures for the consideration of resolutions, including a process for the consideration of resolutions between annual meetings.

7.4 Board Resolutions

The Board may also submit resolutions for consideration at the AGM or any Special Meeting.

7.5 Introduction of Resolutions

No Member shall have the right to introduce a resolution on the floor of any meeting that has not been approved at a regular or Special Meeting of the Council of the Member, except resolutions of congratulations, condolence, or appreciation.

ARTICLE 8 - OTHER COMMITTEES

8.1 Other Committees

Standing committees of the Association as desired from time to time may be established by the Directors. Subject to Section 5.3 of the Bylaws, such committees shall be given such scope and powers set out in the resolution of the Directors and shall continue to exist until dissolved by a further resolution of the Directors.

The Board may establish any sub-committee comprised of Directors and, subject to Section 5.3 of the Bylaws, may delegate to such sub-committee such powers and duties as may be deemed necessary by the Board. Such sub-committee shall be given such scope and powers set out in the resolution of the Directors and shall continue to exist until dissolved by a further resolution of the Directors.

ARTICLE 9 - MEETINGS

9.1 Annual General Meeting

9.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually such time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

9.2 Quorum at the Annual General Meeting

A quorum at an AGM shall consist of a majority of the Members in Good Standing

9.3 Participation at the Annual General Meeting

While only Members in Good Standing are entitled to vote at the AGM, any Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member or Honorary Life Member may attend and observe at these meetings and the various programs offered there.

9.4 Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice of the AGM shall be given by the Chief Executive Officer by sending a notice by facsimile, by other electronic means by which written messages may be sent or by ordinary post to the address of each Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member and Honorary Life Member at least twenty-one days (21) before the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be held at the place specified in the notice.

9.5 Special Meetings

Upon delivery by mail, facsimile or email to the office of the Association of a written request for a Special Meeting from no less than fifty (50%) percent of the Members, the President shall call a special meeting of the Association.

The Board may also call a Special Meeting when the majority of the Board considers one necessary.

9.6 Time of Special Meetings

If a Special Meeting is called pursuant to Section 9.5, such Special Meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days after the request is received at the Association office or the Board calls such Special Meeting, as the case may be.

9.7 Notice of a Special Meeting

Notice of a Special Meeting shall be given by the Chief Executive by sending a notice by facsimile, by other electronic means by which written messages may be sent or by ordinary post to the address of each Member, Associate Member, Supporting Member and Honorary Life Member at least twenty-one days (21) before the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be held at the place specified in the notice.

9.8 Quorum at a Special Meeting

A quorum at a Special Meeting shall consist of a majority of the Members in Good Standing.

9.9 Representations of Members

Each Member in Good Standing may be represented at the AGM or any Special Meeting by as many Delegates as it may appoint for that purpose and each Delegate shall have the right to take part in all discussions at the meeting.

9.10 Member Meeting by Conference Call

Delegates of Members in Good Standing may participate in any meeting of the Members by conference telephone call, videoconference or other electronic means that permits each Delegate to hear and be heard at such meeting. The chairman of the meeting will cause to be recorded in the minutes of such meeting:

9.10.1 the name of each Member in Good Standing participating in such meeting;

9.10.2 the name of each Delegate participating in such meeting; and

9.10.3 the number of votes present and cast on behalf of each Member in Good Standing participating in such meeting.

ARTICLE 10 - VOTING

10.1 Number of Votes

At the AGM or any Special Meeting, each Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to vote on the basis of the Member's population. The number of votes for each Member shall be determined as follows:

10.1.1 populations less than one thousand five hundred (1500) receive two (2) votes;

10.1.2 populations between one thousand five hundred and one (1501) and two thousand four hundred and ninety-nine (2499) receive three (3) votes;

10.1.3 populations between two thousand five hundred (2500) and three thousand four hundred and ninety-nine (3499) receive four (4) votes;

10.1.4 populations between three thousand five hundred (3500) and four thousand four hundred and ninety-nine (4499) receive five (5) votes; and

10.1.5 populations in excess of four thousand and five hundred (4500) receive six (6) votes.

Subject to Section 9.10, at each meeting of the Members, one Voting Card shall be issued to a Delegate of each Member in Good Standing for each vote that such Member is entitled to under this Section 10.1. If no Delegate of a Member personally attends such meeting, the requisite number of Voting Cards may be issued to a Delegate of a different Member in Good Standing on behalf of the Member not in attendance if the Member not in attendance delivers written authorization to that effect to the Chief Executive Officer before the commencement of such meeting.

10.2 Majority Vote

Subject to any provisions to the contrary which may be contained in these Bylaws or may be prescribed by law, all questions arising at any meeting of the Association shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. In the case of a tie, the motion shall be declared lost. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of voting card(s), but any holder of a voting card may demand that a poll be taken. Such poll shall be taken in such a manner as the individual chairing the meeting shall direct.

10.3 Alternative Methods of Voting

Voting may be conducted by mail, facsimile or by other electronic means by which a written message may be sent.

ARTICLE 11 - ACCOUNTS

11.1 Financial Records

All financial records of the Association shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied and shall be retained for not less than the legal period prescribed by the Income Tax Act, Canada.

11.2 Audit

An auditor appointed by the Board shall audit the books, financial accounts and records of the Society at least once each year.

11.3 Financial Reporting

The Chief Executive Officer or such person designated by the Chief Executive Officer will present the audited financial statements of the Association for the preceding year to the AGM each year.

11.4 Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of the Association for the preceding year shall be available for the inspection by the Members at the AGM.

11.5 Budget

At each AGM, the Chief Executive Officer or such person designated by the Chief Executive Officer shall present to the Association, an operating budget for the current fiscal period that has been approved by the Board.

ARTICLE 12 - BORROWING POWERS

12.1 Borrowing Funds

The Board may, by majority vote, borrow funds for the current operations of the Association, but the total of such funds shall not, at any time, exceed one-half (1/2) of the Association's revenue in the preceding fiscal year.

12.1 Capital Expenditures

The Board may, with the approval of a majority of the Members at a Special Meeting or at an AGM, borrow funds for capital expenditures in the amount and on such terms and conditions authorized by the Members

ARTICLE 13 - GENERAL

13.1 Execution of Documents

Documents shall be executed in the following manner:

13.1.1 cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of monies, notes, acceptances and bills of exchange may be drawn, accepted, endorsed and signed by:

13.1.1.1 any two (2) Directors;

13.1.1.2 one (1) Director together with one (1) of:

13.1.1.2.1 the Chief Executive Officer; or

13.1.1.2.2 the Finance Officer of the Association;

or

13.1.1.2.3 if authorized in advance and in writing by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer together with the Finance Officer of the Association; and

13.1.2 contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring execution on behalf of the Association (under seal or otherwise) that are not contemplated in Section 13(1)(a) may be signed by:

13.1.2.1 the President together with a Vice-President;

13.1.2.2 the President or a Vice-President together with the Chief Executive Officer;

13.1.2.3 if authorized in writing by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer alone; or

13.1.2.4 other parties authorized in advance and in writing by the Board from time to time.

13.2 Seal

The seal of the Association shall consist of the word "seal" in a circle formed by the words "Northwest Territories Association of Communities". The seal shall be kept at the office of the Association and shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except in the presence of two (2) Directors or such other parties authorized in advance and in writing by the Board from time to time.

13.3 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall terminate on March 31 of each year.

13.4 Minutes and Records

The Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be recorded accurate, legible, written minutes of the proceedings of each of the AGM, all Special Meetings and all Board meetings. The books and records of the Association may be inspected at the offices of the Association by any Member, Associate Member or Honorary Life Member at any time during business hours upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer.

13.5 Altering, Rescinding or Repealing Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Association may be rescinded, altered or added to in accordance with Section 6 of the Act.

13.6 Interpretation

Any question or dispute relating to:

- 13.6.1 the interpretation and application of any provision contained in these Bylaws or any other constating documents of the Association;
- 13.6.2 the eligibility of any applicant to become a Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member of the Association;
- 13.6.3 the compliance of a Member, Associate Member or Supporting Member with these Bylaws or any other constating documents of the Association; or
- 13.6.4 any matter related to the operation of the Association pursuant to these Bylaws shall be referred to the Board, whose written decision shall be final.

Director

Date

TAB 6

**2022
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NWT Association of Communities 2022 NEW Resolutions		
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2022-01	Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home Program	3
2022-02	Canada Community-Building Fund (Gax Tax Fund) Renewal	4



NWTAC Resolutions are divided into the following categories:

CATEGORY A Territorial Wide Municipal Issues

This category will contain resolutions on issues that are of a direct or indirect concern to all territorial Communities.

**CATEGORY B Issues which Pertain to Regional Concerns Only or
Are Not Within Municipal Jurisdiction**

This category will contain resolutions, which are of a regional concern only or are not within municipal jurisdiction. No action is taken on Category B resolutions.

**CATEGORY C Matters Dealt with by the NWTAC in the Previous Three
Years**

This category will contain resolutions relating to specific matters, which have already been considered by the NWT Association of Communities within the previous three years.

2022-01 Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home Program

WHEREAS, approximately 31% of the population of Canada lives in communities of 30 thousand or less and yet the Rural and Remote funding allocation is about 6% of the overall Reaching Home annual budget; and

WHEREAS, research from Canada and the US indicates that while homelessness is prevalent in rural and remote communities, it remains significantly underfunded; and

WHEREAS, this chronic underfunding means that the infrastructure is not in place in rural communities to enable them to jump on capital opportunities such as the Rapid Housing Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the National Housing Strategy has five streams of funding under the Reaching Home program designated for communities with populations above 25k; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Federal Government increases the amount of the Rural and Remote stream of the Reaching Home program from its current level of \$11 million per year to \$50 million per year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Federal Government gather data on rural housing and homelessness, including via the implementation of a national homelessness count for rural and remote communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Federal Government ensure that updates to the National Housing Strategy include measures to set aside meaningful funding for the provision of social and affordable housing in rural and remote communities.

Submitted by: NWTAC Board of Directors

Category A

2022-02 Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund) Renewal

WHEREAS the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides \$2.2 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism; and

WHEREAS Municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, cultural and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS in Budget 2019 and Budget 2021 the federal government leveraged the CCBF as a proven mechanism to deliver infrastructure funding quickly by doubling the value of the fund in those years; and

WHEREAS each *Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund (2014-2024)* signed between the federal government and the provinces and territories is scheduled for renegotiation and renewal by April 1, 2024; Infrastructure Canada is leading a renewal engagement process with the aim of securing agreements in principle by September 2023; the scope of the CCBF renewal process includes decisions on signatories and program delivery partners, data collection and reporting and public communications, among other important program design considerations; and

WHEREAS reforms are needed to ensure that the Fund's growth and volume maintain pace with Canada's economic growth, the historic increase in construction prices, and the historic growth of federal sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework acknowledges longstanding inequalities in transportation, energy, communications, employment, community infrastructure, health and education continue to disadvantage people, especially Indigenous peoples, in Canada's Arctic and North; and

WHEREAS Infrastructure Canada's practice of applying the current 2 per cent index at \$100 million increments has caused municipalities to receive less funding than allocated; and

WHEREAS Budget 2022 signalled the federal government's intent to tie CCBF funding to actions by provinces, territories and municipalities to increase housing supply where it makes sense to do so, marking an important new direction for the Fund; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the federal government ensure that municipalities are meaningfully engaged in the development of the 2024-2034 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements through FCM and provincial and territorial municipal associations; and be it further

RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements modernize this critical municipal funding program by increasing the indexation from 2 per cent to 3.5 per cent annually, by eliminating the current practice of applying the index at \$100 million increments, and permanently triple the current funding allocation for the three Territories.

Submitted by: NWTAC Board of Directors

Category A

TAB 7

**2022
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NWT Association of Communities

2022 Prior Year Resolutions



Resolution Breakdown

Re-affirm

(RA) Refers to a resolution whose objective has not been achieved and which should be actively pursued by the NWTAC Board of Directors.

Standing

(ST) Refers to a resolution that reflects a standing policy of the NWTAC. The objective may have been achieved once but may have to be restated because of a change in government ministers or department personnel. It also refers to a resolution not requiring active pursuit for one reason or another.

Delete

(DL) These resolutions have been deleted from the NWTAC policy manual.

Internal

(INT) Internal policies are administrative matters.

NB. All active policies are reviewed on an annual basis for discussion / presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

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2022 RE-AFFIRMED RESOLUTIONS**

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No.	Title	Text	GNWT	Response
RA-22-21-01	Amendment to Disaster Assistance Policy – Solid Waste Management Facility Fires	<p>WHEREAS NWT communities that are responsible for operation and management of a municipal solid waste management facility will not have adequate financial resources to support the cost of extraordinary, emergency firefighting and associated environmental protection related activities during a community solid waste management facility fire.</p> <p>WHEREAS the cost of firefighting and environmental protection activities associated with a solid waste management facility fire will not be adequately covered through Northern Communities Insurance Program.</p> <p>WHEREAS increasing environmental regulations are equating to significant costs associated with emergency firefighting and associated air quality and water quality monitoring and mitigation.</p> <p>WHEREAS the GNWT has recently ruled that a disaster classification requires proof of widespread damage that affects a significant number of people's properties.</p> <p>WHEREAS the GNWT has recently ruled that environmental contaminants resulting from a significant solid waste management facility fire do not represent a risk to the health, safety and welfare of residents.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to recognize extraordinary, emergency fires at solid waste management facilities as a potential disaster that can lead to significant municipal property destruction, significant environmental damage, and put peoples' health, safety and welfare at risk.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy be updated to include the specific indication that extraordinary, emergency solid waste management facility fires can be considered a disaster.</p>	MACA	<p>GNWT policies are designed to ensure that our decisions are consistent and fair, while taking into account the needs of residents and communities across the Northwest Territories. It is important that we follow our own policies when we make our decisions.</p> <p>The Disaster Assistance Policy provides guidance to how the GNWT may provide financial assistance to community governments, small businesses, or residents of the Northwest Territories who have suffered widespread damage as a result of a disaster. The intent of the Disaster Assistance Policy is to ensure overall community recovery in terms of infrastructure, essential services and functioning after a disaster. It is not a compensation program and it is not an insurance policy to recover actual losses.</p> <p>The Policy outlines that appropriate and reasonable measures to prevent and minimize damage should be taken by community governments, small businesses and residents. As part of the policy changes made by the Department effective April 1, 2007, communities are expected to establish a reserve to provide for unanticipated events; and were given additional authority and increased resources through the Community Public Infrastructure Fund and the Gas Tax Program to provide additional capacity to deal with emergency situations.</p> <p>The Policy has been in place since 1981, and was last reviewed in 2005 with no change in the definitions since that time.</p> <p>The GNWT carefully considered the request by the Town of Hay River. A review of the circumstances of the Hay River landfill fire concluded that the event did not meet the criteria as set out in the Policy.</p> <p>Dump fires are not typically covered by disaster assistance in other jurisdictions and are not eligible under the federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements. There is no history in the Northwest Territories of the Disaster Assistance Policy being used for this type of incident. A review and modernization of the Disaster Assistance Policy by the department is being considered in the context of the 2021 flooding season.</p>

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		<p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy's maximum assistance payable be increased from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 to more appropriately cover the costs associated with or prevention of a community disaster.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fiscal status of the community should have no bearing on the eligibility or amount of coverage under the GNWT Disaster Assistance Policy.</p>		<p><i>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</i></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – Some recent improvements in terms of amounts allocated for flooding to be in alignment with federal policy however need further movement in terms of definition</p>

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RA-22-21-02	Property Tax Forgiveness When Property is Destroyed by Fire	<p>WHEREAS in the event that an improvement is damaged or destroyed by fire and the damage or destruction is so significant as to render the taxable property unfit for further use or occupation, the Property Assessment and Taxation Act grants the Council of a municipal taxing authority to enact a by-law to reduce or rebate a portion of the property taxes, upon application by the assessed owner;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the ability to reduce or rebate a portion of the property taxes when fire damages or destroys an improvement and renders it unfit for further use is a reasonable action;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the current requirement to enact a by-law to effect the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes under these circumstances introduces additional burden and potentially significant time delays, and unnecessarily brings public attention to what can be a very personal tragedy;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes on a specific property under these conditions is largely prescriptive and can be achieved administratively without requiring policy direction from the Council of a municipal taxing authority;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider amending the Property Assessment and Taxation Act to enable the Senior Administrative Officer of a municipal taxing authority to approve, upon application by the assessed owner, the reduction or rebate of a portion of the property taxes when an improvement is damaged or destroyed by a fire that has rendered it unfit for further use or occupation.</p>	MACA	<p>MACA is undertaking a review of the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and its corresponding policies and procedures in order to bring forward a Legislative Proposal during the 19th Legislative Assembly. A number of issues have long been identified with the Act, which have led to a lack of clarity, administrative challenges, inconsistent application and potential complaints. This issue was brought forward by the municipal taxation authorities. Senior Administrative Officers identified this during stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>A phased approach to amend the Act is planned, in order to prioritize some of the less complex administrative issues before other more complicated or technical areas of the legislation. As part of the legislative review process, MACA will be taking into consideration those areas of the Act that may present regulatory hardship to affected community governments. MACA is completing preliminary research to further determine issues related to assessment which may require legislative or administrative solutions.</p> <p>MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada to identify common practices in property assessment and taxation and how these practices can be adapted to best fit our unique challenges and needs.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – NWTAC has been contacted to begin review of amendments of the Act</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

RA-22-21-03	Accessibility Legislation	<p>WHEREAS accessibility in Canada is about creating communities, workplaces and services that enable everyone to participate fully in society without barriers.</p> <p>WHEREAS according to the 2017 Canadian Survey on Disability, more than 6 million Canadians aged 15 and over (22% of the population) identify as having a disability</p> <p>WHEREAS the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects a number of our rights and freedoms, including banning the discrimination of people with a mental or physical disability.</p> <p>WHEREAS the Canadian <i>Human Rights Act</i> and the Northwest Territories <i>Human Rights Act</i> prohibits the discrimination or harassment of people on a number of grounds, including disability.</p> <p>WHEREAS the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia and Manitoba have provincial accessibility legislation and British Columbia has introduced provincial accessibility legislation;</p> <p>WHEREAS the <i>Accessible Canada Act</i> received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019 and came into force on July 11, 2019 and many provinces are expected to adopted mirroring legislation;</p> <p>WHEREAS Canada joined the United Nations (UN) <i>Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</i> in 2010. The Convention protects and promotes the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities without discrimination and on an equal basis with others.</p> <p>WHEREAS Courts and Human Rights Tribunals have determined that meeting the <i>National Building Code</i> is not always adequate for individuals and building owners to ensure they are meeting accessibility requirements under Human Rights Acts.</p> <p>WHEREAS there is no clear guidance for in the Northwest Territories on how to address accessibility in facilities and services.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that he Government of the Northwest Territories establish comprehensive</p>	MACA/ INF	<p>The Standing Committee on Government Operations (SCOGO) Report on the Review of the 2018-19 Human Rights Commission Annual Report referred to the National Building Code concerning accessibility. The Commission is concerned about the lack of requirements set out in the National Building Code and what is considered an accessible space.</p> <p>SCOGO recommended that the GNWT investigate and take the necessary steps to solve the issues and remove the steps between the NBC and the <i>Human Rights Act</i>. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) worked with the Department of Infrastructure to develop a response to the SCOGO recommendation.</p> <p>The GNWT response to all the recommendations was tabled in the Legislative Assembly during the February-March 2021 session.</p> <p>MACA is advancing its review of the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> and Regulations, which will include a discussion on which code compliance measures are most appropriate to protect residents. Within the current legislative environment, the GNWT is not mandated or resourced to provide incentives to developers to incorporate accessible designs. Should the discussion about the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> shift towards broader building standards legislation, issues regarding accessibility and other Human Rights considerations in the context of the National Building Code would be considered.</p> <p>In addition to MACA, the review of the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> will involve multiple other departments, including Infrastructure (INF), Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), Health and Social Services (HSS), the NWT Housing Corporation (NWTAC), and others who build and operate public infrastructure. There is no simple or quick solution for the issue of accessible design, and it remains a challenge faced by all Canadian jurisdictions. Implementation of accessible design in our current environment would include many stakeholders and decision makers and will require a cultural shift in the way our society approaches design and responsibilities for inclusive facilities.</p>
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		accessibility legislation that enables all persons to participate fully in society without barriers by providing clarity of requirements and standards to be met throughout the Northwest Territories.		<p>The GNWT aims to show leadership on this topic through the planning, design and construction of GNWT-owned infrastructure, but does not currently have a mandated role to play in the accessibility standards for private and municipal infrastructure.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – Above referenced review of the Fire Prevention Act did not include any amendments focused on accessibility.</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>
RA-22-20-05	Day Homes in Social Housing	<p>WHEREAS there is a shortage or absence of daycares and day homes within all NWT communities;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS this shortage of childcare is an impediment to many participating in the economy;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS this shortage of childcare is an impediment to recruitment and retention of staff in the communities;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the provision of day home services is a complimentary activity for those who cannot work for various reasons including the provision of childcare for their own children;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the hosting of day homes is currently not permitted in public housing;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Housing Corporation revise their policies to permit the hosting of day homes within their units while still ensuring that they meet all other regulatory requirements.</p>	ECE	<p>Increasing access to early childhood programs in the NWT is a priority for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE).</p> <p>As part of the Mandate of the 19th Legislative Assembly, ECE will review and amend existing policies and funding models for early childhood programs.</p> <p>Funding and resources available for early learning and childcare programs aim to support efforts to improve educational outcomes for all NWT children. ECE supports licensed early learning and childcare programs, including centre-based child day care facilities and family day homes, with funding that includes both grants and contribution agreements.</p> <p>Funding provided to early learning and childcare programs supports the development of early learning and childcare opportunities in NWT communities.</p> <p>In 2019-2020, funding streams available to licensed early learning and child care programs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Program Operating Subsidy; • New Child Care Spaces funding; • Health and Safety funding; • Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation funding; • Provider Enhancement Grant; • Technology Grant; and, • Cultural Resource Grant. <p>Additional resources and professional development opportunities are provided to licensed early learning and childcare programs</p>

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				<p>and early childhood educators who work in these programs. The GNWT is exploring ways to further support this sector.</p> <p>ECE has allocated \$8.9 million in the 2020-2021 Main Estimates for Early Learning and Child Care. This includes \$1.7 million for Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation. The Canada-NWT Early Learning and Child Care Bilateral Agreement provides approximately \$2.5 million in federal funding for a total investment of \$11.4 million in 2020-2021.</p> <p>programs to allow for the delivery of licensed childcare programs.</p> <p>With limited options for child-care in small communities, there has been an interest in changing those policies to allow Public Housing tenants to operate a Day-home business in their units. Allowing the operation of private businesses in Public Housing may be construed as subsidizing the operating costs of business operators, providing them an unfair advantage over competitors.</p> <p>Currently, through its lease agreement, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC) does not allow Public Housing tenants to operate For-Profit businesses in their Public Housing Units, except for the making of traditional arts and crafts.</p> <p>As with all family day homes, the residence must meet ECE's licensing requirements. ECE has up to \$10K in Health and Safety funding to address renovations and/or retrofits required compliance with the legislation. ECE requires operators to have business liability insurance.</p> <p>The NWT HC and ECE are exploring options around operating licensed early learning and child care programs in Public Housing units. The NWT HC is willing to review Public Housing policies and procedures to see what options are available.</p> <p>The Mandate for the GNWT for 2019-2023, identified the goal of increasing seasonal, part-time, and fulltime employment in small communities by amending the NWT Housing Corporation policies to allow appropriate home business opportunities within their units.</p>

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				<p>Additionally, the Mandate also includes increasing availability and reducing the costs of childcare in communities by amending income assistance and housing</p> <p>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – Have heard that work on this happening but have yet to see any concrete action</p>
RA 22-20-06	Water and Sewage Policy	<p>WHEREAS at the last LGANT meeting in Yellowknife, MACA officials presented its paper “Environmental Services Backgrounder”;</p> <p>WHEREAS the conversation between MACA officials and some SAOs revealed the possibility of major changes to MACA’s Water Sewage Policy;</p> <p>WHEREAS the conversation between the MACA officials and some SAOs at LGANT does not constitute proper or sufficient consultation with LGANT members;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that MACA arrange for full consultation and disclosure of changes prior to implementing its proposed changes to its Water Sewage Policy;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose its intention to amend its Water Sewage Policy and to consult with LGANT members prior to implementing its proposed changes to its Water Sewage Policy.</p>	MACA	<p>N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.</p> <p>Conversations between MACA and Senior Administrative Officers are not considered consultation or engagement, these conversations are to help inform MACA as the department starts to review changes to municipal funding policies.</p> <p>MACA will continue to review and work with the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) and LGANT to better understand the valuation methods and how to best measure changes over time. This will include updates to funding policies to clearly identify how funding is being provide and how the deficit will be calculated on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The Department routinely engages with community officials on all policies to review and address issues.</p> <p>As part of the 19th Assembly’s Mandate commitment to address the municipal funding gap, MACA will be updating the Community Government Funding Policies. The Department will continue to work with the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) and LGANT to discuss policy options and details and will engage before any final policy decisions are made.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – Committee is being established and terms of reference to complete this work</p>

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		<p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose its intentions to immediately increase O & M funding to all NWT municipal governments.</p>		
RA-22-20-07	O & M Funding Levels	<p>WHEREAS the GNWT MACA has been reviewing its funding formula;</p> <p>WHEREAS there is still a wide gap between funding needs and funding levels;</p> <p>WHEREAS most, if not all, municipal governments have been struggling with less than adequate funding from the GNWT;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that GNWT MACA arrange for full consultation and disclosure of its progress in finalizing the review of its funding formula;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose the results of the review of its funding formula.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose its intentions to immediately increase O & M funding to all NWT municipal governments.</p>	MACA	<p>N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.</p> <p>The Department will work with the NWTAC to obtain their input on the preferred split for the \$5 million mandate investment between the 3 core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water & Sewer, and community public infrastructure).</p> <p>The Department has engaged with the NWTAC to obtain feedback on all additional community government funding, including the preferred allocation for the \$5 million mandate investment between the three core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water & Sewer, and Community Public Infrastructure).</p> <p>\$3.3 million has been added to Community Government Funding to date plus an increase of \$750,000 in Gas Tax Funding.</p> <p>MACA, along with the Federal Government has distributed over \$8 million, to community governments to support costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with all levels of government through established budget processes to seek funding opportunities to address the gap as well as continue to support communities to increase revenue generation and reduce operating costs.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – Committee is being established and terms of reference to complete this work</p>

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RA-22-20-09	Infrastructure Shortfall	<p>WHEREAS the 19th Legislative Assembly has tabled document 1-19(1) titled “Priorities of the 19th Legislative Assembly” wherein it directs Cabinet to work in partnership with governments to implement its 22 priorities which explicitly includes “Reduce the municipal funding gap”. Within the Cabinet’s Guiding Principles, tabled document 3-19(1) titled “Cabinet’s Guiding Principles – 19th Legislative Assembly”, among the six guiding principles it states;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We will promote personal and community self-sufficiency.</i> <p><i>We recognize that being able to make and implement decisions for ones’ self is a fundamental part of individual dignity and self-confidence. When we make decisions about GNWT policies, programs and services, we will choose those options that give people and communities the support they need to develop their own capacity and skills to choose and direct their own futures.</i></p> <p>WHEREAS GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs identified a \$39.2 million Community Infrastructure Funding shortfall in 2014, and more recently for the 2019 fiscal year end, identified the gap to be about \$30 million;</p> <p>WHEREAS the 18th Legislative Assembly tabled the 2020/2021 Capital Estimates, <i>Aug 2019 – TD-511-18(3)</i> with approved infrastructure investments of \$398.6 million for the 2020-21 fiscal year.</p> <p>WHEREAS less than 10% of the budgeted infrastructure expenditure (capital estimates) would fund the identified Community Infrastructure funding shortfall for municipalities, thus allowing community governments to invest in maintaining local infrastructure necessary to sustain and support basic community living requirements, promote long-term sustainability of community infrastructure and, to provide critical local economic stimulus.</p>	MACA	<p>N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.</p> <p>The Department will work with the NWTAC to obtain their input on the preferred split for the \$5 million mandate investment between the 3 core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water & Sewer, and community public infrastructure).</p> <p>With this mandate commitment, MACA is taking the opportunity to reassess the 2014 Municipal Funding Policy Review.</p> <p>MACA has engaged with the NWTAC to obtain their feedback on all additional community government funding, including the preferred split for the \$5 million mandate investment between the three core funding pots (Operations and Maintenance, Water & Sewer, and Community Public Infrastructure).</p> <p>\$3.3 million has been added to Community Government Funding to date plus an increase of \$750,000 in Gas Tax Funding.</p> <p>MACA, along with the Federal Government has distributed over \$8 million, to community governments to support costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with all levels of government through established budget processes to seek funding opportunities to address the gap as well as continue to support communities to increase revenue generation and reduce operating costs.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – Committee is being established and terms of reference to complete this work</p>

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		<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 19th Legislative Assembly prioritize its 2020/2021 and future years funding to eliminate the municipal Community Infrastructure shortfalls as identified by GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs provide the members of the 19th Legislative Assembly with updated reporting that identifies the underfunding of critical infrastructure funding for municipalities.</p>		

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RA-22-20-12	Reinstate the Public Boards of Aurora College & the NWT Power Corporation	<p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories in all its services, organizations and corporations exist to serve the needs and directions of the residents of the Northwest Territories; and</p> <p>WHEREAS engaged public boards of governance are an essential component of a healthy democracy and representative of a Government that is interested in listening, and acting in the best interests of its residents, by following the directions and feedback of its public; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Members of the 17th & 18th Assembly of</p>	ECE/ EIA	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	<p>The GNWT committed to transform Aurora College into a polytechnic university. This will require changes to the Aurora College governance system to ensure it is effective, efficient, sustainable, and operating with the appropriate level of autonomy from the GNWT. New legislation will be introduced to allow the new board to lead Aurora College at arm's length and then to run a degree-granting polytechnic university at arm's length.</p> <p>An implementation plan describing major transformation activities, including timelines around the reinstatement of an Aurora College Board of Governors will be released later this fall. The GNWT has engaged with Indigenous government partners, key stakeholders and the public about a proposed governance</p>	<p>EIA</p> <p>The NTPC Board continues to function, as public officials have been appointed to replace previous Board members. This permits the NTPC Board to function as required, provides the NTPC with guidance that is aligned with the priorities of the NWT, and ensures that the NTPC Board reports to the Minister.</p> <p>Further, the current appointments are an interim measure that allows the NTPC to function with greater accountability to its shareholder, the GNWT, while solutions to NTPC governance challenges are examined.</p> <p>Consideration of a new governance structure is required to ensure the effective operation of the NTPC Board – a body for which the Government of</p>

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		<p>The Government of the Northwest Territories Dissolved the public boards of Aurora College, The NWT Power Corporation, all Community based Health and Social services Authorities Boards; and</p> <p>WHEREAS effective boards are those that are empowered with independence and made up of members with equity involvement in the successful operation of services.</p> <p>One that can act with respect, and trust to the issues they face, but speak with candor and honesty as required;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the NWTAC asks the</p>			<p>model to inform the development of proposed amendments to the Aurora College Act that will in turn allow for the reinstatement of Board Governance at Aurora College at the right time in the transformation process.</p> <p>The re-instatement of public boards for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) and Aurora College is the long-term goal of the GNWT. It cannot be rushed and there is careful planning that is required. For NTPC, consideration is being given to options for the governance of the NTPC, including the timing of a new or reconstituted board.</p> <p>The transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university is critical step for the evolution of post-secondary education in the NWT. The success of that</p>	<p>the Northwest Territories is accountable to residents of the NWT.</p> <p>ECE</p> <p>The Aurora College Transformation Implementation Plan released in October 2020 provides a timeline for transformation milestones, including amendments to the <i>Aurora College Act</i> in October 2021 and the re-establishment of the Board of Governors in September 2022.</p> <p>The GNWT has engaged with Indigenous governments, key stakeholders and the public on a governance model which will inform proposed amendments to the <i>Aurora College Act</i>. Amendments will support the re-establishment of the Aurora College Board of Governors and</p>

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		Government of the Northwest Territories to immediately re-instate the public boards of The Northwest Territories Power Corporation and Aurora College.			system is dependent on the new polytechnic university being effective and sustainable. This means that the governance of the new polytechnic must be properly planned and implemented.	development of an effective, efficient and sustainable institution. NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: RE-AFFIRM – Public Board needs to be in place throughout the transformation
RA-22-20-13	Reinstate Local Health Authorities	WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories in all its services, organizations and corporations exist to serve the needs and directions of the residents of the Northwest Territories; AND WHEREAS engaged public boards of governance are an essential component of a healthy democracy and representative of a	HSS	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	The current model with Regional Wellness Councils offers communities and regions the opportunity to offer input and have a say in the development of a territorial system to ensure regional needs and priorities are reflected. The Chair of the Regional Wellness Council sits on the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council and can advocate and make recommendations and decisions for	The Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council (RWC) serves as an advisory body to the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council. The RWC provides advice regarding health and social services, priorities under the territorial health and social services plan, and the promotion of health and wellness. The RWC plays a role in ensuring that the concerns and input from the public are addressed

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		<p>Government that is interested in listening, and acting in the best interests of its residents, by following the directions and feedback of its public;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Members of the 17th & 18th Assembly of The Government of the Northwest Territories Dissolved the public boards of Aurora College, The NWT Power Corporation, all Community based Health and Social services Authorities Boards; and</p> <p>AND WHEREAS effective boards are those that are empowered with independence and made up of members with equity involvement in the</p>			<p>change/actioning at the territorial level.</p> <p>One of the primary reasons for moving to this current model was that under the old system of community/regional boards of management, each community/regional board developed at its own pace but it also resulted in uneven level of services, extreme challenges in recruiting personnel, and fragmentation of the entire health and social services system. Additionally, communities and regions lacked the opportunities to have a say in the development of territorial programming on issues like medical travel and addictions services.</p> <p>Community support for the Regional Wellness Council and, in turn, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council will strengthen the progress towards system</p>	<p>and used to inform the delivery of services.</p> <p>The Chair of the Regional Wellness Council sits on the NWT Health and Social Services Leadership Council and can advocate and make recommendations and decisions for change/actioning at the territorial level.</p> <p>Regional Wellness Councils are made up of members of the public and are from the communities served by the Regional Wellness Council.</p> <p>Community support for the Regional Wellness Council and, in turn, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Leadership Council will strengthen the progress towards system transformation and ensure consistency of health and social services delivery to every resident in the NWT.</p>

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		<p>successful operation of services. One that can act with respect, and trust to the issues they face, but speak with candor and honesty as required;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the NWTAC ask the Government of the Northwest Territories to immediately re-instate the community based local health authorities and empower them with the necessary resources to help solve the many issues plaguing community-based health and social services delivery.</p>			transformation and ensure consistency of health and social services delivery to every resident in the NWT.	<p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>Re-Affirm: more work required on this issue.</p>
RA-22-20-16	Building Code Act	WHEREAS at this time, the Northwest Territories (NWT) is	MACA /INF	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	Concerns about the absence of a robust code compliance system in the	Concerns about the absence of a robust code compliance system in the

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		<p>the only jurisdiction within Canada without a regulatory building regime framework. Compared to our sister territories, the Yukon Territory and Nunavut, the NWT does not have any legislation that regulates construction in detail. The Yukon Territory has a <i>Building Standards Act</i> and Nunavut has a <i>Building Code Act</i>. The NWT does not have similar legislation, leading to an absence of clear building-related responsibilities for municipalities.</p> <p>WHEREAS through the <i>Cities, Towns, and Villages (CTV) Act</i>, CTV's can choose to adopt by-laws to regulate the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people</p>			<p>NWT to verify building safety for public occupancy in relation to the National Building Code & National Fire Code have been raised on several occasions, by municipal authorities, professional associations and the NWTAC.</p> <p>The GNWT is supportive of examining this issue with a view to improving harmonization among related regulatory functions and clarifying roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>MACA has committed to a review of the Fire Prevention Act (FPA) which includes the GNWT's regulatory authority in this area through MACA's plan review function. Stakeholder engagement conducted in 2017 on the FPA identified the plan review function as a topic requiring a focused dialogue.</p>	<p>NWT to verify building safety for public occupancy in relation to the National Building Code & National Fire Code have been raised on several occasions, by municipal authorities, professional associations, and the NWTAC.</p> <p>The GNWT is supportive of examining this issue with a view to improving harmonization among related regulatory functions and clarifying roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>MACA is undertaking a review of the Fire Prevention Act during the 19th Legislative Assembly. Stakeholder engagement conducted in 2017 on the Act identified the plan review function as a topic requiring a focused dialogue.</p> <p>In considering the Act, consideration is being given to the scope of the review - particularly with</p>

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		<p>and property. Pursuant to this, the City of Yellowknife has chosen to create the Building By-law, that regulates local construction; however, the <i>CTV Act</i> does not formally define the building-related responsibilities and interconnection between the function of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and tax based municipalities.</p> <p>WHEREAS a <i>Building Code Act</i> is different than a <i>Fire Prevention Act (FPA)</i>, and work on a <i>Building Code Act</i> should not be tied to the completion of the <i>FPA</i> review and update. Both Yukon and Nunavut have legislation regarding building codes and fire prevention.</p>			<p>MACA is proposing to conduct a review of the Fire Prevention Act and the Fire Prevention Regulations during the term of the 19th Legislative Assembly. In considering the FPA, consideration needs to be given to the scope of the review - particularly with regards to broader building standards and the NWT regulatory compliance framework. A thorough understanding of the problem is crucial in helping to identify viable solutions.</p>	<p>regards to broader building standards and the NWT regulatory compliance framework.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>Re-Affirm: The absence of these Acts was flagged again for discussion under the Fire Protection Act Review</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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		<p>WHEREAS individuals and developers are often frustrated because they need to deal with multiple regulatory offices for building plans, electrical permits, construction, inspections and occupancy. By having a <i>Building Code Act</i>, the clarity on who is the ultimate authority and how regulatory requirements are interpreted would improve the terms for development considerably.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) establish a comprehensive building regime for the purpose of providing regulatory</p>				

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		clarity throughout the Northwest Territories.				
RA-22-20-17	Presumptive Coverage for Work-Related Psychological Injury (including PTSD)	<p>WHEREAS Nunavut, Northwest Territories (NWT) and Quebec are the only jurisdictions in Canada without presumptive coverage for work-related psychological injury (including PTSD).</p> <p>WHEREAS in all jurisdictions with a PTSD presumption, the legislation states that, for eligible workers diagnosed with PTSD, their condition will be presumed to be related to their employment, unless the contrary is proven.</p>	WSCC	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	<p>The WSCC actively monitors and considers policy trends within the worker’s compensation industry including specific issues such as presumptive coverage for work-related psychological injury. Although the terminology “presumptive” is not specifically incorporated into the WSCC Policy on Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders (03.09), the resulting application of the policy already provides for outcomes in line with other jurisdictions that specifically prescribe a presumption.</p> <p>For psychiatric and psychological disorders to be eligible for WSCC compensation they must be work-related, and they must be diagnosed by the most current version of the</p>	<p>No change: The coverage provided by the WSCC for psychiatric and psychological disorders is not restricted to any category of worker but is equally provided to all workers under the Workers’ Compensation Act. Our coverage, like other jurisdictions, is dependent on the psychiatric or psychological disorder being work-related and diagnosed through the DSM. These coverage factors already exist within WSCC policy regardless of the specific title “presumptive coverage”.</p> <p>Policy 03.09 Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders is again set to be reviewed by the Governance Council in September of 2022.</p>

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		NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT work with relevant stakeholders, including community governments, to update legislation to have presumptive coverage for work-related psychological injury (including PTSD).			<p>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). To ensure protection of Human Rights, all injuries are treated fairly regardless of being physical and/or psychiatric or psychological in nature. The WSCC regularly reviews its policies. The policy regarding psychiatric and psychological injuries was reviewed and updated in 2014, and again in December of 2017, to ensure fairness and alignment with Territorial Human Rights Legislation. To ensure that emerging issues are considered, the WSCC sets out a five-year policy review schedule. As per that schedule, Policy 03.09 Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders is again set to be reviewed by the Governance Council in September of 2022.</p> <p>All jurisdictions with presumptions require that</p>	<p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to monitor</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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					<p>the diagnosis of a psychological injury or PTSD be made using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual or Mental Disorders (DSM). Employment criteria are also considered under their presumptions. Some jurisdictions limit the application of presumption to certain categories of workers (e.g. First responders, front-line workers, or emergency-response workers), others extend the coverage to any worker covered by their Acts who is exposed to a work-related traumatic event.</p> <p>Specific wording of presumption in some jurisdictions simply states that provided the diagnostic and employment criteria are met, a worker's PTSD is presumed to be a work-related injury, unless the contrary is proven on the</p>	

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					<p>balance of probabilities. For others, the presumptive language explicitly includes the requirement that the worker's condition has to have arisen in response to an individual traumatic event or a series of such events.</p> <p>The coverage provided by the WSCC for psychiatric and psychological disorders is not restricted to any category of worker, but is equally provided to all workers under the Workers' Compensation Act. Our coverage, like other jurisdictions, is dependent on the psychiatric or psychological disorder being work-related and diagnosed through the DSM. These coverage factors already exist within WSCC policy regardless of the specific title "presumptive coverage".</p>	

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RA-22-20-18	Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms and Costs in the NWT	<p>WHEREAS the Provincial and Territorial Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation Project (CAPE) is a rigorous assessment of the extent to which evidence-based alcohol policies have been implemented in all 13 jurisdictions in Canada.</p> <p>WHEREAS a comprehensive alcohol policy framework was developed, containing gold standard best practices across 11 different policy domains.</p> <p>WHEREAS the types of alcohol policies being evaluated at the provincial and territorial level include those with</p>	HSS	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	<p>In January 2020, the Territorial Committee on Problematic Substance Use was formed. The mandate of this committee is to develop a comprehensive response to the ongoing issues related to problematic substance use including a deliverable of a whole-of-government Alcohol Strategy. A whole-of-government approach addresses areas of responsibility held by the other GNWT departments.</p> <p>The Committee held a full-day workshop in March, to set the direction of an agreed upon approach towards the development of an alcohol strategy specific to the needs of NWT residents.</p> <p>Next steps will be to use findings and feedback from the workshop to inform community engagement plans. This phase will occur in 2020. Once community feedback is collected, a</p>	<p>Community and stakeholder engagement on the development of a territorial alcohol strategy is ongoing, with the intent to have a preliminary draft ready for circulation in November 2021.</p> <p>Initial work on a territorial alcohol strategy, in partnership with the Liquor Legislation Review project, has shown the need for community-level development of alcohol strategies, which may be expanded based on community needs to address other forms of substance use or behavioural disorders.</p> <p>Engagement with communities towards this goal began in 2021.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: More work is required on this</p>

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		<p>direct evidence of effectiveness as a means of reducing population level consumption of alcohol and/or related harms such as: pricing and taxation; physical availability of alcohol; impaired driving countermeasures; marketing and advertising controls; minimum legal drinking age laws; screening, brief intervention and referral programs; and liquor law enforcement.</p> <p>WHEREAS they also assess evidence-based strategies that more indirectly facilitate implementation of the direct policies mentioned above.</p>			<p>preliminary draft alcohol strategy can be developed.</p>	<p>resolution. The NWTAC will continue to work with the GNWT on this resolution. NWTAC sits on the Polysubstance and Alcohol Strategy Advisory Committees</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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		<p>These strategies include: control systems for the distribution and sale of alcohol; provincial and territorial alcohol strategies; monitoring and reporting of alcohol related harms; and health and safety messaging.</p> <p>WHEREAS the NWT scored 33% in 2017 in regards to implementing gold standard best practices to reduce alcohol related harm, which is 12% below the average of 45% for the rest of Canada.</p> <p>WHEREAS as identified in the GNWT's Mental Health and Addictions Strategic Framework, alcohol</p>				

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		<p>and drug use is very costly to our system. Between 2008/09 and 2010/11, on an annual average basis, 429 NWT patients were hospitalized 615 times with one or more alcohol or drug related issues, resulting in 3,250 bed days at an estimated cost of \$7.5 million to the territorial health system.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Northwest Territories develop an alcohol strategy with evidence-based gold standard best practices to address alcohol related harm in the Northwest Territories.</p>				

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RA-22-20-20	REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.50 (Supp.), as amended	<p>WHEREAS the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> grants municipalities the authority to exempt the eligible property of a senior citizen or a disabled person from part of the property taxes;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> requires other property owners to be dependent on the senior or disabled owner in order for the relief to apply;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the definition of dependent within the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> is vague and allows for</p>	MACA	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	<p>During the 18th Assembly, MACA advanced and completed four significant pieces of legislation and Regulations; an updated Western Canada Lottery Act, the new Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act, an updated Cities, Towns and Villages Act and a new Emergency Management Act, in addition to completing an initial legislative review of the Fire Protection Act.</p> <p>MACA has identified three large pieces of legislation to prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are, in order of anticipated priority: the Fire Prevention Act, the Property Assessment and Taxation Act, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act.</p> <p>In addition to MACA-led initiatives, community</p>	<p>During the 18th Assembly, MACA advanced and completed four significant pieces of legislation and Regulations; an updated Western Canada Lottery Act, the new Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act, an updated Cities, Towns and Villages Act and a new Emergency Management Act, in addition to completing an initial legislative review of the Fire Protection Act.</p> <p>MACA has identified three large pieces of legislation to prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are the Fire Prevention Act, the Property Assessment and Taxation Act, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act.</p> <p>MACA intends to finalize the reviews of these acts in the 19th Legislative</p>

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		<p>a wide range of diverse and potentially conflicting interpretations;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the vagueness of this definition can create confusion and misunderstanding;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS this confusion and misunderstanding may inhibit fair and consistent application of the tax relief provisions; determines eligibility strictly on the basis of age and/or disability;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> does not provide any mechanism for municipalities to consider financial need when considering eligibility for property tax relief;</p>			<p>governments have expressed a strong interest in the Fire Prevention Act and the Property Assessment and Taxation Act. MACA intends to prioritize these legislative initiatives with the greatest stakeholder interest before considering the addition of another large legislative project.</p>	<p>Assembly, before considering the addition of another large legislative project.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: More work is required on this. MACA is in the process of forming working group for PADA review</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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		<p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider: (i) Amending the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> to allow municipalities to determine how dependency is defined and determined in situations where not all owners are seniors and/or disabled; and</p> <p>(ii) Amending the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> to</p> <p>allow municipalities to define and apply a financial means test to ensure that</p>				

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		property tax relief is directed at property owners who need it.				
RA-22-20-21	Winter Roads	<p>WHEREAS Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the transportation network connecting communities in the NWT is particularly vulnerable to climate change due to its reliance on temperature sensitive systems such as winter roads and bridges;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the winter road network is a critical transportation link for nine NWT communities who rely on winter roads to bring in food, fuel, building supplies, and other essential goods</p>	INF	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	<p>The Northwest Territories is experiencing numerous changes and impacts due to a rapidly warming climate, and there are many knowledge gaps that need to be better understood and addressed. Overarching action areas required to improve climate change knowledge include the planning, management and use of information, along with enhanced research and monitoring networks. Using the best available information to improve the understanding of current and future impacts of climate change based on local, national and scientific knowledge will be paramount.</p> <p>In recent years, the GNWT has been working with other levels of government as well as academic</p>	<p>The GNWT is continuing to work with federal partners on northern research projects and with national organizations on design and maintenance standards, to adapt and build in resilience to the effects of climate change.</p> <p>One initiative INF is working on with Transport Canada is a winter road portage road base and resiliency study. The study is complete for the first phase of investigations. The study placed temperature instruments along a section of northern winter road portages (which are the most vulnerable sections of winter roads due to rising temperatures) and the respective portages characterized for vulnerability. These instruments will be</p>

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		<p>and services plus many others that rely on ice bridges</p> <p>AND WHEREAS climate warming and increasing variability in temperatures has generally shortened the winter road season and increased uncertainty resulting in delays and cancellations, increased costs, and increased safety risks for travellers.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the winter roads are GNWT assets, and the GNWT bears the responsibility for the planning and maintenance necessary to keep the transportation network operational and viable.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the total costs of permafrost</p>			<p>institutions and researchers on numerous research and monitoring projects targeted at addressing climate change knowledge gaps.</p> <p>INF is involved in the construction and monitoring of test sections along the NWT highway system in order to understand and mitigate climate change effects on transportation infrastructure. For example, four test sections were constructed and monitored on Highway No. 3, and two test sections were constructed and continued to be monitored on Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway.</p> <p>These test sections are a part of a research and development program intended to evaluate better rehabilitation techniques for infrastructure constructed</p>	<p>monitored annually. The information will be used to develop a portage decision-making tool to allow for more accurate predictions of winter road closures, and to develop construction techniques that create more resilient portages.</p> <p>Another initiative recently started involves integrated water and ice monitoring and risk mitigation for northern Canada's high impact and low frequency events due to climate change. Specifically, the initiative aims to provide technology-based products and tools to help adapt to the consequences of climate change, including a focus on ice road hazards. This is a federal program in collaboration with several universities, and in partnership with the Dept. of ENR and INF. Work is expected to continue until 2024.</p>

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		<p>degradation on public assets is estimated to be in the order of \$1.3 billion.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS taking proactive tactics to addressing climate change adaptation is the preferred approach;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS We will see the best success by working collaboratively with our many partners;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Northwest Territories to acknowledge the urgency and immediacy of the threat climate change poses to the winter road network and make the development of strategic adaptation</p>			<p>on warm, ice-rich, discontinuous and continuous permafrost. During construction, each test section was instrumented with thermistor cables connected to data loggers. The data downloaded from data loggers have been used to relate climate change effects and develop mitigation techniques.</p> <p>We will continue to work with our partners to understand, adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change on transportation infrastructure.</p>	<p>This work, along with ongoing related studies by INF and academic institutions, are helping us to better understand the impact of climate change, and the options and limitations we have available to deal with the impacts.</p> <p>This is not just an NWT issue, but a northern issue. We are more than ever collaborating, and sharing information and experience, with many jurisdictions and academic institutions who are addressing this challenge. Examples are the Yukon and Alaska governments, and Laval, Carleton, Toronto, and Alberta universities.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue our work with</p>

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		<p>measures a top priority;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT take a strategic approach to research and planning that considers the vulnerability of communities.</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT lead a collaborative approach to transportation planning and research that is inclusive of every level of government and explores innovative partnerships with indigenous, federal and community governments, development corporations, and researchers.</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT take a leadership role and work in partnership</p>				<p>GNWT on climate change. More action is required on this resolution.</p>

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		<p>with community governments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, develop and implement adaptation measures to respond to the increasingly uncertain winter road season; • Ensure that transportation infrastructure is developed to be resilient to the changing climate; and • Build the resilience of communities so they are better able to withstand and adapt to the impacts of climate change on the transportation network. <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT to provide information to winter road dependent communities in a transparent and timely manner.</p>				

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RA-22-20-22	United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation	<p>WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the General Assembly in 2007 to establish minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the Indigenous Peoples of the world;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories resolved in 2008 to recognize and support the Declaration;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the NWT Association of Communities has also supported the Declaration;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Canada committed in 2016 to fully implement the</p>	EIA	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	<p>As described in the GNWT's 2019-2023 Mandate, the GNWT is committed to further identifying, prioritizing and strengthening key actions to further implement UNDRIP work with Indigenous governments, including creating and implementing an action plan that identifies changes required in GNWT legislation and policies to best reflect the principles set out in UNDRIP. The GNWT is anticipating developing a Terms of Reference (TOR) for a Working Group with Indigenous governments in 2020.</p>	<p>The GNWT is establishing a multilateral forum with all Indigenous governments to discuss and collaborate on common issues, including the implementation of the UN Declaration, with the forum's inaugural meeting which took place in June 2021.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work on this resolution.</p>

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		<p>Declaration without qualification; and</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories states that implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within the constitutional framework of Canada will advance reconciliation;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities call on:</p> <p>1. the Government of the Northwest Territories implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through territorial legislation co-developed with</p>				

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		<p>Indigenous Governments within the calendar year 2020; and</p> <p>2. the Government of the Northwest Territories to work in consultation and collaboration with Indigenous Governments to: a. ensure that territorial laws, policies, mandates and measures comply with the Declaration; and</p> <p>b. co-develop and implement territorial action plans to achieve the objectives of the Declaration.</p>				
RA-22-19-02	Duty to Consult	WHEREAS Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 provides constitutional protection to the	MACA/ EIA	The duty to consult with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations is a	The duty to consult with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations is a GNWT responsibility.	The duty to consult with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations is a GNWT

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		<p>indigenous and treaty rights of indigenous peoples in Canada.</p> <p>WHEREAS the GNWT has a legal duty to consult and accommodate Aboriginal governments and organizations whenever it considers carrying out a government action that has the potential to adversely affect asserted or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights.</p> <p>WHEREAS the duty to consult is a constitutional obligation that is rooted in Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982.</p> <p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is still developing a framework regarding</p>		<p>GNWT responsibility. Municipalities can aid the GNWT's consultation process by engaging with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations early in their planning processes. The GNWT encourages the municipalities of the NWT to continue their good efforts of having strong working relationships with the Indigenous people of the NWT.</p> <p>By having continual engagement and strong working relationships with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations, municipalities can help identify and resolve potential issues, minimize future issues,</p>	<p>Municipalities can aid the GNWT's consultation process by engaging with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations early in their planning processes. The GNWT encourages the municipalities of the NWT to continue their good efforts of having strong working relationships with the Indigenous people of the NWT.</p> <p>By having continual engagement and strong working relationships with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations, municipalities can help identify and resolve potential issues, minimize future issues, and explore opportunities for collaboration and cooperation.</p> <p>Municipal engagement will aid the GNWT consultation efforts helping to ensure a well informed and timely consultation process. No</p>	<p>responsibility. Municipalities can aid the GNWT's consultation process by engaging with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations early in their planning processes. The GNWT encourages municipalities to continue their good efforts of having strong working relationships with the Indigenous people of the NWT.</p> <p>By having continual engagement and strong working relationships with Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations, municipalities can help identify and resolve potential issues, minimize future issues, and explore opportunities for collaboration and cooperation.</p>

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		<p>obligations and expectations related to conducting consultation as it relates to municipal activities.</p> <p>WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife has been advised that the Government of the Northwest Territories could delegate procedural aspects of Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 to community governments.</p> <p>WHEREAS a determination of the responsibilities of community governments in the procedural aspects of Section 35 Community Consultation are not yet defined.</p> <p>WHEREAS community governments identify statutory consultation through Territorial</p>		<p>and explore opportunities for collaboration and cooperation.</p> <p>Municipal engagement will aid the GNWT consultation efforts helping to ensure a well informed and timely consultation process. No amendment of GNWT legislation is required for municipalities to continue their ongoing engagement efforts.</p> <p>MACA requires communities to host public meetings as part of compliance with the Community Planning Act, the Cities, Towns and Villages Act, the Charters Act and the Hamlet Act.</p> <p>Currently MACA is undertaking the duty to consult consultation for community plans prior to approval by</p>	<p>amendment of GNWT legislation is required for municipalities to continue their ongoing engagement efforts. MACA requires communities to host public meetings as part of compliance with the <i>Community Planning Act</i>, the <i>Cities, Towns and Villages Act</i>, the <i>Charter Communities Act</i> and the <i>Hamlets Act</i>.</p> <p>The Department is currently completing consultation under s.35 on a number of planning documents with impacted Indigenous Governments. MACA is also completing consultation on a boundary change request submitted by the City of Yellowknife.</p>	<p>Municipal engagement will aid the GNWT consultation efforts helping to ensure a well informed and timely consultation process. No amendment of GNWT legislation is required for municipalities to continue their ongoing engagement efforts. MACA requires communities to host public meetings as part of compliance with the <i>Community Planning Act</i>, the <i>Cities, Towns and Villages Act</i>, the <i>Charter Communities Act</i> and the <i>Hamlets Act</i>.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work and consult with the GNWT in regards to this resolution.</p>

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		<p>legislation, such as the Cities, Towns of Villages Act and the Community Planning & Development Act and Section 35 Consultation is not defined within the legislation guiding municipal activities at this time.</p> <p>WHEREAS community governments are required to seek Ministerial approval on specific plans and by laws but are unable to confidently determine which aspects of Section 35 Consultation are required to form part of a project methodology or process.</p> <p>WHEREAS community governments seek to have strong working relationships with Indigenous peoples in Canada but have not</p>		<p>the Minister. As this is early stage for consultation work, MACA will retain the responsibility.</p>		<p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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		<p>received clear guidelines related to Ministerial expectations related to Community Consultation.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to engage community governments in the development of amendments to applicable legislation in order to provide a clear regulatory framework related to delegation of procedural aspects of Section 35 Community Consultation, within which community governments who can then implement municipal projects.</p>				

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RA-22-19-03	Alternative Voting Methods	<p>WHEREAS Section 52.1 .(1 } of the Local Authorities Elections Act authorizes a local authority, that is a municipality, to pass a by-law to provide for voting by way of mail-in- ballot or the casting of ballots at the office of the returning officer;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS other jurisdictions within Canada allow for Alternative Voting Methods such as telephone voting and internet voting;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the acceptance of digital technology in society is increasing exponentially;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the use of technology can improve accessibility, enhance voter privacy and convenience, reduce ballot errors</p>	ACA	<p>A legislative review of the Local Elections Authorities Act has not been identified as a priority during the 18th Legislative Assembly and has not been put on MACA's list of legislative priorities.</p> <p>Due in part to capacity, but also due to the number of Acts that MACA administers, it has become necessary for MACA to prioritize its legislative initiatives. MACA has engaged with NWTAC and LGANT to begin to gather input on legislation issues impacting community governments. This will contribute to establishing legislative priorities for the 19th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>MACA is aware that these type of voting methods are being reviewed and</p>	<p>A legislative review of the <i>Local Authorities Elections Act</i> (LAEA) has not been identified as a priority during the 18th Legislative Assembly and has not been put on MACA's list of legislative priorities.</p> <p>As of February 2020, phone voting in municipal elections is not done in any Canadian jurisdiction. Most Canadian jurisdictions do not have online voting, with the exception of some municipalities in Ontario. Individuals in these Ontario municipalities register for online voting. They are sent PIN numbers at a cost of \$2.00 per online voter (mailing costs). Ontario elections take longer than the 49 day calendar used in NWT municipal elections to allow for PINs to be distributed.</p> <p>MACA will consider these types of alternative voting methods along with other jurisdictions and will refer</p>	<p>A legislative review of the <i>Local Authorities Elections Act</i> (LAEA) has not been identified as a priority during the 19th Legislative Assembly. Most Canadian jurisdictions do not have online voting, with the exception of some municipalities. Phone voting in municipal elections has not been common in many Canadian jurisdictions, but with the impacts of COVID-19, the perception of the need for more accessible and safe digital systems may change the future of online and telephone voting nationwide. MACA is monitoring and reviewing how and where on-line voting is used throughout Canada and how this has evolved throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and will refer to this Resolution when the LAEA is up for review in the future.</p>

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		<p>and increase efficiency of elections;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to amend the Local Authorities Elections Act to incorporate technological advancements and alternative voting methods such as, but not limited to telephone voting and internet voting.</p>		<p>considered in other jurisdictions and document this resolution for when the LAEA is reviewed.</p>	<p>to this resolution at which time the LAEA is up for review.</p>	<p>Elections in the NWT and other jurisdictions provincially and globally have successfully taken place during the pandemic.</p> <p>The LAEA allows for various voting opportunities leading up to election day, which lessens the number of people in the voting station on election day: advance voting, mail-in ballots via bylaw, voting in the office of the returning officer via bylaw, proxy voting, and mobile voting. Voters are encouraged to vote prior to Election Day.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: In a year where COVID 19 tested our ability to work from home and communicate with others, communications, and the ability to use options such</p>

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						<p>as those for voting is important. NWTAC will continue to advocate to amend the Local Authorities Election Act to incorporate these voting methods.</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>
RA-22-19-04	Cannabis Revenue Sharing	WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed the Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c.16 (Bill C-45 which legalized non-	FIN	The GNWT share of the 2018-19 federal excise tax revenues is estimated at \$122,000, which at this rate	The GNWT share of the 2018-19 federal excise tax revenues was \$111,208. The GNWT share of the	The GNWT share of 2020-21 federal cannabis excise tax revenues was \$376,317.

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		<p>medical marijuana (cannabis) in Canada effective October 17, 2018;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories enacted the Cannabis Products Act S.N.W.T. 2018,c.6 and the Cannabis Smoking Control Act S.N.W.T. 2018, c.6, to legalize the sale and use of cannabis in the Northwest Territories. effective October 17, 2018;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the 2018 Federal Budget affirms that it is the federal government's expectation that a substantial portion of the revenues from cannabis excise taxes provided to provinces and territories will be transferred to municipalities and local communities,</p>		<p>would be \$300,000 for a full year.</p> <p>The GNWT would encourage the NWTAC to provide the specific incremental costs faced by communities resulting from the legalization of cannabis.</p>	<p>2019-20 federal excise tax revenues was \$167,743.</p> <p>The GNWT would encourage the NWTAC to provide the specific incremental costs faced by communities resulting from the legalization of cannabis.</p>	<p>The GNWT would encourage the NWTAC to provide the specific incremental costs faced by communities resulting from the legalization of cannabis.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will address this issue with NWT communities and communicate back to the GNWT the incremental costs from the legalization of cannabis.</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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		<p>who are on the front lines of legalization; AND WHEREAS it will be the responsibility of local governments to establish and/or enforce regulations and policies related to zoning, business licensing, building code and public consumption, which will result in initial and ongoing costs: AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories has indicated that there will be no transfer of revenue from cannabis excise taxes received by the territorial government shared with municipalities; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC lobby the Territorial Government to provide 25% of the excise tax on cannabis</p>				

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		that is shared with the Government of the Northwest Territories by the federal government, and the same share of any additional tax that the Government of the Northwest Territories imposes on the sale of cannabis, be shared with municipalities.				
RA-22-19-05	Post-Secondary Education Transformation	<p>WHEREAS transformation of post-secondary education is essential to advancing and supporting the economic social and workforce development in the Northwest Territories;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories undertook a review of Aurora College to ensure NWT residents have access to high quality postsecondary education in the NWT;</p>	ECE	<p>The process of establishing a clear vision and goals for post-secondary education has included input from residents and stakeholders across the NWT.</p> <p>During March and April 2019, the department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) hosted and widely advertised a public survey that provided the opportunity for broad input and the sharing of ideas about the future of post-</p>	<p>The GNWT has committed that all Aurora College programs will be reviewed, with the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education as the priorities. A new Academic Program Review Framework based on best practices in program review, and which meets the standards required to establish degree programs, has been implemented. The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs are being reviewed through this new process. Both reviews are expected to be complete in</p>	<p>The GNWT has committed that all Aurora College degree and diploma programs will be reviewed, with the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education as the priorities.</p> <p>A new Academic Program Review Framework based on best practices in program review, and which meets the standards required to establish degree programs, has been implemented.</p> <p>The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education</p>

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		<p>AND WHEREAS the Aurora College Foundational Review Report contained 67 recommendations, including transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories issued a response to the Aurora College Foundational Review Report and accepted the recommendation to transform Aurora College into a polytechnic university;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university is an investment in the knowledge economy that will ensure both research investment and knowledge remain in the NWT;</p>		<p>secondary education in the territory.</p> <p>Together with the public survey a Speaker Series on Post-Secondary Education was also organized to promote dialogue on post-secondary education in the NWT. ECE invited Indigenous governments, industry representatives, and academic and research organizations to participate and speak to the future of post-secondary education. Nine speaking events were held between Fort Smith, Inuvik and Yellowknife and the majority of these events were recorded and then made accessible online for those unable to attend in in-person.</p> <p>Survey input will be compiled and will shape the</p>	<p>2021. Future program decisions and the development of new or revised curricula will be informed by the results of the reviews.</p>	<p>programs are being reviewed through this new process, which includes external reviewers from other recognised post-secondary institutions. Both reviews are expected to be complete in 2021.</p> <p>Future program decisions and the development of new or revised curricula will be informed by the results of the reviews.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work with the GNWT and look forward to the outcome of the reviews which are to be completed in 2021.</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommend affirmation</p>

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		NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Northwest Territories take immediate steps to work with key partners, including municipalities, to create a successful vision for post-secondary education in the territory.		development of a vision statement and goals for the post-secondary education system in the NWT.		
RA-22-19-07	Aurora College Transition to Polytechnic University	<p>WHEREAS the Aurora College Foundational review recommended keep programs</p> <p>WHEREAS the GNWT vowed not to cut funding but has not allowed intake into the programs</p> <p>WHEREAS the GNWT Aurora College Response accept the recommendation that the VP Education and Training to conduct a program review for both the Social Worker Diploma as</p>	ECE	<p>The Government Response to the Findings and Recommendations of the Aurora College Foundational Review (Government Response) commits to the development of an Academic Program Review Framework.</p> <p>For Aurora College to become an accredited polytechnic university it is critical that a system is in place to regularly and effectively review programs and that it</p>	<p>The GNWT has committed that all Aurora College programs will be reviewed, with the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education as the priorities. A new Academic Program Review Framework based on best practices in program review, and which meets the standards required to establish degree programs, has been implemented.</p> <p>The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs are being reviewed through this new</p>	<p>The GNWT has committed that all Aurora College degree and diploma programs will be reviewed, with the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education as the priorities.</p> <p>A new Academic Program Review Framework based on best practices in program review, and which meets the standards required to establish degree programs, has been implemented.</p>

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		<p>well as the Bachelor of Education as a matter of priority to determine whether the programming: is of sufficient quality to continue, continue with major improvements required, or needs to be suspended/eliminated</p> <p>WHEREAS intake for the Bachelor of Education Program and for the Social Work Diploma program has been suspended since 2017</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT continue to fund Aurora College to continue running the Bachelor of Education program and the Social Work program</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff be retained to assist</p>		<p>meets national standards and best practices.</p> <p>As articulated in the Government Response, all Aurora College programs will be reviewed under the new Academic Program Review Framework and the first programs to be reviewed will be the Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education Programs.</p>	<p>process. Both reviews are expected to be complete in 2021. Future program decisions and the development of new or revised curricula will be informed by the results of the reviews.</p>	<p>The Social Work Diploma and Bachelor of Education programs are being reviewed through this new process. Both reviews are expected to be complete in 2021.</p> <p>Future program decisions and the development of new or revised curricula will be informed by the results of the reviews.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue working on this resolution. We will continue to work with the GNWT and look forward to seeing the reviews scheduled to be completed 2021.</p>

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		<p>with the review of the Bachelor of Education Program and with the Social Work Diploma program to ensure enrolment can continue without a complete shutdown of the programs</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT continue to prioritize the current programming of courses is its consultation with communities and government leaders to ensure all programs can start to work for the students of the NWT as soon as possible.</p>				
RA-22-19-10	Climate Change Adaptation	WHEREAS Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;	ENR	Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is one of three goals outlined in the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic	Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate remains a priority for the GNWT, and is reflected in the new GNWT Mandate 2019-2023.	Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is a priority for the GNWT and is reflected in the GNWT Mandate 2019-2023.

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		<p>AND WHEREAS the North is particularly vulnerable to climate change due to its reliance on temperature sensitive systems such as permafrost;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS ALL NWT communities are experiencing the impacts of climate change;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the 2018 NWT Climate Change Forum and Charrette was an important gathering where communities voiced their concerns and the challenges they face in addressing vulnerabilities caused by the climate change.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS taking proactive tactics to addressing climate change adaptation is</p>		<p>Framework, released in May 2018. Actions needed to meet this goal are reflected in the 2030 NWT Climate Changes Strategic Framework 2019-2023 Action Plan (the 2019-2023 Action Plan) which was released April 3, 2019. This is the first of two five-year action plans to implement the Strategic Framework and several actions focused on resilience and adaptation identified under Goal #3.</p> <p>A collaborative partnership-based approach will be needed to fully implement the 2019-2023 Action Plan. ENR welcomed the opportunity to participate in the planning and delivery of the NWTAC's 2018</p>	<p>All GNWT departments are cooperating to implement the 2019-2023 Action Plan. ENR continues to work closely with the NWTAC on climate change adaptation actions.</p> <p>In 2020, ENR began funding an annual Community Climate Change Award valued at \$5,000, to recognize a community that has shown leadership on climate change adaptation, and to encourage communities to do the same. An annual report on the 2019-2023 Action Plan will be available in fall 2020.</p>	<p>All GNWT departments are cooperating to implement the 2019-2023 Action Plan, which is in its third year of implementation. Communities are on the frontlines of climate change and ENR continues to work closely with the NWTAC on climate change adaptation actions.</p> <p>ENR continues to partner with NWTAC to fund an annual Community Climate Change Award valued at \$5,000. In 2021, Tuktoyaktuk was awarded for their work on risk assessments, adaption planning, monitoring informed decision-making and youth engagement.</p> <p>In January 2020, the GNWT released its first integrated <i>NWT Climate Change Action Plan: Annual Report 2019/20</i> to report on progress towards implementing the Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plan,</p>

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		<p>the preferred approach;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS we will see the best success by working collaboratively with our many partners;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities enact the following suite of climate change adaptation resolutions (see 2019-10-A through 2019-10-I)</p>		<p>NWT Climate Change Forum and Charrette, and looks forward to working closely with the NWTAC on climate change adaptation actions going forward.</p> <p>Specific responses to climate change adaptation resolution 2019-10-A through 2019-10-I are provided below.</p>		<p>the 2030 Energy Strategy and the carbon tax. The 2020-21 annual report is expected to be available in fall 2021.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution</p>
RA-22-19-10-B	Permafrost	<p>WHEREAS permafrost thaw poses significant risks to community and privately owned infrastructure, the transportation network, access to the land, food security, waste management, and many other issues affecting residents;</p>	NWTHC / MACA	<p>The NWTHC follows all appropriate municipal by-laws and processes when developing any new housing infrastructure. Further, the NWTHC is supporting the development of 33 community housing plans, one for each community, which will</p>	<p>As the NWTHC is completing each of the community housing plans, the NWTHC is engaging with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>The NWTHC also continues to work with other GNWT</p>	<p>MACA</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with other GNWT departments to promote awareness and education regarding impacts of permafrost loss.</p> <p>MACA supports the Northern Infrastructure Standards Initiative which</p>

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		<p>AND WHEREAS the total costs of permafrost degradation on public assets is estimated to be in the order of \$1.3 billion.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS surface water has a significant impact on permafrost and the development and implementation of Community Drainage Plans is critical;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Housing Corporation is an important partner with the communities in meeting the climate change adaptation challenge;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS communities wish to support their ratepayers by educating them about permafrost and climate change and</p>		<p>have a detailed analysis of housing need in the community and list the housing priorities of leadership, residents and stakeholders. Through this process the NWT HC would also be engaging with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>The NWT HC also relies on other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies to gather and analyze information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas to determine possible solutions when constructing or repairing NWT HC assets.</p> <p>In terms of adaptation, the NWT HC utilizes where appropriate, adjustable foundation</p>	<p>departments as well as scientific agencies that may have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas</p> <p>The NWT HC continues to utilize adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems where appropriate.</p> <p>The NWT HC also relies on other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies to gather and analyze information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas to determine possible solutions when constructing or repairing NWT HC assets.</p> <p>In terms of adaptation, the NWT HC utilizes where appropriate, adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and</p>	<p>does create a standard for drainage.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with Public Safety Canada to support changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>The GNWT Climate Change Action Plan has a number of initiatives related to supporting communities and infrastructure address the effects of climate change, including completing community infrastructure risk assessments and developing training material.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with the NWTAC to improve information for communities.</p> <p>NWTHC</p> <p>As the NWTHC is completing each of the</p>

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		<p>how best to protect their properties;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT provide adequate funding and resources to assist municipalities in completing and implementing Community Drainage Plans;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the Housing Corp. adequately consult with communities about their development plans and ensure that they comply with all land use and adaptation plans;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT develop requirements to ensure the consideration of permafrost thaw in all development and adaptation planning</p>		<p>designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems.</p> <p>MACA provides capital public infrastructure (CPI) funding to communities along with advisory services in the area of budgeting for operations as well as planning and implementation of capital projects. There are no barriers for communities to set aside monies for planned and unplanned capital projects and we</p>	<p>wedges and screw jack systems.</p> <p>MACA provides capital public infrastructure (CPI) funding to communities along with advisory services in the area of budgeting for operations as well as planning and implementation of capital projects. There are no barriers for communities to set aside monies for planned and unplanned capital projects and we encourage communities to do so.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with other GNWT departments to promote awareness and education regarding impacts of permafrost loss. MACA supports the Northern Infrastructure Standards Initiative which does create a standard for drainage. MACA will also continue to work with Public Safety</p>	<p>community housing plans, the NWT HC is engaging with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>The NWT HC also continues to work with other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies that may have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas to determine possible solutions when constructing or repairing NWT HC assets.</p> <p>The NWT HC continues to utilize adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems where appropriate.</p> <p>In terms of adaptation, the NWT HC utilizes where</p>

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		<p>for NWT infrastructure.</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT work with the NWT Association of Communities and other partners to develop plain language materials to educate the public about permafrost thaw and assist owners of privately-owned homes and other infrastructure in protecting their properties from the impacts of permafrost thaw.</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT take a leadership role in conducting a vulnerability assessment of all community assets.</p>		<p>encourage communities to do so.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with other GNWT departments to promote awareness and education regarding impacts of permafrost loss. MACA supports the Northern Infrastructure Standards Initiative which does create a standard for drainage. MACA will also continue to work with Public Safety Canada to support changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>Canada to support changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>appropriate, adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.</p> <p>NWTAC hired consultant to review buildings of 7 most vulnerable communities</p>

RA-22-19-10-C	Hazard mapping	<p>WHEREAS hazard mapping is a critical element in climate change adaptation and building the resiliency of communities;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS hazard mapping is not a one size fits all type of undertaking and requires collaboration across many disciplines and organizations;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS securing funding to develop and apply Hazard Mapping is critical to their completion;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT work with the NWTAC and other partners to ensure that hazard maps are developed by the GNWT in a timely and strategic manner.</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT the federal government should</p>	ENR/ MACA	<p>As outlined in action items 3.12A of the 2019-2023 Action Plan, ENR is the lead for the design of a community hazard mapping program. NWTAC is a key partner along with MACA and other GNWT departments, community governments and the federal government.</p> <p>An advisory team is in place to guide the development of the hazard mapping program and the NWTAC's participation on this advisory team is extremely valuable. Securing funds to support this program is a priority for ENR. Federal funding will be pursued to support the capacity of the GNWT to better prepare the territory to adapt to climate change will enable the design of the community hazard mapping program.</p> <p>Providing relevant hazard mapping</p>	<p>Securing funds to support this program is a priority for ENR. Federal funding will be pursued to support the capacity of the territory to better adapt to climate change.</p> <p>Providing relevant hazard mapping outreach and training tools to support communities with their hazard mapping priorities is necessary. The advisory team will further discuss and plan for the development opportunities.</p> <p>ITI is leading a regional (7.5 km pixel scale) terrain sensitivity mapping project. This work will inform the community hazard mapping program.</p> <p>MACA will also continue to work with Public Safety Canada to encourage changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>As outlined in action items 3.12A of the 2019-2023 Action Plan, ENR is the lead for the design of a community hazard mapping program. NWTAC is a key partner along with MACA and other GNWT departments, community governments and the federal government.</p> <p>An advisory team is in place to guide the development of the hazard mapping program and the NWTAC's participation on this advisory team is extremely valuable. Securing funds to support this program is a priority for ENR. Federal funding will be pursued to support the capacity of the GNWT to better prepare the territory to adapt to climate change will enable the design of the community hazard mapping program.</p> <p>Although COVID19 has impacted the ability for MACA to conduct tabletop exercises and workshops, MACA recognizes the value</p>
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		<p>ensure that adequate funding is available to complete hazard mapping for all NWT communities;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the NWT Association of Communities work with the GNWT and other partners to identify opportunities to support communities in participating in the development of hazard maps and their application to community planning by developing tools for outreach, communication, education and training.</p>		<p>outreach and training tools, and opportunities to support communities with their hazard mapping priorities is necessary. The advisory team can further discuss and plan for the development and dissemination of such outreach and training tools and discuss appropriate community engagement mechanisms to determine specific hazard mapping needs.</p> <p>MACA will also continue to work with Public Safety Canada to encourage changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>		<p>of providing relevant hazard mapping outreach and training tools, and opportunities to support communities with their hazard mapping priorities. The advisory team can further discuss and plan for the development and dissemination of such outreach and training tools and discuss appropriate community engagement mechanisms to determine specific hazard mapping needs.</p>

						<p>MACA will continue to work with Public Safety Canada to encourage changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>Federal funding continues to be pursued to support the capacity of the territory to better adapt to climate change.</p> <p>A pilot hazard mapping project for Tuktoyaktuk is in place. This pilot will provide a resource for Tuktoyaktuk and will provide the GNWT with information to understand the approach and scope what is needed to deliver hazard mapping in other communities.</p> <p>Preliminary work has been completed for the Tuktoyaktuk hazard map, such as a geotechnical desktop study. Next steps are being scoped and will be discussed at the Hazard</p>
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						<p>Mapping Committee in which the NWTAC is a member. A partnership with Natural Resources Canada is being established to acquire coastal erosion and sea level rise data.</p> <p>The Northwest Territories Geological Survey has successfully applied for CIRNAC funds to conduct additional surficial mapping that can be used as a critical base layer to community hazard maps.</p> <p>The GNWT and NWTAC are participating in a national working group to develop a National Standard for Land Development Suitability Mapping. This standard is being developed by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and will be a component of the Northern Infrastructure Standardization Initiative.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p>
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						RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.
RA-22-19-10-F	Research	<p>WHEREAS most communities have not been involved in setting the research agendas in their communities;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS communities are often not made aware of the outcomes of the research being</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the lack of a northern university means that the academic knowledge base relating to Arctic issues is scattered throughout the country;</p> <p>BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the</p>	ENR	<p>The Knowledge Agenda Action Plan establishes and objective of supporting a territory-wide Knowledge Agenda. This objective is supported by Key Action 17, which is to assess knowledge gaps across the NWT. The Knowledge Agenda Action Plan will address this Key Action through two associated tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a plan to engage with communities on a territory-wide research strategy or agenda for the NWT, and Facilitating university collaboration with Aurora College 	<p>Through the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan, the GNWT plans to engage with communities on a territory-wide research agenda for the NWT. Many actions have already been taken to support the objectives of the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan.</p> <p>In August 2019, GNWT staff assisted with organizing the Tuktoyaktuk Science Day – which brought researchers from across Canada to present results of their work to the community and provided an opportunity to hear about research priorities directly from community leaders.</p>	<p>The GNWT will engage with NWTAC on renewal of the Knowledge Agenda. Opportunities for NWTAC and communities to present research needs will occur over the next year including through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GNWT /Wilfrid Laurier University partnership annual research planning session National Research Council’s Arctic Challenge Program developers, as they present new funding opportunities Polar Knowledge Canada, as they develop future calls

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		<p>GNWT and Federal Government work with the NWT Association of Communities, communities, and with its various partners to ensure that the research needs of the communities are being promoted and supported when setting research agendas;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that communities engage the researchers who are already working in their communities to assist them in addressing their research needs.</p>		<p>and the GNWT and grow knowledge-based programs, education needs and knowledge capacity throughout the NWT.</p> <p>Key Action 15 of the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan aims to improve the ways in which researchers communicate results of their work back to decision makers with all levels of government in the NWT. Task associated with this objective include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing communities with a list of departmental contacts who can provide information on various areas of research 	<p>The GNWT, Aurora College and ArcticNet are working together to establish research positions in three NWT communities which will be designated to grow knowledge-based programs and help develop knowledge capacity throughout the NWT.</p> <p>The GNWT is also working to improve the ways in which researchers communicate the results of their work back to decision-makers and communities in the NWT. Several publicly available information management tools are currently under development to address this need including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of departmental contacts who can provide information to communities on various areas of research 	<p>for research proposals, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GNWT annual research needs meeting in late 2021. <p>The GNWT will share updated lists of departmental contacts who can provide information to communities on various areas of research supported by the GNWT.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</p> <p>While there have been improvements there is still much more progress needed. NWTAC has been engaged in dialogues with</p>

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				<p>supported by the GNWT;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a common reporting mechanism for GNWT and external researchers to summarize program results in plain language; and • Developing and evaluating web-based dashboards and other tools which highlights research into Knowledge Agenda priorities and development of options for improving how plain language research result summaries are delivered to NWT communities. 	<p>supported by the GNWT;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A common reporting mechanism for GNWT and external researchers supported by GNWT to summarize program results in plain language; and • Web-based tools which highlight where research into GNWT is conducting and supporting research which addresses Knowledge Agenda priorities. 	<p>other supportive agencies on this front.</p>
RA-22-19-10G	Bridging the community capacity gap	WHEREAS NWT communities are chronically	ENR/ MACA	The GNWT will actively explore internal and external funding	Appropriate capacity is needed to support and sustain the implementation	In November 2019, ENR and MACA co-delivered a climate change course

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		<p>underfunded by 37% and this funding shortfall limits their ability to be resilient in the face of climate change.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS lack of capacity was a recurring concern voiced by participants from every region at the 2018 Climate Change Forum and Charrette. Limited financial and human capacity, and difficulty accessing information, expertise and other resources is hampering progress to adapt to a changing climate.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS collaboration with communities on the development of Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plans will support transparency in priority-setting and</p>		<p>possibilities to address the comprehensive needs of the NWT communities in adapting to climate change.</p> <p>Appropriate capacity will be needed to support and sustain the implementation of the 2019-2023 Action Plan on climate change, both within the GNWT and the Indigenous and community governments. To this end, a number of action items within the Action Plan focus specifically on capacity building and supporting communities and NWT residents. These action items are outlined in action areas 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 to support community-based monitoring efforts, provide training for</p>	<p>of the 2019-2023 Climate Change Action Plan, both within the GNWT and within Indigenous and community governments.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to actively explore internal and external funding possibilities to address the comprehensive needs of the NWT communities in adapting to climate change.</p> <p>In November 2019, ENR and MACA co-delivered a climate change course through the School of Community Government for Indigenous and community government staff. Participants provided positive feedback on the training and the GNWT intends to deliver the course again in 2020. ENR will review options for course delivery in light of restrictions due to COVID-19.</p>	<p>through the School of Community Government for Indigenous and community government staff. The course can be delivered online or in person. SCG and ENR will collaborate to review and revise the online asynchronous course: <i>Integrating Climate Change Measures into Municipal Planning and Decision Making</i>.</p> <p>As follow-up to the federal budget, ENR is coordinating among GNWT department in order to pursue federal funding opportunities to address climate change.</p> <p>The GNWT recognizes capacity is needed to support and sustain the implementation of the <i>2019-2023 Climate Change Action Plan</i>, and subsequent action plans, both within the GNWT and</p>

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		<p>accountability for actions.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT allow for the creation of Sustainability Coordinators for every community government in the NWT and adequately resource these positions.</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT to create and adequately resource Pathfinder positions at a regional level to mobilize resources and support community and regional climate change adaptation efforts.</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT provide funding and support to enable communities to participate in CCSF</p>		<p>Indigenous and community governments, and support adaptation planning.</p> <p>The Community Government Funding Policy provides the authority to Councils to determine their own priorities and MACA has support for strategic planning and budgeting. There are no barriers for communities to set aside monies and communities are encouraged to assess their needs in the areas of climate change and sustainability. MACA Capital Planning staff also promote this approach through the capital planning process.</p> <p>The NWT has developed a climate change strategy with specific areas that</p>	<p>The Community Government Funding Policy provides the authority to Councils to determine their own priorities and MACA has support for strategic planning and budgeting. Communities are encouraged to assess their needs in the areas of climate change and sustainability. MACA also promotes this approach through the capital planning process. The NWT has developed a climate change strategy with specific areas that MACA is working with communities on, specifically the areas of emergency management, capacity building and infrastructure planning.</p>	<p>within Indigenous and community governments.</p> <p>The GNWT has communicated its climate change funding priorities to the federal government including the need for funding to build community capacity to help NWT communities identify emerging threats, plan for and respond to those threats, and increase resilience. The need for jobs in communities was emphasized, especially in light of the impacts of COVID-19 and a green economic recovery.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to develop and prioritize tools, resources and initiatives that will build capacity to support communities with their climate change adaptation efforts.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p>

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		action plan development.		MACA is working with communities in the areas of emergency management, capacity building and infrastructure planning.		RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution
RA-22-19-10H	Emergency management plans	<p>WHEREAS extreme weather events are becoming more frequent</p> <p>AND WHEREAS this makes the importance of emergency planning and status of emergency plan completion and implementation in communities more critical</p> <p>AND WHEREAS it is critical that emergency plans incorporate the consideration of climate change forecasting and predicted impacts into planning</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that GNWT</p>	MACA	<p>The new territorial Emergency Management Act requires communities to update their emergency plans annually. MACA works with community governments to update plans and to improve their capacity through workshops and table-top-exercises at a community's request. The GNWT's emergency management approach incorporates key considerations associated with climate change.</p> <p>MACA intends to work closely with community governments in 2019-</p>	<p>The new territorial <i>Emergency Management Act</i> requires communities to update their emergency plans annually. MACA works with community governments to update plans and to improve their capacity through workshops and table-top-exercises at a community's request. The GNWT's emergency management approach incorporates key considerations associated with climate change.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community governments who are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks by supporting specific mitigation options. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by</p>	<p>The territorial <i>Emergency Management Act</i> requires communities to update their emergency plans annually.</p> <p>MACA supports community governments to update plans and to improve their capacity through workshops and table-top-exercises at a community's request.</p> <p>The GNWT's emergency management approach incorporates key considerations associated with climate change.</p> <p>The GNWT supports community governments who are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks by</p>

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		allocate adequate funding and support to update emergency management plans to include climate change and provide resources to fully implement plans for every community in a timely and strategic manner.		2020 to update the NWT Hazard Identification Risk Assessment, which will help establish a good understanding of the risks, and possible mitigation and preparedness measures necessary to respond to climate change. This effort will also permit the GNWT to establish suitable programming, and encourage the federal government to do likewise. It is important that the territorial NWT Hazard Identification Risk Assessment and local workshops take into consideration traditional knowledge of past events and a changing climate. This approach is critical in understanding how to maximize the value from available resources and to help	encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation. MACA also continues to support implementation of the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework. Related activities in the Strategy include, support for improved community participation in research and monitoring initiatives, the completion of hazard mapping for vulnerable communities, increased monitoring of climate change impacts on community shorelines, transportation system assets and building foundations, and improved wildfire suppression planning and adoption of FireSmart principles in communities.	supporting specific mitigation options. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation. MACA continues to support implementation of the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework. Related activities in the Strategy include, support for improved community participation in research and monitoring initiatives, the completion of hazard mapping for vulnerable communities, increased monitoring of climate change impacts on community shorelines, transportation system assets and building foundations, and improved wildfire suppression planning and adoption of

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				<p>residents become aware of potential risks.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community governments who are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks by supporting specific mitigation options. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>MACA also continues to support implementation of the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework. Related activities in the Strategy include, support for improved community participation in research and</p>		<p>FireSmart principles in communities.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution</p>

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				monitoring initiatives, the completion of hazard mapping for vulnerable communities, increased monitoring of climate change impacts on community shorelines, transportation system assets and building foundations, and improved wildfire suppression planning and adoption of FireSmart principles in communities.		
RA-22-19-10-I	Adaptation Plans	WHEREAS the development of Adaptation Plans is a critical element in ensuring the resiliency of communities; AND WHEREAS securing funding to develop and implement Community Adaptation Plans is	ENR/ MACA	The need to support regional or community adaptation planning and implementation of adaptation initiatives is highlighted in action item 4.7 of the 2019-2023 Action Plan and is a priority for the GNWT. See response to resolution 2019-10-C	Adaptation planning needs to be part of community planning, emergency plans and operations and maintenance procedures. ENR is working with internal and external partners to develop tools and resources to support community climate change adaptation.	The GNWT is working to integrate climate change adaptation into community planning, emergency plans, and operations and maintenance procedures to bring adaptation planning into implementation by working with partners to develop tools and resources that support

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		<p>critical to their completion;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the GNWT identified Supporting Communities both fiscally and from a resource basis as a priority within the Pan-Territorial Adaptation Strategy;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government should ensure that adequate funding is available to ensure that Adaptation Plans are completed for all NWT communities including a thorough evaluation of all municipal infrastructure.</p> <p>AND FURTHER AND WHEREAS that the GNWT assist communities to complete their Adaptation Planning</p>		<p>Hazard mapping. An advisory team is in place to guide the development of the hazard mapping program and NWTAC's participation in this team is extremely valuable. Federal funding will be pursued to support the capacity of the GNWT to better prepare the territory to adapt to climate change will enable the design of the community hazard mapping program.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community governments who are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks by supporting specific mitigation options. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support</p>	<p>One of the key ways the GNWT is supporting communities with adaptation planning is by developing community hazard maps. ENR established an advisory team to guide the development of the hazard mapping program and NWTAC is a key participant (see response to resolution 2019-10-C). A hazard mapping pilot project is underway in Tuktoyaktuk. This pilot will inform future hazard mapping in other at-risk communities. Federal funding will continue to be pursued to increase the number of communities conducting hazard mapping.</p> <p>Additionally, ENR, MACA and other partners have assisted communities with adaptation planning, including an NWT-wide infrastructure risk assessment for community and GNWT-owned</p>	<p>community climate change adaptation.</p> <p>The GNWT has worked with Environment and Climate Change Canada to develop community climate profiles, which are now available on NWTAC's website.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to support hazard mapping through a Tuktoyaktuk hazard mapping pilot study and is exploring options to prioritize and advance climate change risk assessment(s) at various scales. Risk assessments will help to prioritize risks and strategically focus resources to build resilience and adapt to climate change.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community governments that are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks.</p> <p>Federal, territorial, and other funding will continue</p>

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		<p>and Hazard Mapping and Implementation;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT explore opportunities to assist communities through the development of various tools.</p>		<p>planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>infrastructure, the creation of a community development guidance document in partnership with NWTAC incorporating climate change considerations, and delivering a climate change mainstreaming course for municipal planning processes.</p> <p>Federal, territorial and other funding will continue to be pursued to support communities to plan for their climate change adaptation needs.</p> <p>The GNWT has also funded NWTAC to develop an advocacy video on community climate change concerns and needs. This video will be used to advocate for funding needed to address climate change in the NWT.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community governments who are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks.</p>	<p>to be pursued to support communities to plan for their climate change adaptation needs.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution</p>

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					MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.	
RA-22-18-03	Wildfires	<p>WHEREAS localized drought conditions seem to cause more and more severe fire seasons;</p> <p>WHEREAS many NWT communities are surrounded by old-growth coniferous forests that are ready to burn;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT's department of Municipal and Community Affairs bring more resources and focus more on ways to safeguard our communities from wildfires and at the same time put a</p>	MACA / ENR	<p>Twenty nine Community Wildfire Protection Plans were updated in 2019. Recommendations from these Plans will be shared with each community to help facilitate implementation.</p> <p>Environment and Natural Resources continues to work with community governments to develop and implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans which provide practical and operational</p>	<p>ENR, MACA and communities continue to update the status of wildfire risk and occurrence to support emergency management organizations' planning and preparedness activities. ENR continues to provide advice and recommendations to communities to assist to reduce the risk from wildfire. 29 Community Wildfire Protection Plans have been updated.</p> <p>ENR has met with most communities to talk about their updated plans, and continues to engage communities to implement</p>	<p>ENR, MACA and communities continue to update the status of wildfire risk and occurrence to support emergency management organizations' planning and preparedness activities. ENR continues to provide advice and recommendations to communities to assist to reduce the risk from wildfire. 29 Community Wildfire Protection Plans have been updated.</p> <p>ENR has met with most communities to talk about their updated plans and continues to engage communities to implement</p>

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		higher priority on bolstering emergency measures organizations in the community so they can better deal with the imminent threat from a fire threatening their community.		<p>wildland/urban interface risk mitigation strategies to reduce the threat of wildfire to developments within a community.</p> <p>Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) helps community governments improve community emergency management capacity, through emergency planning workshops and table top exercises, which consider hazards relating to wildfires.</p> <p>Work is underway to improve integration of wildfire hazard assessment and community emergency planning with a view to better safeguarding municipal infrastructure and residents, and ensuring</p>	<p>the recommendations. ENR also provides available FireSmart funding to support community protection. Information on available funding and the application process is available from regional ENR offices and on the ENR website.</p> <p>Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) helps community governments improve community emergency management capacity, through emergency planning workshops and table top exercises, which consider hazards relating to wildfires.</p> <p>Work is underway to improve integration of wildfire hazard assessment and community emergency planning with a view to better safeguarding municipal infrastructure and residents, and</p>	<p>the recommendations. ENR also provides available FireSmart funding to support community protection. Information on available funding and the application process is available from regional ENR offices and on the ENR website.</p> <p>ENR will continue meeting with communities in 2021 to review the CWPP recommendations, provide advice on implementation, and update the plans as work is completed and as mitigation recommendations are identified.</p> <p>In 2020-21, ENR provided funding to 12 communities to support implementation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), including FireSmart initiatives, and has made funding available to communities in 2021-22.</p>

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				<p>effective response measures.</p> <p>Community governments may also use federal gas tax funds, as well as Community Public Infrastructure Funding to undertake new firebreak initiatives which are supported by a FireSmart Plan.</p>	<p>ensuring effective response measures.</p> <p>Community governments may also use federal gas tax funds, as well as Community Public Infrastructure Funding to undertake new firebreak initiatives which are supported by a FireSmart Plan.</p>	<p>Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) helps community governments improve community emergency management capacity, through emergency planning workshops and table top exercises, which consider hazards relating to wildfires.</p> <p>Work is underway to improve integration of wildfire hazard assessment and community emergency planning with a view to better safeguarding municipal infrastructure and residents and ensuring effective response measures.</p> <p>Community governments may also use federal gas tax funds, as well as Community Public Infrastructure Funding to undertake new firebreak initiatives which are</p>

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						<p>supported by a FireSmart Plan.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</p> <p>Also working to see if Fire Breaks create an agricultural opportunity</p> <p>Completed DMAF application on behalf of 29 communities</p>
RA-22-18-10	Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services	<p>WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife operates a full-time fire and ambulance service through the City of Yellowknife Fire Division;</p> <p>WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife Fire Division also responds to calls for service</p>	MACA / HSS	<p>Since fall 2017, the GNWT has been working with stakeholders to develop an action plan to improve development and maintenance of the NWT's ground ambulance and highway rescue system.</p>	<p>Since fall 2017, the GNWT has been working with key stakeholders through an interdepartmental committee to develop an action plan to build capacity and support for GAHR services in the NWT.</p> <p>Research and consultation completed to date confirms that solutions to gaps and challenges with the current system will not</p>	<p>Since fall 2017, the GNWT has been working with key stakeholders through an interdepartmental committee to develop an action plan to build capacity and support for GAHR services in the NWT.</p> <p>Research and consultation completed to date confirms that solutions to gaps and challenges with the current system will not</p>

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		<p>outside of the municipal boundary;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has initiated a review of highway rescue and ground ambulance services within the territory;</p> <p>WHEREAS community governments across the territory must prioritize their services with the funding available to them;</p> <p>WHEREAS the cost recovery for emergency services provided outside of municipal boundaries may be difficult for a number of NWT community governments;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that until such time as the</p>		<p>Although work was delayed briefly in early 2018, research and consultation has been completed and MACA expects to advance a report and action plan in 2019-2020.</p> <p>The GNWT conducted a two-day focus session with stakeholders in October 2018, which provided valuable information about community priorities and pressures.</p> <p>While immediate interests centre on funding for service delivery on territorial highways, other priorities include standardization; inter-agency coordination; improved integration with the health system; cost-recovery; liability protection; and</p>	<p>be attained without longer-term collaboration involving the GNWT, key communities and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Priorities identified moving forward include developing and gaining consensus on options for governance and establishing an acceptable fiscal arrangement between the GNWT and community governments. Committee continues to define priorities and develop a way forward through action planning and collaboration with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Service expansion is a key component of the GAHR Action Plan. In its environmental assessment of the Tłı̨chų All-Season Road (TSAR), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommended in Measure 5-6 that the GNWT develop and implement an effective</p>	<p>be attained without longer-term collaboration involving the GNWT, key communities and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Priorities identified moving forward include developing and gaining consensus on options for governance and establishing an acceptable fiscal arrangement between the GNWT and community governments. Work continues to define priorities and develop a way forward through action planning and collaboration with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Service expansion is a key component of the GAHR Action Plan. In its environmental assessment of the Tłı̨chų All-Season Road (TSAR), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommended in Measure 5-6 that the GNWT</p>

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		GNWT has reviewed the strategy for Highway Rescue Services (RA-17-13-05} and conducted a feasibility study towards a Territorial Ground Ambulance Service (RA-17-15-03}, that the GNWT should adequately fund those communities conducting ground ambulance or highway rescue services outside of their respective community boundaries.		<p>addressing un-serviced areas.</p> <p>MACA anticipates sharing the research report and draft action plan with stakeholders and Members of the Legislative Assembly prior to implementation.</p> <p>Approximately \$2.1 million has been provided to community governments over the past ten years to support ground ambulance and highway rescue service delivery on territorial highways. Subject to the results of the Action Plan project, the funding program will be updated in 2019-2020 to help address funding pressures experienced by communities.</p>	<p>GAHR action plan for the TASR in collaboration with the Tłıchq Government (TG), Tłıchq Community Services Agency (TCSA), Community Government of Whatı, and Community Government of Behchokq.</p> <p>Work that has been progressing on the TASR will feed into the larger GAHR project. Moving forward, the GNWT (MACA, HSS) will continue to work closely and collaboratively with the TG, TCSA, and all Community Governments providing Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services.</p>	<p>develop and implement an effective GAHR action plan for the TASR in collaboration with the Tłıchq Government (TG), Tłıchq Community Services Agency (TCSA), Community Government of Whatı, and Community Government of Behchokq.</p> <p>Work that has been progressing on the TASR that will feed into the larger GAHR project. Moving forward, the GNWT (MACA, HSS) will continue to work closely and collaboratively with the TG, TCSA, and all Community Governments providing Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM highway rescue is still a concern for our communities. NWTAC will</p>

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				The GNWT remains committed to working with key stakeholders to develop an effective ground ambulance and highway rescue response capacity for the NWT.		continue our work on this issue. City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation
RA-22-18-11	Fire Prevention Act	<p>WHEREAS the City has recently approved a Planning & Development Operational Review;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Operational Review recommends that the City should work towards delegated authority from the GNWT for fire safety reviews as a means of improving coordination and overall customer services;</p> <p>WHEREAS the GNWT is currently reviewing the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> to update the legislation;</p>	MACA	<p>The review of the Fire Prevention Act is included in the 18th Legislative Assembly Mandate.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need for further engagement and research to determine the amendments to be included in the Bill and Regulations. As a result, MACA will not be able to complete amendments to this legislation during the time of the 18th Assembly.</p> <p>A specific area of interest is the Office of the Fire Marshal's plan review function, which</p>	<p>The review of the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> is included in the 19th Legislative Assembly Mandate.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need for further engagement and research to determine the amendments to be included in the Bill and Regulations.</p> <p>A specific area of interest is the Office of the Fire Marshal's plan review function, which serves to verify that construction plans and specifications comply with the adopted codes and standards.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need to engage further with GNWT departments,</p>	<p>The review of the Fire Prevention Act is underway and ongoing.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need for further engagement and research to determine the amendments to be included in the Bill and Regulations.</p> <p>A specific area of interest is the Office of the Fire Marshal's plan review function, which serves to verify that construction plans and specifications comply with the adopted codes and standards.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need to engage further with GNWT departments, community governments</p>

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		<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT consult with communities when reviewing the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> to ensure that support to community government permitting and review processes be prioritized to ensure that this function does not block development or cause undue delays and that the GNWT either 1. Transfer the authority and resources to community governments to undertake the responsibilities as outlined in the Act or, 2. That additional dedicated resources be provided to the Office of Fire Marshal to ensure community governments are provided with</p>		<p>serves to verify that construction plans and specifications comply with the adopted codes and standards.</p> <p>MACA has identified the need to engage further with GNWT departments, community governments and professional associations to determine a legislative approach for harmonized regulatory authority that is suitable for the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>This scope of work will consider other related inspection, permitting and code compliance activities administered by municipal authorities and GNWT departments, with a view to encourage an integrated approach to code</p>	<p>community governments and professional associations to determine a legislative approach for harmonized regulatory authority that is suitable for the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>This scope of work will consider other related inspection, permitting and code compliance activities administered by municipal authorities and GNWT departments, with a view to encourage an integrated approach to code compliance in the NWT.</p>	<p>and professional associations to determine a legislative approach for harmonized regulatory authority that is suitable for the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>This scope of work will consider other related inspection, permitting and code compliance activities administered by municipal authorities and GNWT departments, with a view to encourage an integrated approach to code compliance in the NWT.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – More action is required on this resolution.</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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		effective and consistent service.		code compliance in the NWT.		
RA-22-18-12	Transfer of Lands to Community Governments	<p>WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife is seeking ownership and regulatory control of lands within the municipal boundary;</p> <p>WHEREAS there are outstanding land applications on Commissioner's lands within the municipal boundary;</p> <p>WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife is beginning a statutory review of the General Plan pursuant to <i>the Community Planning & Development Act</i>,</p> <p>WHEREAS the City is required to accommodate for land, growth and facilities over the next 10 years during this review;</p>	LANDS / MACA / EIA	<p>The Department of Lands continues to actively work with the City of Yellowknife and is committed to continuing this work to resolve any current issues associated with current land applications.</p> <p>The Director of Land Administration meets regularly with the City's Director of Planning to facilitate these discussions and determining the best approach to address the individual files.</p> <p>The GNWT is supportive of the City of Yellowknife's desire to manage lands within their boundaries utilizing bylaw enforcement as a tool</p>	<p>A working group consisting of the GNWT Departments of Lands, Executive and Indigenous Affairs, Municipal and Community Affairs and the City has been established to complete a bulk transfer of vacant public land to the City of Yellowknife. The working group has met several times through the fall, winter and early spring. A process document has been drafted and is currently being reviewed by the City.</p> <p>Work has begun on an overarching agreement between the GNWT and the City to address outstanding questions and to ensure clarity of approach in future years. This agreement may include: managing land selection processes related</p>	<p>The Department of Lands encourages community governments to reach out so we can better understand their needs and interests to administer and manage land within community boundaries. Each capacity to administer and manage land is different.</p> <p>At the same time, the GNWT wants to make sure land is available when negotiating Aboriginal rights agreements, which has implications when transferring land to community governments. For this reason, the Department relies on Interim Land Withdrawals to protect land selection interests.</p> <p>The Department is actively working with the</p>

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		<p>WHEREAS the uncertainty around land prevents the City from taking a comprehensive approach to land use, infrastructure, utilities and zoning;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT expedite and prioritize land transfers to community governments for the purpose of comprehensive and sustainable community planning and development.</p>		<p>to achieve these responsibilities.</p> <p>The GNWT (Executive and Indigenous Affairs) is currently engaged with Indigenous organizations in and around Yellowknife with the intent of negotiating finalized land claim agreements.</p>	<p>to Aboriginal Rights agreements with Indigenous governments; future GNWT land requirements not currently anticipated; the City's requirements; and the costs to complete surveys. The Department of Lands provided preliminary mapping of current land tenure and existing interests.</p> <p>The City is reviewing the mapping to ensure consistency with their records. Further work with the City to identify specific areas of interest, including any land the GNWT needs.</p> <p>The Minister of Lands has met with Chief Sangris and Chief Betsina of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) and Mayor</p>	<p>Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs to create a process guide for the bulk transfer of land within municipal boundaries, in support of the Mandate commitment to reduce the municipal funding gap.</p> <p>A draft of the process guide was shared with the City of Yellowknife, EIA, and MACA in February 2020. Formal comments from the City were provided in January 2021 and a revised process document was updated and shared on May 1, 2021. A draft will be shared with the NWTAC for feedback once a revised draft is more complete.</p> <p>The Department of Lands will continue to manage land tenure requests</p>

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					<p>Alty to discuss, among other things, the potential bulk transfer of unoccupied public land within the current boundary of the City of Yellowknife. The Minister heard from the YKDFN that any bulk land transfer cannot impact the Akaitcho process.</p>	<p>according to the process outlined in the land transfer process guide.</p> <p>The value of land transferred from GNWT to community governments for nominal value is one way of helping bridge the municipal funding gap. In 2020-21, the assessed values of land transferred to community governments was \$265,400, and from 2017-18 to 2019-20 was \$4,928,079.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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						Reminder – these issues are not exclusive to the City. This matter will be included in the work being done with the Lands Department on the Public Lands Act Regulations
RA-22-17-05	Shoreline Erosion	<p>WHEREAS some communities in the NWT are facing riverbank and soil erosion issues;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS communities are facing huge costs associated with addressing these issues posing significant risks to essential infrastructure, caused by erosion in various forms;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT make it their priority to find funding, in particular with other</p>	MACA /ENR	<p>Riverbank and soil erosion are ongoing natural processes that can be accelerated by human activities. Depending on where infrastructure is located, it may be vulnerable to increased erosion in the future by sea level rise, melting permafrost or flooding of river systems due to climate change.</p> <p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) can work with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), and community governments to help</p>	<p>Riverbank and soil erosion are ongoing natural processes that can be accelerated by human activities. Depending on where infrastructure is located, it may be vulnerable to increased erosion in the future by sea level rise, melting permafrost or flooding of river systems due to climate change.</p> <p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) can work with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), and community governments to help identify vulnerable areas and prepare adaptation plans to reduce</p>	<p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) is establishing a partnership with Natural Resources Canada to acquire coastal erosion and sea level rise data to inform hazard mapping and adaptation.</p> <p>Coastal erosion will be included in the Tuktoyaktuk hazard map pilot project, and shoreline erosion will be considered in other community hazard maps as they are developed.</p> <p>Riverbank and soil erosion are ongoing natural processes that can be accelerated by human activities. Depending on where infrastructure is</p>

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		stakeholders to remediate or mitigate these concerns.		<p>identify vulnerable areas and prepare adaptation plans to reduce risks. In the event MACA undertakes work associated with the protection or relocation of infrastructure affected by erosion, ENR could contribute technical input to this process.</p> <p>MACA has re-established its Community Planning Unit, within the new Community Governance Division. Land use planning is one of the most effective processes to facilitate local adaptation to climate change. Land use planning refers to the processes and instruments to manage the use of land and the physical development of a community.</p>	<p>risks. In the event MACA undertakes work associated with the protection or relocation of infrastructure affected by erosion, ENR could contribute technical input to this process.</p> <p>MACA has re-established its Community Planning Unit, within the new Community Governance Division. Land use planning is one of the most effective processes to facilitate local adaptation to climate change. Land use planning refers to the processes and instruments to manage the use of land and the physical development of a community.</p> <p>Shoreline Erosion issues can and should be taken into consideration when community governments update their community land use planning tools, including: community</p>	<p>located, it may be vulnerable to increased erosion in the future by sea level rise, melting permafrost or flooding of river systems due to climate change.</p> <p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) can work with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), and community governments to help identify vulnerable areas and prepare adaptation plans to reduce risks. In the event MACA undertakes work associated with the protection or relocation of infrastructure affected by erosion, ENR could contribute technical input to this process.</p> <p>MACA has re-established its Community Planning Unit, within the new Community Governance Division. Land use planning is one of the most</p>

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				<p>Shoreline Erosion issues can and should be taken into consideration when community governments update their community land use planning tools, including: community plans, zoning bylaws, development permits, and other development policies that may be used to minimize risks to communities in these areas experiencing erosion, landslides and other natural hazards.</p> <p>As the climate changes, so will the frequency and magnitude of climate-related hazards, posing a challenge for communities and residents on the NWT.</p> <p>For communities susceptible to flooding/erosion, MACA has annually</p>	<p>plans, zoning bylaws, development permits, and other development policies that may be used to minimize risks to communities in these areas experiencing erosion, landslides and other natural hazards.</p> <p>As the climate changes, so will the frequency and magnitude of climate-related hazards, posing a challenge for communities and residents on the NWT.</p> <p>For communities susceptible to flooding/erosion, MACA has annually shared information on any funding opportunities related to mitigation programs. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>effective processes to facilitate local adaptation to climate change. Land use planning refers to the processes and instruments to manage the use of land and the physical development of a community.</p> <p>Shoreline Erosion issues can and should be taken into consideration when community governments update their community land use planning tools, including: community plans, zoning bylaws, development permits, and other development policies that may be used to minimize risks to communities in these areas experiencing erosion, landslides and other natural hazards.</p> <p>As the climate changes, so will the frequency and magnitude of climate-related hazards, posing a</p>

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				<p>shared information on any funding opportunities related to mitigation programs. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>In addition, in a broader planning context, the updating of community plans is gas tax fund eligible within the terms of the 2014-2023 Agreement. MACA also encourages the community to use their annual Capital Planning Process and funding allocations to identify projects that will support the mitigation of shoreline erosion especially where it relates to protecting core</p>	<p>In addition, in a broader planning context, the updating of community plans is gas tax fund eligible within the terms of the 2014-2023 Agreement. MACA also encourages the community to use their annual Capital Planning</p> <p>Process and funding allocations to identify projects that will support the mitigation of shoreline erosion especially where it relates to protecting core community public infrastructure. MACA will continue to ensure that community governments are aware of these funding opportunities, as well as new federal funding that may apply, and encourage communities to discuss these matters with the MACA Regional Offices. Ground instability poses major risks to land use and development and reinforces the importance of integrating natural</p>	<p>challenge for communities and residents on the NWT.</p> <p>For communities susceptible to flooding/erosion, MACA has annually shared information on any funding opportunities related to mitigation programs. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>In addition, in a broader planning context, the updating of community plans is gas tax fund eligible within the terms of the 2014-2023 Agreement. MACA also encourages the community to use their annual Capital Planning</p>

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				<p>community public infrastructure. MACA will continue to ensure that community governments are aware of these funding opportunities, as well as new federal funding that may apply, and encourage communities to discuss these matters with the MACA Regional Offices.</p> <p>Ground instability poses major risks to land use and development and reinforces the importance of integrating natural hazard management into land-use development and planning policies, particularly as there are few mitigation measures that can be implemented to address major ground movement events that</p>	<p>hazard management into land-use development and planning policies, particularly as there are few mitigation measures that can be implemented to address major ground movement events that can happen with little or no warning.</p>	<p>Process and funding allocations to identify projects that will support the mitigation of shoreline erosion especially where it relates to protecting core community public infrastructure. MACA will continue to ensure that community governments are aware of these funding opportunities, as well as new federal funding that may apply, and encourage communities to discuss these matters with the MACA Regional Offices. Ground instability poses major risks to land use and development and reinforces the importance of integrating natural hazard management into land-use development and planning policies, particularly as there are few mitigation measures that can be implemented to address major ground movement events that can</p>

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				<p>can happen with little or no warning.</p> <p>The GNWT has been working on a Climate Change Strategy and MACA will be working with ENR and community governments to implement specific actions under that strategy.</p>		<p>happen with little or no warning.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM NWTAC will continue to work on this resolution. Climate change is a priority of the NWTAC.</p>
RA-22-13-02	Review and Amendment of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act and the Grants-in-Lieu of Property Taxes Policy	<p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Commissioner are not liable to taxation pursuant to Section 73(2) of the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories makes grants in lieu of taxes pursuant to the Grants-In-Lieu Of Property Taxes Policy 21.09 in recognition of</p>	MACA	<p>During the term of the 18th Legislative Assembly, Municipal and Community Affairs successfully brought forward amendments to more legislation than any other previous term of the government.</p> <p>In 2018 MACA engaged with members of the NWT Association of Communities, and the Local Government Administrators of the NWT on potential</p>	<p>The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p>	<p>The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p>

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		<p>the services it receives from municipal governments and to pay its share of the costs to municipalities where territorial property is located; and</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories does not pay Grants-In-Lieu of Property Taxes on property it leases to third parties;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS municipal governments cannot sell territorial property to recover unpaid taxes against defaulting tenants and are forced to take other measures, including making court applications, to recover unpaid taxes and such actions often never allow a</p>		<p>future legislative priorities. While these efforts did not identify clear priorities for future amendments to legislation, MACA is interested in pursuing legislative amendments that will address the largest issues facing community governments.</p> <p>MACA encourages the NWTAC to engage with their members, so identify and prioritize legislative amendments in order to inform the 19th Legislative Assembly who will establish the mandate of the next government.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative</p>	<p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19th Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>MACA has identified three large pieces of legislation to prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are, in order of anticipated priority: the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>, the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>, and the <i>Senior Citizens and</i></p>	<p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19th Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>MACA had identified three large pieces of legislation to prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are, in order of anticipated priority: the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>, the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>, and the <i>Senior Citizens and</i></p>

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		<p>municipality to recoup the loss;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 125 of the <i>Constitution Act, 1867</i> but makes payments in lieu of property taxes to local governments;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada recognized that the term "grant" for the payments made in lieu of property taxes did not reflect the value of the services provided by municipal levels of government to federal properties and proceeded to amend the name of the act to "Payments in Lieu of Taxes";</p>		<p>initiative is the full engagement with community governments at a pace at which they can provide meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.</p>	<p><i>Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act.</i></p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative initiative is the full engagement with community governments at a pace at which they can provide meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.</p>	<p><i>Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act.</i></p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments is restricted and must always consider the level of engagement required to bring forward any legislative change that will affect community governments. The pace at which these changes are advanced is carefully considered to ensure that community governments can provide MACA with meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions.</p> <p>Accordingly, to update all legislation under the mandate of the department would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.</p>

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		<p>AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada recognized the difficulty encountered by municipal governments in recovering unpaid taxes against tenants of federal property and beginning in the 2000 tax year included a provision in the Property in Lieu of Taxes Act for municipalities to request a payment in lieu of taxes on federal property occupied by a defaulting tenant, after demonstrating that every reasonable attempt has been made to collect the taxes from the tenant without success;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS various provincial governments have recognized the</p>				<p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>RE-AFFIRM this legislation is being worked on. NWTAC will continue our work on this resolution.</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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		<p>difficulty encountered by municipal governments in recovering unpaid taxes against tenants of provincial property and have included provisions in the applicable legislation to allow municipal governments to request a payment in lieu of taxes if all reasonable attempts to collect the outstanding taxes have not been successful;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS there have been instances where municipal governments have not been able to collect unpaid property taxes from tenants of territorial property and have not received any grant in lieu of taxes; and</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the purpose of the grants</p>				

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		<p>made in lieu of taxes is to deal equitably and fairly with municipalities;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider:</p> <p>i. amending the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> and the Grants-In-Lieu of Properties Policy to allow municipal governments to request a payment in lieu of taxes if all reasonable attempts to collect the outstanding taxes have not been successful in accordance with what the federal and other</p>				

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		provincial governments have already done; and ii. (ii) changing the name of the 'Grants-In-Lieu of Properties Policy' to the 'Payments-In-Lieu of Properties Policy' to emphasize the territorial government's responsibility as a property owner to share in the cost of local government, rather than its generosity in making a payment which it is not legally obliged to make.				

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ST-22-19-01	Taltson Hydro Project	<p>WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife acknowledges the importance of clean, affordable power; AND WHEREAS all NWT communities are major consumer of electrical power;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the financial costs of electrical power represent a significant expenditure for the City; AND WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife recognizes that electrical power is a necessity for its residents;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the cost of electric power can represent a significant expenditure for many households;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS clean and affordable power is essential for continued economic development</p>	INF	<p>The GNWT is committed to improving energy affordability, energy security and energy sustainability for transportation, heat, and electricity while providing support to energy efficiency and conservation, and promoting renewable and alternative energy solutions for the NWT.</p> <p>The GNWT will continue to engage directly with communities and Indigenous organizations to encourage participation, partnership and empowerment when proposing and undertaking energy solutions as it</p>	<p>The Taltson Hydro Expansion is a key priority for the 19th Legislative Assembly that supports the goals and objectives of the <i>2030 Energy Strategy</i>, <i>Petroleum Resources Strategy</i> and the <i>Climate Change Strategic Framework</i>.</p> <p>The GNWT secured \$18 million in funding from the Government of Canada in March 2020 to pursue the project over the next three years, in collaboration with Indigenous partners.</p> <p>Establishing the commercial structure, defining a customer market, conducting public engagement and completing a project definition will be part of this work going forward.</p>	<p>The GNWT and Indigenous government partners have established a working group and have been actively engaged in the scoping and development of the proposed Taltson Hydro Expansion project and exploring options for a business partnership.</p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed which outlines how the GNWT, Akaitcho Dene First Nations, NWT Metis Nation, and Salt River First Nation will work together to advance the development of the Taltson Hydro Expansion project.</p>

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		<p>within all of the Northwest Territories;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife encourages clean, renewable energy production to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the environment;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to advance its efforts with respect to furthering a solution to effectively distribute clean energy from the Taltson Hydro project to Yellowknife and other key points in the Northwest Territories; to initiate indigenous engagement and partnership discussions to ensure success of the distribution solution; and to actively engage in energy market</p>		<p>implements the 2030 Energy Strategy.</p> <p>The GNWT welcomes NWTAC comments and suggestions with respect to furthering a solution to effectively distribute clean energy from the Taltson Hydro project to Yellowknife and other key points in the Northwest Territories.</p>		<p>Next steps include completing a business case for the project and continuing fieldwork and data analysis to support regulatory applications.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>STANDING: The NWTAC will continue to monitor efforts of the GNWT over the next three years</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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		discussions with prospective customers to ensure diverse requirements are met as cost-effectively as possible.				
ST-22-18-08	Secondary Access Road to Communities	<p>WHEREAS the on-going impacts of climate change being experienced in the NWT will continue to increase the vulnerability of seasonal transportation connections to NWT communities by wildfire; and</p> <p>WHEREAS localized drought conditions seem to cause more and more severe fire seasons; and the majority of our NWT communities are surrounded by old-growth coniferous</p>	INF	The GNWT is currently focusing on advancing strategic transportation corridors in response to the current infrastructure deficit experienced in the NWT. The ultimate goal is to connect communities that do not have all-year access, rather than focusing on constructing secondary access roads for those communities that already experience	<p>The \$140 million in funding that was committed to the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH) in June 2018 by the federal and territorial governments is being used for three projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great Bear River Bridge (GBRB) 2. Mount Gaudet Access Road (MGAR) 3. MVH Environmental Assessment (EA) <p>The GBRB is the last bridge to be installed in the section of the winter</p>	As per the GNWT's Mandate and in accordance with the strategic objectives of the 25-year Transportation Strategy, the GNWT is pursuing plans to expand all-weather road access across the territory by working to secure funding to advance planning and construction of critical transportation corridors in the NWT, including the Tłı̄chų Highway, the extension of the Mackenzie Valley

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		<p>forests that are ready to burn;</p> <p>WHEREAS it is critical to provide year-round transportation links to improve resiliency of communities as well as connecting communities to the rest of the NWT and the rest of Canada; and</p> <p>WHEREAS there is a desire to see the majority of the benefits of the road construction and maintenance remain within the NWT; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the development of secondary community access roads will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decrease the cost of living by access to goods and services; 2. Increase economic activity from the building and 		<p>year-round road access.</p> <p>The completion and opening of the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway (ITH) represents a significant milestone for the NWT. The highway is considered the northernmost section of an envisioned Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH), which will provide all-weather access from Wrigley to the Arctic Coast, and the ITH is an important step towards making this vision a reality. Residents of Tuktoyaktuk are now connected to the all-weather highway system year round, providing new social and employment</p>	<p>road from Wrigley to Norman Wells. Although the GBRB would not currently improve access to any community, in the long term it will be an important link in the MVH, initially providing an all-season link between Tulita and Norman Wells and eventually to communities further north. Pending receipt of environmental authorizations, construction could commence as early as 2021 and would take approximately 3 years.</p> <p>The MGAR is a road that will extend the current all-season MVH from near Wrigley to a location close to Mount Gaudet, about 15 km north of Wrigley. As with the GBRB, the MGAR will not provide increased community access but it is an incremental step in</p>	<p>Highway, and the Slave Geological Province Corridor</p> <p>Great Bear River Bridge</p> <p>The first round of community engagement sessions, a traditional knowledge study, pre-engineering and award of the engineering services contract have been completed. Regulatory permit applications will be submitted in the fall of 2021 and permits could be in place by mid-2022. Tender, award and construction are anticipated to take place in 2022 with the bridge open for traffic in Jan 2026.</p>

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		<p>maintenance of the highway itself;</p> <p>3. Will create meaningful opportunity to diversify the economy, increase business development and increase competitiveness; and</p> <p>4. Develop hospitality and tourism markets and other businesses;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities supports the Government of the Northwest Territories continuing to make the development of strategic transportation corridors a priority; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the development of the secondary access roads for communities should be complete in such a way as to encourage as much local participation</p>		<p>opportunities, stabilizing the cost of living in the territory, increasing our resiliency to the impacts of climate change, and providing better access to natural resources. The ITH is also a great example of how partnerships can help to maximize the benefits of large construction projects for local residents and businesses.</p> <p>As per the GNWT's Mandate and in accordance with the strategic objectives of the 25-year Transportation Strategy, the GNWT is pursuing plans to expand all-weather road access across the territory by working to secure</p>	<p>connecting Tulita and other Sahtu communities to the all-season highway system. It is intended that construction of the MGAR will start in winter 2021 and take 3 years.</p> <p>The MVH EA is currently underway with the scope of the project being the upgrading of the winter road to an all-season from Wrigley to Norman Wells. INF will prepare and submit the Developer's Assessment Report and following the completion of the EA and regulatory authorizations, construction of additional segments of the all-season road between Wrigley and Norman Wells would then be subject only to the amount and timing of the acquisition of further construction</p>	<p>Mount Gaudet Access Road</p> <p>Regulatory authorizations for construction of the Mount Gaudet Access Road project were submitted in the fall of 2020. The regulatory review is currently paused while the GNWT works to address matters raised by the Pehdzéh K'j First Nation on the project</p> <p>Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment</p> <p>The Mackenzie Valley Highway is currently undergoing an Environmental Assessment by the Mackenzie Valley</p>

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		<p>as possible both during construction and maintenance phases; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that projects should explore innovative partnerships, with Aboriginals, Federal and Community Governments and their development corporations.</p>		<p>funding to advance planning and construction of critical transportation corridors in the NWT, including the Tlicho All-Season Road (TASR), the extension of the MVH, and the Slave Geological Province (SGP) Corridor.</p> <p>The GNWT has continued to work closely with the Tlicho Government (TG) and the Community of Whati as the TASR proceeds through the environmental assessment process and procurement stage. The project will connect Whati to the all-weather highway system, while increasing the window of access via winter road to</p>	<p>funding. INF will continue to seek funding to allow additional segments of the MVH to be upgraded to all-season.</p> <p>In addition to these three projects, INF is also advancing the Prohibition Creek Access Road (PCAR). This road would extend the current all-season road that runs south from Norman Wells about another 13 km from the Canyon Creek Bridge to the Prohibition Creek Bridge. Although construction funding has not yet been secured for the PCAR, an application has been submitted to the federal government and a positive response is expected.</p> <p>As with the MGAR, the PCAR itself would not increase community access to the all-season highway system but it is</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Review Board. INF is anticipating submission of the Developers Assessment Report in mid-2022.</p> <p>INF continues to engage other GNWT departments, Indigenous governments and organizations, stakeholders, and communities, to advance the Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>Prohibition Creek Access Road</p> <p>Regulatory authorizations for construction of the Prohibition Creek Access Road project were issued in the fall of 2020. Additional</p>

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				<p>the communities of Gamètì and Wekweètì. This regulatory permitting process is now underway and construction is expected to commence in the fall of 2019.</p> <p>The TASR was undertaken as a Public Private Partnership (P3) to Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintain the asset over approximately a 3-year construction period and 25-year operating period. One of the key objectives of the project is Tlicho/Northern involvement over the life of the project. This objective is being achieved through</p>	<p>another incremental step towards that goal and more significantly, it would reduce the winter road portion of the road between Tulita and Norman Wells to about half. With the PCAR and the GBRB complete, connecting Norman Wells and Tulita with an all-season road will be much closer to reality. It is intended that construction of the PCAR will start in winter 2021 and take 3 years.</p>	<p>geotechnical assessments were completed in the winter of 2021 to inform final design which is currently underway. Construction is anticipated to start in winter 2022.</p> <p>Tłı̄chǫ Highway</p> <p>Road construction is providing significant employment and training opportunities- 276 people have been employed at peak construction season, of which 128 have been Tłı̄chǫ or Northwest Territories residents. Since Sept 2019, residents have taken part in 9,677 hours of training in different areas such as heavy equipment</p>

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				<p>two angles; 1) A dedicated schedule within the executed project agreement that outlines key business, employment and training targets to support a strong northern workforce and 2) TG partnering with Kiewit Canada Development (KCD) as an equity partner on the project (KCD 80% and TG 20%). We believe this is the first North American P3 with an Indigenous government as an equity investor.</p> <p>In June 2018, the federal government approved \$102.5 million to advance the MVH under the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF). The GNWT has committed</p>		<p>operator, cook, crushing operation, and job readiness training. The project remains on schedule, with official opening expected in fall 2021.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>STANDING – Timed Out</p>

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				<p>\$37.5 million to the project, bringing the total investment to \$140 million.</p> <p>The GNWT has applied for funding for environmental and planning for the SGP Corridor and replacement of the Frank Channel Bridge under the NTCF. Decisions on these applications are expected by June 2019.</p> <p>The NWTAC provided letters of support for the GNWT's applications under the NTCF for the MVH and the SGP Corridor. As the GNWT moves forward with the development of the MVH and SGP Corridor, it will continue to engage Indigenous groups and work with them</p>		

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				<p>to take advantage of the benefits that the projects will bring.</p> <p>In April 2019, the GNWT signed a MOU with the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, which sets out how the parties will work together in collaboration to advance the MVH through the environmental reviews and regulatory processes.</p>		
ST-22-17-02	TRC Recommendations	<p>WHEREAS in 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada put forth 94 recommendations;</p> <p>WHEREAS many of the recommendations we to be addressed by various levels of government; including Federal, Territorial,</p>	EIA	The Government of the Northwest Territories continues to move forward with work to implement relevant calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and to work with Indigenous governments	The Government of the Northwest Territories continues to move forward to implement relevant Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, including work related to the implementation of UNDRIP.	The GNWT works to implement relevant Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, including work related to the implementation of UNDRIP.

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		<p>Provincial, and Municipal.</p> <p>WHEREAS the population of the NWT is over 50% aboriginal and that many are survivors of residential school or related to residential school survivors;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC recognize the importance of the recommendations and the work done by the TRC Commission and encourages the Territorial Government to bring forth what it sees as responsibilities from the 94 recommendations.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT put forth a timeline to implement the recommendations of the Truth and</p>		through strong government-to-government relationships.	The GNWT has also agreed to work with the City of Yellowknife and the Yellowknives Dene First Nations on Call to Action 82, and install a Residential Schools Monument to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities.	The GNWT continues to deliver training on issues related to the history and legacy of residential schools. Mandatory courses for students and mandatory training for all NWT teachers and Department of Education, Culture and Employment staff have been successfully developed and implemented. The GNWT recently launched mandatory training for all GNWT employees on Indigenous Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity Training called “Living Well Together” to help them further develop cultural competencies and

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		<p>Reconciliation by the end of 2017.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations be implemented or started no later than 2019.</p>				<p>play a more active role in reconciliation.</p> <p>GNWT is committed to meaningful progress on key recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. For example, with respect to a Yellowknife monument for Call-to-Action #82, and in line with GNWT's response to the NWTAC in 2020, GNWT has met with officials from both the City of Yellowknife and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation to discuss how to advance Recommendation #82. Discussions</p>

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						<p>continue and we look forward to more meaningful progress in the near future.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>STANDING: Timed Out</p> <p>GNWT is continuing to work on this</p>
ST-22-17-20	Mackenzie Valley Highway	<p>WHEREAS the on-going impacts of climate change being experienced in the NWT will continue to increase the vulnerability of seasonal transportation connections to Mackenzie Valley communities; and</p> <p>WHEREAS it is critical to provide a year-round</p>	INF	<p>The Department of Infrastructure (INF) is committed to securing funding to advance the Mackenzie Valley Highway under the GNWT's mandate.</p> <p>In June 2018, the federal government approved \$102.5 million to advance the Mackenzie</p>	<p>The \$140 million in funding that was committed to the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH) in June 2018 by the federal and territorial governments is being used for three projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great Bear River Bridge (GBRB) 	<p>Advancing the development of the Mackenzie Valley Highway is a priority of the 19th Legislative Assembly, a mandate commitment of the GNWT, and a key component of INF's Transportation Strategy.</p>

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		<p>transportation link to improve resiliency of communities as well as connecting communities to the rest of the NWT and the rest of Canada; and</p> <p>WHEREAS there is a desire to see the majority of the benefits of the highway construction and maintenance remain within the NWT; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the development of the Mackenzie Valley Highway will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the cost of living by increasing access to good and services; and Increase access to health care, education, training resources and employment opportunities; and 		<p>Valley Highway under the National Trade Corridors Fund. The GNWT has committed \$37.5 million to the project, bringing the total investment to \$140 million.</p> <p>This funding will support the construction of the Great Bear River Bridge, construction of the Wrigley to Mount Gaudet Access Road, and planning and environmental studies that will lead to obtaining permits for road construction.</p> <p>In November 2018, the opening of the Canyon Creek All-season Road project was celebrated. This project is a 14-kilometre road outside of Norman</p>	<p>2. Mount Gaudet Access Road (MGAR)</p> <p>3. MVH Environmental Assessment (EA)</p> <p>The GBRB is the last bridge to be installed in the section of the winter road from Wrigley to Norman Wells. Although the GBRB would not currently improve access to any community, longer term it will be an important link in the MVH, initially providing an all-season link between Tulita and Norman Wells and eventually to communities further north. It is intended that construction of the GBRB would start in 2021 and take 3 years.</p> <p>The MGAR is a road that will extend the current all-season MVH from near Wrigley to a</p>	<p>Great Bear River Bridge</p> <p>The first round of community engagement sessions, a traditional knowledge study, pre-engineering and award of the engineering services contract have been completed. Regulatory permit applications will be submitted in the fall of 2021 and permits could be in place by mid-2022. Tender, award and construction are anticipated to take place in 2022 with the bridge open for traffic in Jan 2026.</p> <p>Mount Gaudet Access Road</p> <p>Regulatory authorizations for construction of the</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable communities and families to share social, cultural, recreational and sports activities; and • Increase economic activity from the building and maintenance of the highway itself; and • Will create meaningful opportunities to diversify the economy, increase business development and increase competitiveness; and • Support resource exploration, development and production to stimulate the local, regional and national economies; and • Develop hospitality and tourism 		<p>Wells that represents a first step in converting the existing Mackenzie Valley Winter Road to an all-weather highway. The project provided important local training and employment experience that will allow residents to actively participate in the eventual construction of the Mackenzie Valley Highway.</p> <p>The construction of this project was completed through a negotiated contract with TDIC/HRN Contracting Joint Venture, a key stakeholder in the Tulita District Investment Corporation.</p>	<p>location close to Mount Gaudet, about 15 km north of Wrigley. As with the GBRB, the MGAR will not provide increased community access but it is an incremental step in connecting Tulita and other Sahtu communities to the all-season highway system. It is intended that construction of the MGAR will start in winter 2021 and take 3 years.</p> <p>The MVH EA is currently underway with the scope of the project being the upgrading of the winter road to an all-season from Wrigley to Norman Wells. INF will prepare and submit the Developer's Assessment Report and following the completion of the EA and regulatory authorizations, construction of additional segments of</p>	<p>Mount Gaudet Access Road project were submitted in the fall of 2020. The regulatory review is currently paused while the GNWT works to address matters raised by the Pehdzéh Kí First Nation on the project</p> <p>Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment</p> <p>The Mackenzie Valley Highway is currently undergoing an Environmental Assessment by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. INF is anticipating submission of the Developers Assessment Report in mid-2022.</p>

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		<p>markets and other businesses; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the cost of delivering government services <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities supports the Government of the Northwest Territories continuing to make the development of strategic transportation corridors like the Mackenzie Valley Highway a priority;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the NWT Association of Communities strongly urges the Government of Canada to fiscally support the development of the Mackenzie Valley Highway as its potential impact on our Territory cannot be understated;</p>		<p>The Mount Gaudet Access Road project, now funded under the National Trade Corridors Fund, is a 15 kilometre all-weather access road linking Wrigley to Mount Gaudet. Similar to the Canyon Creek All-Season Access Road, this project has the potential to provide important local training and capacity building within Wrigley.</p> <p>Initial community engagement sessions started in February 2019, with meetings in Norman Wells, Tulita and Wrigley. Further meetings with communities in the Mackenzie Valley will take place in the coming months.</p>	<p>the all-season road between Wrigley and Norman Wells would then be subject only to the amount and timing of the acquisition of further construction funding. INF will continue to seek funding to allow additional segments of the MVH to be upgraded to all-season.</p> <p>In addition to these three projects, INF is also advancing the Prohibition Creek Access Road (PCAR). This road would extend the current all-season road that runs south from Norman Wells about another 13 km from the Canyon Creek Bridge to the Prohibition Creek Bridge. Although construction funding has not yet been secured for the PCAR, an application has been submitted to the federal government</p>	<p>INF continues to engage other GNWT departments, Indigenous governments and organizations, stakeholders, and communities, to advance the Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>Prohibition Creek Access Road</p> <p>Regulatory authorizations for construction of the Prohibition Creek Access Road project were issued in the fall of 2020. Additional geotechnical assessments were completed in the winter of 2021 to inform final design which is currently underway.</p>

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		<p>AND FURTHER that the development of the Mackenzie Valley Highway should be completed in such a way as to encourage as much local participation as possible both during the construction and maintenance phases;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the project should explore innovative partnerships, with Aboriginal and community governments and their development corporations.</p>		<p>The GNWT will continue to engage Indigenous groups, and work with them to take advantage of the benefits that the project will bring.</p> <p>In April 2019, the GNWT signed a MOU with the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, which sets out how the parties will work together in collaboration to advance the Mackenzie Valley Highway through the environmental reviews and regulatory processes.</p>	<p>and a positive response is expected.</p> <p>As with the MGAR, the PCAR itself would not increase community access to the all-season highway system but it is another incremental step towards that goal and more significantly, it would reduce the winter road portion of the road between Tulita and Norman Wells to about half. With the PCAR and the GBRB complete, connecting Norman Wells and Tulita with an all-season road will be much closer to reality. It is intended that construction of the PCAR will start in winter 2021 and take 3 years.</p>	<p>Construction is anticipated to start in winter 2022.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>STANDING: Timed Out</p> <p>Already has considerable momentum</p>
ST-22-17-25	Decentralization of Jobs and Services	WHEREAS: as long as the GNWT has a policy to support decentralization of	EIA	The GNWT continues to reallocate positions to communities and looks to establish	The GNWT continues to reallocate positions to communities and looks to establish positions in regional	The GNWT continues to reallocate positions to communities and looks to establish

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		<p>government Services and positions; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Communities rely on economic decentralization to support their local economies,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT put greater emphasis on ensuring that GNWT positions are equitably distributed throughout the NWT Communities.</p>		<p>new positions in regional centers and other communities whenever it is appropriate to do so. Where it makes economic sense or the reallocation of a position can be justified in order to meet new service delivery requirements the GNWT will follow through with this commitment.</p> <p>An example of this process in action has been the establishment of 23 Government Service Officer positions at the community level in the NWT over the past several years.</p> <p>In 2016 the GNWT also introduced the Regional Recruitment Program, a training and development</p>	<p>centers and other communities whenever it is appropriate to do so. Where it makes economic sense or the reallocation of a position can be justified in order to meet new service delivery requirements, the GNWT will follow through with this commitment.</p> <p>An example of this process in action has been the establishment of 23 Government Service Officer positions at the community level in the NWT over the past several years. In 2016 the GNWT also introduced the Regional Recruitment Program, a training and development initiative that creates employment opportunities for potential employees by linking vacant regional positions with relevant</p>	<p>new positions in regional centers and other communities whenever it is appropriate to do so. Where it makes economic sense or the reallocation of a position can be justified in order to meet new service delivery requirements, the GNWT will follow through with this commitment.</p> <p>Examples of this process in action have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the past several years, establishing 23 Government Service Officer positions at the community level in the NWT; In 2016, introducing the Regional Recruitment

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				initiative that creates employment opportunities for potential employees by linking vacant regional positions with relevant on-the-job work experience.	on-the-job work experience.	<p>Program, a training and development initiative that creates employment opportunities for potential employees by linking vacant regional positions with relevant on-the-job work experience; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2018, launching the Indigenous Career Gateway Program, designed to improve access to employment opportunities for Indigenous Aboriginal persons to obtain entry-level employment and trainee

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						<p>opportunities with the GNWT.</p> <p>The GNWT is also currently working to review ways to improve regional leadership and succession planning.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>The GNWT Has answered this resolution the same way for the past three years. The GNWT feels the intent of this resolution has been met.</p> <p>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</p>

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ST-22-14-01	Fees for Households in the GTA	<p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is responsible for the services and associated fees for households in the General Taxation Area;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is responsible for the assessment and determination of the mill rates for these households;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS these households typically make use of municipal services such as landfill, water and sewer systems, emergency services, etcetera.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of the Northwest Territories develop a policy</p>	MACA / FIN	<p>The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has the responsibility to assess lands and improvements across the Northwest Territories (NWT) in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> and the Property Assessment Regulations. The Department of Finance is responsible for establishing mill rates and the collection of property taxes for territorial purposes on an annual basis, also in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. These tax revenues go into</p>	<p>The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has the responsibility to assess lands and improvements across the Northwest Territories (NWT) in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> and the Property Assessment Regulations. The Department of Finance is responsible for establishing mill rates and the collection of property taxes for territorial purposes on an annual basis, also in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. These tax revenues go into general revenues and are allocated to Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) programs and services based on</p>	<p>The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has the responsibility to assess lands and improvements across the Northwest Territories (NWT) in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> and the Property Assessment Regulations.</p> <p>The Department of Finance is responsible for establishing mill rates and the collection of property taxes for territorial purposes on an annual basis, also in accordance with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. These tax revenues go into</p>

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		whereby the mill rate levied to these households, in proximity to established communities, mirrors municipal mill rates; and the monies collected by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs be distributed to the nearest community that provides for municipal services.		<p>general revenues and are allocated to Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) programs and services based on government priorities, including funding to all community governments to support their programs and services under the Community Government Funding Policy. Tax-based community governments establish their own municipal mill rates and collect property taxes from their residents to fund their municipal services.</p> <p>Households living in proximity to tax-based community governments do not</p>	<p>government priorities, including funding to all community governments to support their programs and services under the Community Government Funding Policy. Tax-based community governments establish their own municipal mill rates and collect property taxes from their residents to fund their municipal services.</p> <p>Households living in proximity to tax-based community governments do not receive the same municipal services, such as: municipal enforcement, water, sewer, and garbage pickup that the households within the municipal boundaries receive. Therefore applying the same mill rates to households outside the municipal</p>	<p>general revenues and are allocated to Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) programs and services based on government priorities, including funding to all community governments to support their programs and services under the Community Government Funding Policy.</p> <p>Tax-based community governments establish their own municipal mill rates and collect property taxes from their residents to fund their municipal services.</p> <p>Households living in proximity to tax-based community</p>

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				<p>receive the same municipal services, such as: municipal enforcement, water, sewer, and garbage pickup that the households within the municipal boundaries receive. Therefore applying the same mill rates to households outside the municipal boundaries as applied to households within the established community governments is not equitable tax treatment.</p> <p>Municipal councils are already able to raise revenue from households living outside municipal boundaries who use municipal services by charging user fees. Some NWT</p>	<p>boundaries as applied to households within the established community governments is not equitable tax treatment.</p> <p>Municipal councils are already able to raise revenue from households living outside municipal boundaries who use municipal services by charging user fees. Some NWT municipalities distinguish between residents and non-residents when charging user fees for emergency response services so that individuals living outside municipal boundaries are charged higher fees for fire and ambulance services. Municipal councils also have the ability to change the property tax/user fee mix to extract higher user fees so that more of the cost</p>	<p>governments do not receive the same municipal services, such as: municipal enforcement, water, sewer, and garbage pickup that the households within the municipal boundaries receive. Therefore, applying the same mill rates to households outside the municipal boundaries as applied to households within the established community governments is not equitable tax treatment.</p> <p>Municipal councils are already able to raise revenue from households living outside municipal boundaries who use municipal services by charging user</p>

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				<p>municipalities distinguish between residents and non-residents when charging user fees for emergency response services so that individuals living outside municipal boundaries are charged higher fees for fire and ambulance services. Municipal councils also have the ability to change the property tax/user fee mix to extract higher user fees so that more of the cost recovery is paid by the user of the service, regardless of whether the user is a resident or non-resident than through general property taxes.</p> <p>Should the review of the <i>Property</i></p>	<p>recovery is paid by the user of the service, regardless of whether the user is a resident or non-resident than through general property taxes.</p> <p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19th Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p>	<p>fees. Some NWT municipalities distinguish between residents and non-residents when charging user fees for emergency response services so that individuals living outside municipal boundaries are charged higher fees for fire and ambulance services. Municipal councils also have the ability to change the property tax/user fee mix to extract higher user fees so that more of the cost recovery is paid by the user of the service, regardless of whether the user is a resident or non-resident than through general property taxes.</p>

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				<p><i>Assessment and Taxation Act</i> be deemed a priority for the 19th Legislative Assembly, MACA would be prepared to review this request.</p>		<p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19th Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p>

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						NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.
ST-22-14-03	Hazardous Waste Materials in Municipal Land Fills	WHEREAS the hazardous waste stockpiled in the Norman Wells and the Fort Good Hope municipal solid waste facilities are legacy waste deposited over several decades; AND WHEREAS the stockpiled hazardous waste is evidently from a number of institutional, commercial and industrial sources including federal and territorial government	ENR / MACA	Managing the stockpiles of hazardous waste in municipal solid waste facilities is a share responsibility of all three levels of government; federal, territorial and municipal. For its part, the GNWT recognizes the importance of addressing historic stockpiles of hazardous waste in NWT communities, and this has been a key consideration in	The Waste Resource Management Strategy and Implementation Plan (2019) committed the GNWT to assisting five to ten communities to implement the Clean Up Clean Start program by 2025, and to continue expanding the program into the future. This includes removing hazardous waste from community solid waste sites, and transition to temporary storage of hazardous waste to prevent the recurrence of stockpiles. The GNWT	The Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) and Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) released the NWT Waste Resource Management Strategy and Implementation Plan (Strategy) in June 2019 to improve waste management practices in the NWT.

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		<p>departments and corporations in addition to municipal sources;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS land ownership of landfills and jurisdictional authority over landfills has been shared or has changed hands over time;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Town of Norman Wells and the K'asho Go'tine Charter Community are committed to improving municipal solid waste management and staff have already dedicated substantial resources in staff time and equipment to segregate, contain, label and inventory several hazardous waste streams;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the estimates received by the communities for</p>		<p>the development of a Waste Resource Management Strategy and Implementation Plan (the Strategy). This Strategy, which has been designed to be a 10-year road map to improving solid waste management in the NWT, was approved in spring 2019. The NWTAC and staff representatives of a cross section of NWT communities have played an active role in shaping the Strategy to best serve community needs, and will continue to play a vital role in its implementation.</p> <p>In addition to future actions that will likely stem from the Strategy, MACA and ENR have been</p>	<p>has allocated \$500,000 annually from the environmental liability funds over the first four years of the Strategy for hazardous waste removal. To date, the Clean Up Clean Start Program has used this funding to remove hazardous waste in Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk, Fort Good Hope, Tulit'a, Fort Providence and Fort Simpson.</p> <p>The federal government has committed to providing \$37.5 million over ten years to improve infrastructure in communities, specifically targeting projects that result in improvements at solid waste sites. ENR and MACA will engage communities and assist them in applying for these Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funds. To date, \$3.225 million in</p>	<p>ENR and MACA have allocated \$8.3 million of existing funds to support the implementation of the first five years of the Strategy. MACA is also supporting community governments to access Investing in Canada Plan Funding to remove hazardous waste stockpiles and make improvements to their solid waste facilities. In 2021, MACA staff will be coordinating this project for the Beaufort Delta communities and Sahtu communities.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to work on its commitment under the Waste Resource Management Strategy and</p>

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		<p>handling, transportation and disposal of the hazardous waste far exceed the means of the community governments' budget;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS substantial efficiencies can be found by addressing waste on a regional scale;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the municipal landfills are not constructed nor licensed to store hazardous waste over time;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the existing hazardous waste represents a real threat to the environment and community source water</p> <p>AND WHEREAS communities throughout NWT are</p>		<p>working with community governments to clean up their disposal sites, and transition to temporary storage of hazardous waste to prevent the recurrence of stockpiles. These departments will also continue to seek opportunities for coordinated transportation and disposal of hazardous waste at regional scale, and continue to provide necessary support and capacity building for communities to comply with regulatory and other waste management requirements.</p> <p>In 2018-19, the GNWT provided funding to assist in</p>	<p>ICIP funds has been committed to solid waste site diversion and improvement projects in Sahtú and Beaufort Delta communities, including Norman Wells and K'asho Go'tine (Fort Good Hope).</p> <p>In addition to supporting communities with accessing ICIP and environmental liabilities funds through the Clean Up Clean Start Program, ENR will continue to support hazardous waste removal under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative.</p>	<p>Implementation Plan (2019) to assist communities to implement the Clean Up Clean Start program. In 2020-21, funding was provided to Norman Wells to assist in the removal of hazardous waste from their landfill. Historically funding has been provided to Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk, Fort Good Hope, Tulita, Fort Providence and Fort Simpson.</p> <p>Work on the approved Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) projects in the Sahtú and Beaufort Delta communities, including Norman Wells and K'asho Go'tine (Fort Good Hope) will</p>

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		<p>challenged with similar situations.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Environment Canada, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and the Government of Northwest Territories partner to reach an agreement for shared responsibility in the costs of disposing of existing stockpiles of hazardous waste in communities throughout NWT;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the Government of Northwest Territories collaborate with community and regional governments to develop a comprehensive strategy to manage, store, handle, transport and dispose of hazardous</p>		<p>hazardous waste removal from Uluhaktok, Fort Good Hope, and Tulita.</p> <p>The issues reaffirmed in RA-18-14-03 continue to be addressed by ENR and MACA as capacity allows. Numerous communities have taken steps with support from ENR and MACA towards removing stockpiles of hazardous waste.</p> <p>Improving the management of hazardous waste is identified as a priority area for the Waste Resource Management Strategy. MACA and ENR continue engagement with municipal</p>		<p>commence during summer 2021, with MACA leading field operations and ENR supporting them. These ICIP projects will improve waste site infrastructure and waste diversion. These projects are effectively larger scale Clean Up Clean Start projects supported by federal funding.</p> <p>In addition to the approved funding, the GNWT worked with communities in the Dehcho, North Slave and South Slave regions to submit applications for further ICIP funding. If successful, we anticipate \$2.527M in federal funding would be available to improve solid waste infrastructure in these regions.</p>

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		waste in the future at a regional scale.		<p>governments throughout the NWT on cleaning up disposal sites and preventing hazardous waste from stockpiling.</p> <p>MACA and ENR will continue to seek funding sources and opportunities for coordinated transportation and disposal of hazardous waste at a regional scale.</p> <p>The Departments will also continue to work with community governments to help identify and provide the necessary support and capacity building, so that they can comply with regulatory and other waste management</p>		<p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</p>

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				<p>requirements. These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support needed by each community government to comply with the water license that regulates the management of solid waste sites and sewage lagoons; and • Support needed by community governments to ensure proper management of solid waste sites and proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste. <p>The Interdepartmental Committee for the Management of Drinking Water and</p>		

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				Wastewater terms of reference has been amended and is now called the Interdepartmental Drinking Water and Waste Management Committee. This Committee now includes a sub-committee called the Waste Management Technical Committee. MACA's work plan to support communities under this committee's mandate will be shared with NWTAC as soon as it is approved through the technical committee.		
ST-22-13-01	Regulation of Massage Therapy Providers	WHEREAS concerns regarding the regulation of persons and businesses that provide massage therapy have been expressed to both	HSS	<i>The Health and Social Services Professions Act (HSSPA)</i> is an umbrella Act that will help protect the	<i>The Health and Social Services Professions Act (HSSPA)</i> is an umbrella Act that protects the public by ensuring regulated professions	<i>The Health and Social Services Professions Act (HSSPA)</i> is an umbrella Act that protects the public

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		<p>the City of Yellowknife and the Territorial Government over the past several years by professional associations, individual service providers and members of the public; and</p> <p>WHEREAS there are now persons and/or businesses offering massage therapy in more than one community in the Northwest Territories; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Provinces including British Columbia, Newfoundland and Ontario have chosen to regulate this activity in the interests of public safety and consumer protection; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is well positioned to</p>		<p>public by ensuring regulated professions meet established requirements, standards, and competency levels. The Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) is currently drafting the following profession-specific regulations under the HSSPA. The Emergency Medical Services Provider Regulation will be finalized by the end of 2019. The Naturopathic Practitioner Regulation and Psychologists Regulation will follow after that.</p> <p>The Executive Council is responsible for deciding which professions will be</p>	<p>meet established requirements, standards, and competency levels. The <i>Naturopathic Profession Statutes Amendment Act</i> was advanced at the end of the 18th Legislative Assembly, to allow for the passage of regulations regulating the Naturopathic Doctors profession in the NWT. The Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) is currently drafting the following profession-specific regulations under the HSSPA. The Emergency Medical Services Provider Regulation will be finalized during the 19th Legislative Assembly. The Naturopathic Practitioner Regulation and Psychologists Regulation will follow after that. The Executive Council is responsible for deciding</p>	<p>by ensuring regulated professions meet established requirements, standards, and competency levels.</p> <p>The Department is in the process of finalizing Naturopathic Profession Regulations and Psychologist Profession Regulations. We expect these Regulations to be finalized by September 2021.</p> <p>In accordance with section 2 of the HSSPA, professional associations can initiate the process to become regulated by bringing forward an application to HSS.</p>

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		<p>regulate the activity through its Department of Health and Social Services; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is considering legislation that would regulate a number of health and social services professions in the Northwest Territories;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC urge the Territorial Government to consider the regulation of massage therapy as part of the proposed Health and Social Services (Umbrella) Professions Legislation.</p>		<p>included under the <i>Act</i>. When the <i>Act</i> comes into force by the end of 2019, in accordance with section 2 of the <i>Act</i>, professional associations can initiate the process to become regulated by bringing forward an application to HSS. There are a number of criteria that are used to determine which professions should be designated under the HSSPA, but also when a profession should be designated. These criteria include, but are not limited to, a profession's regulatory status in other jurisdictions, whether there are other means to regulate members of the profession</p>	<p>which professions will be included under the <i>Act</i>. In accordance with section 2 of the <i>Act</i>, professional associations can initiate the process to become regulated by bringing forward an application to HSS. There are a number of criteria that are used to determine which professions should be designated under the HSSPA, but also when a profession should be designated. These criteria include, but are not limited to, a profession's regulatory status in other jurisdictions, whether there are other means to regulate members of the profession other than under the <i>Act</i>, the nature and degree, if any, of the risk to the health and safety of the public if the profession is unregulated, and the</p>	<p>Once the HSSPA comes into force, the Executive Council will be responsible for deciding which professions will be included under the <i>Act</i>.</p> <p>There are a number of criteria under the HSSPA that are used to determine which professions should be designated under the <i>Act</i>. These criteria include, but are not limited to, a profession's regulatory status in other jurisdictions, whether there are other means to regulate members of the profession other than under the <i>Act</i>, the nature and degree, if any, of the risk to the health and safety of the public if the</p>

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ST-22-09-08	Plumbing Inspections	WHEREAS the GNWT provides for licensing, regulation and inspection services for gas and electrical	MACA	The Government of the Northwest Territories does not have any legislation that could be used	The Government of the Northwest Territories does not have any legislation that could be used	The Government of the Northwest Territories does not have any legislation that could be used

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		<p>installations, for the purpose of public safety and assurance of quality services; and,</p> <p>WHEREAS licensing, regulation and inspection services are not provided by the GNWT for the installation of plumbing services and fixtures; and,</p> <p>WHEREAS the lack of licensing, regulation and inspection services for plumbing is resulting in unnecessary maintenance and repair expenses for homeowners and others due to shoddy and substandard plumbing works; and,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities urges the GNWT to immediately implement a licensing, regulation and</p>		<p>to regulate plumbing services. Municipal legislation provides municipal governments with the authority to pass bylaws to adopt in whole or in part, a code such as the National Plumbing Code or standard made or recommended by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada or a province.</p> <p>The City of Yellowknife, for example, requires plumbers and plumbing companies to get a Mechanical Permit when undertaking plumbing work within their municipal boundaries. When applying for the permit, the</p>	<p>used to regulate plumbing services.</p> <p>Municipal legislation provides municipal governments with the authority to pass bylaws to adopt in whole or in part, a code such as the National Plumbing Code or standard made or recommended by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada or a province.</p> <p>The City of Yellowknife, for example, requires plumbers and plumbing companies to get a Mechanical Permit when undertaking plumbing work within their municipal boundaries. When applying for the permit, the contractor has to provide sufficient information that the work will conform to Yellowknife's by-laws, the National Building Code and the National Plumbing Code.</p>	<p>to regulate plumbing services.</p> <p>Municipal legislation provides municipal governments with the authority to pass bylaws to adopt in whole or in part, a code such as the National Plumbing Code or standard made or recommended by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada or a province.</p> <p>The City of Yellowknife, for example, requires plumbers and plumbing companies to get a Mechanical Permit when undertaking plumbing work within their municipal boundaries. When applying for the permit, the</p>

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		inspection service for all new plumbing installations to a minimum standard of the National Plumbing Code of Canada, and that such services be provided to all NWT Communities by the GNWT, where appropriate.		contractor has to provide sufficient information that the work will conform to Yellowknife's by-laws, the National Building Code and the National Plumbing Code. Inspections are also required by the permit. Municipal governments, therefore, have all the legal authority they require to regulate plumbing work and they can do it by passing a by-law.	Inspections are also required by the permit. Municipal governments, therefore, have all the legal authority they require to regulate plumbing work and they can do it by passing a by-law.	contractor has to provide sufficient information that the work will conform to Yellowknife's by-laws, the National Building Code and the National Plumbing Code. Inspections are also required by the permit. Municipal governments, therefore, have all the legal authority they require to regulate plumbing work and they can do it by passing a by-law. NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being

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ST-22-01-07	Permanent Stationary Placement of a Community Registered Nurse	<p>WHEREAS remote communities in the Northwest Territories are experiencing the deepest impact from the national nurses shortage, often leaving the community with no experienced health care provider; and</p> <p>WHEREAS remote communities in the Northwest Territories already experience health standards far below the national average, the impact of the nurse's shortage has dramatically effected the overall situation in these communities.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the government of the</p>	HSS	Several challenges arise when striving to provide healthcare services in small communities and these challenges are not unique to the Northwest Territories. In many of small, more remote NWT communities, there is concern not only with access to routine care, but particularly with the capacity to respond to a medical emergency when such an event occurs. Programs such as Med Response facilitate immediate, around-the-clock access to physician support and emergency services, including	Several challenges arise when striving to provide healthcare services in small communities and these challenges are not unique to the Northwest Territories. In many of small, more remote NWT communities, there is concern not only with access to routine care, but particularly with the capacity to respond to a medical emergency when such an event occurs. Programs such as Med Response facilitate immediate, around-the-clock access to physician support and emergency services, including medevac services. Through referral processes and medical travel services, all residents of the NWT have access to specialist and allied health	Several challenges arise when striving to provide healthcare services in small communities and these challenges are not unique to the Northwest Territories. In many of small, more remote NWT communities, there is concern not only with access to routine care, but particularly with the capacity to respond to a medical emergency when such an event occurs. Programs such as Med Response facilitate immediate, around-the-clock access to physician support and emergency services, including

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		Northwest Territories, Department of Health & Social Services and other relevant governmental bodies to assist in ensuring permanent stationary placement of a community Registered Nurse in all northern communities within the Northwest Territories.		<p>medevac services. Through referral processes and medical travel services, all residents of the NWT have access to specialist and allied health services in the larger regional centres.</p> <p>Healthcare is provided to residents in communities without a permanent nurse through nurse visits and also by the Community Health Representative, Community Health Worker and/or a Community Support Worker who reside in the community.</p> <p>There are additional initiatives to balance scopes of practice for healthcare providers in small</p>	<p>services in the larger regional centres.</p> <p>Healthcare is provided to residents in communities without a permanent nurse through nurse visits and also by the Community Health Representative, Community Health Worker and/or a Community Support Worker who reside in the community.</p> <p>There are additional initiatives to balance scopes of practice for healthcare providers in small communities. One such initiative is the Tsiigehtchic emergency services pilot project, which was organized in response to residents' requests for full-time nursing staff. The Department, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA), members of</p>	<p>medevac services. Through referral processes and medical travel services, all residents of the NWT have access to specialist and allied health services in the larger regional centres.</p> <p>Healthcare is provided to residents in communities without a permanent nurse through nurse visits and also by the Community Health Representative, Community Health Worker and/or a Community Support Worker who reside in the community.</p> <p>There are additional initiatives to balance scopes of practice for healthcare providers in small</p>

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ST-22-01-11	Permanent Placement of a Community RCMP Officer	WHEREAS several remote municipalities have not had a permanent stationary	DOJ	The Department of Justice continues to be committed to working in	The Department of Justice continues to work with the RCMP and communities to provide	The Department of Justice continues to work with the RCMP and communities to

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		<p>police officer to effectively, monitor and enforce laws and various legislation; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the absences of proper police protection can sometimes put un-due stress on community residents.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Justice, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other relevant government bodies within all levels of government for a permanent Police Officer in all remote communities within the NWT.</p>		<p>partnership with the RCMP and community residents on policing services and local justice programming to enhance safety in communities. As a government, we are committed to ensuring each person has access to policing services, regardless of where they live. Although some of our smaller communities may not have permanent RCMP detachments, they receive policing services through regular patrols from adjacent communities, or by having members dedicated to the community who may spend several days per week in that community.</p>	<p>policing services and local justice programming to each community in the NWT. The Department of Justice has been able to secure funding under the First Nations Policing Program to create 5 new RCMP positions across the NWT. These positions will not be physically located in small communities but will be posted to hub locations that will serve outlying communities. The RCMP remains committed to a strategic approach to patrolling small communities that promotes community safety and health.</p>	<p>provide policing services and local justice programming to each community in the NWT. The Department currently has 9 First Nations Policing positions funded under a First Nations Community Policing Service Framework Agreement (FNCPS), These positions are located as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 in Inuvik, 3 in Behchokò, 2 in Fort Simpson, 1 in Fort Good Hope, 1 in Fort McPherson and 1 in Tulita. ➤ Of the 9 positions, 5 were recently approved in 2020-21 and were allocated to Behchokò (2), Fort Simpson (1),

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						<p>Fort McPherson (1) and Tulita (1).</p> <p>The Department is working with the Federal Government on a longer-term framework agreement and is anticipating the continuation of funding approval for the new positions.</p> <p>Where smaller communities continue to not have permanent RCMP detachments, they receive policing services through regular patrols from adjacent communities, or by having members dedicated to the community who may spend several days per week in that community. Through this approach, the RCMP</p>

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						<p>remains committed to a strategic approach to patrolling small communities that promotes community safety and health.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</p>
ST-22-98-12	Limiting the Time Available to the Territorial Assessment Appeal Tribunal to Reach a Decision	WHEREAS the current provisions of the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> provide for the establishment of a Territorial Assessment Appeal Tribunal; and	MACA	A legislative review of the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> has not been identified as a priority during the 18th Legislative Assembly and has not been put on	Due in part to capacity, but also due to the number of Acts that MACA administers, it has become necessary for MACA to prioritize its legislative initiatives. The current <i>Property Assessment and</i>	Due in part to capacity, but also due to the number of Acts that MACA administers, it has become necessary for MACA to prioritize its legislative initiatives.

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		<p>WHEREAS the Tribunal has historically experienced some delays in hearing appeals on property assessments, thereby causing some delays in concluding taxation claims against properties subject to appeals; and</p> <p>WHEREAS this uncertainty has continued in some instances for more than one year because of delays in hearing appeals.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC petition the GNWT to amend the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> such that the Tribunal be granted a period of no more than six months from the time of the deadline of appeals</p>		<p>MACA's list of legislative priorities.</p> <p>Due in part to capacity, but also due to the number of Acts that MACA administers, it has become necessary for MACA to prioritize its legislative initiatives. During this year's NWT Association of Communities AGM, MACA did facilitate an interactive session with delegates to begin to gather input on legislation issues impacting community governments. This is the beginning of an engagement process that will contribute to establishing legislative priorities for the 19th</p>	<p><i>Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p> <p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19th Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with a number of</p>	<p>The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p> <p>MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>MACA is aware that the NWT Association of Communities has</p>

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		during which it must rule on said appeals.		<p>Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>MACA is aware that the NWT Association of Communities has passed as many as eight (8) resolutions that may impact the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. This is important feedback that will be considered, not only as we set priorities, but also once we begin the legislative review process.</p>	<p>stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the <i>Act</i>, the NWTAC and the public.</p> <p>MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>MACA is aware that the NWT Association of Communities has historically passed as many as eight resolutions with considerations that may impact the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>.</p> <p>This is important feedback that will be considered, not only as we set priorities, but also once we begin the legislative review process.</p>	<p>historically passed as many as eight resolutions with considerations that may impact the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>.</p> <p>This is important feedback that will be considered as part of the legislative review process.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</p>

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DL-22-20-04	Day Care Funding	<p>WHEREAS NWT communities have more working Mothers with small children to care for;</p> <p>WHEREAS many Mothers cannot work because they must stay at home to care for their small children resulting in less household income;</p> <p>WHEREAS the lack of adequate funded Day Care facilities exacerbates an existing situation;</p> <p>WHEREAS federal political parties prior to the last federal election espoused Universal Funding for Day Cares;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT amend its Day Care policies to</p>	ECE	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.		<p>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE – Daycare subsidies are being implemented</p>

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		<p>ensure adequate funding for NWT Community Day Cares;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT and the Federal Government for adequate funding for NWT Community Day Cares.</p>				
DL-22-20-11	Universal Child Care Program In NWT	<p>WHEREAS the 19th Legislative Assembly has identified “Advance universal childcare by increasing availability and affordability” as a key priority.</p> <p>WHEREAS countless studies, surveys, research reports, and public policy documents about early learning and child care have been issued since the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women (1970). Together they</p>	ECE	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	<p>Advancing Universal Child Care by increasing the availability and affordability of child care is a priority of the 19th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>The 2030 Early Learning and Child Care Strategy (Strategy) will establish a new roadmap for the GNWT and its partners to incrementally increase the availability of early learning and child care in communities by working with partners to create new spaces where there is a demonstrated need and</p>	<p>Advancing universal child care by increasing the availability and affordability of child care is a priority of the 19th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>The <i>2030 Early Learning and Child Care Strategy (Strategy)</i> will establish a ten-year plan for the GNWT and its partners to incrementally increase the availability of early learning and child care in communities. A large part of this is the importance of working with partners to create new spaces where</p>

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		<p>demonstrate that significant public spending on early learning and child care is essential for economic growth, women's equality and economic security, and the positive development of children and the well-being of families.</p> <p>WHEREAS access to and the affordability of child care in the NWT have been identified as significant barriers to economic development, community population growth, ability to advance personal educational opportunities, and has also been directly linked to the socio-economic welfare of families, most notably impacts single-parent and low-income families.</p> <p>WHEREAS universal childcare has been recognized as a three-way economic stimulus</p>			<p>communities are able to sustain programming that meets those needs.</p> <p>ECE is committed to working with partners to support communities to tailor early learning and child care programs to meet community needs. Recommendations will be provided to inform the development the Strategy which will advance steps towards a proposed model of universal child care for the NWT. The Strategy is expected to be complete in Fall 2021.</p> <p>ECE is aware that infrastructure costs are a significant barrier to the development of spaces for licensed early learning and child care programs and is committed to looking at additional ways to address quality and accessibility. ECE has identified an Early Learning Infrastructure Fund with a budget of</p>	<p>there is a demonstrated need and communities are able to sustain programming that meets those needs</p> <p>As part of developing the <i>Strategy</i>, ECE will be facilitating government-to-government discussions and engaging with key stakeholders to explore ways to further support this sector. The <i>Strategy</i> is expected to be complete within the 2021-2022 fiscal year.</p> <p>Additionally, the Federal Budget 2021 included an additional \$30 Billion over 5 years to develop a pan-Canadian early learning and child care system. This funding is in addition to the funding received as part of the ten-year <i>Multi-lateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework</i> and the associated <i>Canada-NWT Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Bilateral</i></p>

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		<p>program: it helps parents work (reducing poverty), directly creates jobs for early childhood educators, and the early learning provides a boost to the next generation of skilled labour.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 19th Legislative Assembly commit to introducing legislation and commit the necessary financial resources to advance universal child care access and services in all communities in the NWT.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the introduction of legislation addressing universal child care accessibility in the NWT be included as a key measurable success indicator</p>			<p>\$500K to help address this barrier.</p> <p>Through the renewal of the Canada-NWT Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Bilateral Agreement the GNWT is working to maximize support available through federal funding and will prioritize and address areas of greatest need.</p> <p>The Feasibility Study of Universal Affordable Daycare in the NWT (2015) identified barriers to advancing universal child care in the NWT including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doubling the number of child care spaces (Study identified need for 56% increase in licensed spaces) • Doubling the present number of early childhood educators (Study identified the need for an additional 220-299 staff) 	<p><i>Agreements and Action Plans.</i> The NWT currently receives approximately \$2.4 million annually as part of the <i>Canada-NWT ELCC Bilateral Agreement.</i></p> <p>Beginning in 2020-2021, ECE offered the new Early Childhood Infrastructure Fund. This proposal-based fund provides funding to non-profit organizations and Indigenous Governments for infrastructure repairs and retrofits to support both the preservation of existing and creation of new licensed centre-based child care spaces in communities. In 2021-2022, this funding increased to \$1 million.</p>

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		and component of the mid-term review of Cabinet's performance, and failure to bring forward meaningful progress will elicit votes of non-confidence for all members of Cabinet.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing infrastructure to provide child care spaces (Study identified a cost of \$8 - \$15M capital investment) ECE has already been working to address these barriers by: Providing increased funding to support the creation and sustainability of licensed early learning and child care programs. Providing a variety of post-secondary and professional learning opportunities and incentives, including Aurora College's ELCC Diploma, Early Childhood Scholarships and Staff Grants. Exploring the extent to which the NWT can support capital investments in infrastructure for licensed early learning 	<p>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE – implementation of Childcare subsidies is well underway</p>

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					<p>and child care programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with community members to determine early learning and childcare needs in communities and consideration of options to address the availability of early learning and childcare programs. 	
DL-22-20-19	Support for Federal Mandate	<p>WHEREAS, the Federal government has identified a range of priorities for their upcoming term.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC lobby to ensure the Federal government follows through with their mandate including the following items:</p> <p>1. Require that all provinces and territories identify and approve all</p>	EIA/ MACA	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	<p>The Government of the NWT supports NWTAC’s efforts to ensure the Northwest Territories receives maximum benefit from federal initiatives and programs, and will continue to collaborate and with the federal government and advocate for key shared priorities, including the implementation of the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework, economic diversification, infrastructure funding, hydroelectricity and clean energy, housing, childcare,</p>	<p>The GNWT supports NWTAC’s efforts to ensure the Northwest Territories receives maximum benefit from federal initiatives and programs, and will continue to collaborate with the federal government and advocate for key shared priorities, including the implementation of the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework, economic diversification, infrastructure funding, hydroelectricity and clean energy, housing, childcare, food security,</p>

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		<p>their long-term infrastructure priorities within the next two years and according to the signed bilateral agreements. Funds that are not designated for specific approved projects by the end of 2021 will be reinvested directly in communities through a top up of the federal Gas Tax Fund.</p> <p>2. Implement the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework to create a future where Northern and Arctic people are thriving, strong and safe.</p> <p>3. Give consideration to the recommendations to come from the Task Force on postsecondary education in Canada's Arctic and Northern regions as announced in Budget 2019 as appropriate and relevant</p>			<p>food security, implementation of the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the calls to justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.</p>	<p>transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university, implementation of the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the calls to justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE: For previous government</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommend affirmation</p>

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		<p>to the federal government and Indigenous communities in order to establish a robust system of post-secondary education in the North.</p> <p>4. Support territorial planning for hydroelectricity projects.</p> <p>5. Enhance the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency's economic development programming with a focus on IDEANorth to allow the Agency to support a wider range of initiatives, including the development of foundational economic infrastructure such as roads and visitor centres.</p> <p>6. Continue to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's <i>Calls to</i></p>				

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		<p><i>Action</i> and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' <i>Calls for Justice</i> in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples.</p> <p>7. Provide more accessible and affordable childcare including the creation of a national secretariat that will lay the groundwork for a pan-Canadian childcare system.</p> <p>8. Continue to build and renovate housing through the National Housing Strategy.</p> <p>9. Address critical infrastructure needs in Indigenous communities, including the development of a distinctions-based urban</p>				

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		<p>Indigenous housing strategy.</p> <p>10. Implement the plan to ban harmful single-use plastic products and take steps toward eliminating plastic pollution in Canada. This includes working with provinces and territories to develop national targets, standards and regulations that will make companies that manufacture plastic products or sell items with plastic packaging responsible for collecting and recycling them.</p> <p>11. Continue to advance Canada's first-ever National Action Plan on Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries for first responders.</p> <p>12. Support the transition of Indigenous</p>				

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		<p>communities from reliance on diesel-fueled power to clean, renewable and reliable energy by 2030.</p> <p>13. Create more opportunities for Indigenous businesses to succeed and grow by creating a new target to have at least 5 per cent of federal contracts awarded to businesses managed and led by Indigenous Peoples.</p> <p>14. Build on the new Federal Tourism Growth Strategy that encourages tourism as an economic driver for the regions, including Indigenous tourism. This includes the creation of a Tourism Community Infrastructure Fund to invest \$100 million in the local needs of</p>				

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		<p>communities that rely on tourism, over the next four years.</p> <p>15. Lead work across government to move forward with the new Food Policy for Canada introduced in Budget 2019. This policy has four areas of near-term action, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help Canadian communities access healthy food; ○ Make Canadian food the top choice at home and abroad; ○ Support food security in northern and Indigenous communities; and ○ Reduce food waste. 				

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DL-22-19-09	Multi- Year Funding	<p>WHEREAS consistency of funding allows for Community Governments to provide quality and sustainable programs it is necessary for GNWT departments to commit to multi-year (3-5 year) contribution agreements for community programs;</p> <p>WHEREAS multi-year contribution agreements support the sustainability of quality programs to serve community residents, allowing for multi-year planning and budgeting, and improved recruitment and retention of skilled staff;</p> <p>WHEREAS single year funding results in challenges to program sustainability, including: gaps between fiscal year end reporting, opening of funding application processes, and notification of funding approval; inconsistency in funding allocations (noted</p>	MACA	<p>MACA adheres to the provisions of the Community Government Funding Policy, and the Financial Administration Act to guide the administration of municipal funding agreements. Under this legislative and policy base, multi-year agreements are permissible, and MACA has used these in the past to administer funding with non-government organizations.</p> <p>It is essential to note, that any funding allocations contained within a multi-year funding agreement are always subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly</p>	<p>MACA adheres to the provisions of the Community Government Funding Policy, and the Financial Administration Act to guide the administration of municipal funding agreements.</p> <p>Under this legislative and policy base, multi-year agreements are permissible, and MACA has used these in the past to administer funding with non-government organizations.</p> <p>It is essential to note, that any funding allocations contained within a multi-year funding agreement are always subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly through the process to approve annual Budget. Accordingly, any commitments to future year funding can always be changed through the budget approval process, so no future year funding should be viewed as a</p>	

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		<p>decreases in funding amounts in the last 3-4 years); difficulty in recruiting and retaining skilled staff; inability of Community Governments to commit to long term employment of staff and may result in breaks in employment; challenges in supporting professional development and training of staff; and</p> <p>WHEREAS single year funding results in unnecessary time demands for the application and reporting processes and that these processes are incongruent with the needs of the community and how funds will be allocated to best serve those needs and that contributions should be made to communities which allow them to best direct the use of the funds;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT</p>		<p>through the process to approve annual Budget. Accordingly, any commitments to future year funding can always be changed through the budget approval process, so no future year funding should be viewed as a formal commitment to fund.</p> <p>At best, multi-year agreements provide a basis for community governments to plan for the future. However, should funding allocations for future years be included in a multi-year agreement, these numbers could always change, for example through Forced Growth increases.</p>	<p>formal commitment to fund.</p> <p>At best, multi-year agreements provide a basis for community governments to plan for the future. However, should funding allocations for future years be included in a multi-year agreement, these numbers could always change, for example through Forced Growth increases. As such, community governments could only plan notionally on any future year allocations.</p> <p>MACA would be prepared to discuss the potential for multi-year funding agreements with the NWTAC on this basis. It would be important to understand the community government operational needs within this context.</p> <p>For any programs that are administered through an annual call for applications,</p>	

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		commit to multi-year program contribution agreements.		<p>As such, community governments could only plan notionally on any future year allocations.</p> <p>MACA would be prepared to discuss the potential for multi-year funding agreements with the NWTAC on this basis. It would be important to understand the community government operational needs within this context.</p> <p>For any programs that are administered through an annual call for applications, multi-year funding agreements would not be possible.</p>	<p>multi-year funding agreements would not be possible.</p> <p>Any funding allocations contained within a multi-year funding agreement remain subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly through the Main Estimates approval process.</p> <p>If funding allocations for future years were in a multi-year agreement, these numbers would still be subject to change, for example as a result of Forced Growth increases.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: DELETE – Timed Out</p>	
DL-22-19-10D	Governance and leadership on climate	WHEREAS leadership is essential to respond to the climate change challenges and coordinate efforts	ENR	As outlined in the 2019-2023 Action Plan, ENR is the lead department for	The 19 th Legislative Assembly mandate states one of the GNWT's priorities is to strengthen	The GNWT has made significant progress on its Mandate Priority to strengthen the

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	change in the GNWT	<p>across departments and organizations;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the October 2017 Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Climate Change in the Northwest Territories found that ENR had not addressed deficiencies affecting its leadership on climate change that were identified more than 10 years ago.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS ENR, in its response to the Auditor General's Report committed to examine its authority, roles, and responsibilities, and the resources required to effectively carry out the Climate Change Strategic Framework (CCSF).</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the CCSF and draft Action Plan do not give adequate attention to authority, roles, responsibilities and resources to carry out the</p>		<p>climate change in the GNWT. As the lead, the Minister of ENR oversees the implementation of the Action Plan. ENR will continue to work collaboratively within the GNWT and with external; partners to provided overall leadership, coordination and guidance on climate change issues throughout the territory. The Action Plan highlights the GNWT's internal guidance mechanisms, including multi-level interdepartmental climate change committees, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Director-level Climate Change 	<p>the government's leadership and authority on climate change. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and 2030 Energy Strategy. • Establishing an NWT Climate Change Council in 2020 (see 20-19-10-E). • Advocating for NWT perspectives at national and international organizations and forums, and • Working with Nunavut and Yukon to develop a joint statement on climate change and the north. <p>The GNWT continues to move forward on its climate change action plan</p>	<p>government's leadership and authority on climate change.</p> <p>The first annual report for the 2019-2023 Climate Change Action Plan highlighted progress in several areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing the NWT carbon tax • Expanding the reach of energy conservation and efficiency initiatives • Improving knowledge in key areas including permafrost, water wildlife, forestry, human health and well-being, public safety, and infrastructure • Establishing two protected areas, which contribute to climate change resilience by protecting biodiversity

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		<p>commitments made beyond stating the status quo.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the current configuration of GNWT departments and initiatives that have been tasked with addressing climate change do not support a strategic, multidisciplinary and collaborative approach.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT ensure that ENR is given the appropriate recognition and authority to act as the lead for climate change in the Government of the Northwest Territories</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT commit to allocate the full complement of resources necessary for ENR to fulfill their responsibility as lead on climate change and for the CCSF to be successfully implemented. This</p>		<p>Working Group formed in 2018, chaired by ENR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Assistant Deputy Ministers' Climate Change Committee, chaired by ENR A Deputy Ministers' Energy and Climate Change Committee A Ministerial Energy and Climate Change Committee of Cabinet <p>All play key roles across departments in seeking funding,</p>	<p>as the territory emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic. Most actions remain on-track, but some will be slightly delayed as we navigate how to work with our partners while following the orders of the Chief Public Health Officer.</p> <p>The Governments of the NWT, Nunavut and Yukon are developing a pan-northern statement on climate change, to highlight significant climate change concerns and the need for federal government support to address these concerns. The GNWT will be engaging with Indigenous governments and organizations on this draft statement in 2020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting communities with adaptation planning <p>The GNWT and partners recently established the NWT Climate Change Council, which finalized its terms of reference in March 2021 (see 20-19-10-E). Two co-chairs have been selected – one from ENR and one from the NWTMN, unanimously selected by representatives from Indigenous governments and organizations.</p> <p>ENR also continues to advocate for NWT perspectives at national and international organizations and forums.</p> <p>The GNWT has incorporated climate change considerations into certain Executive Council and Financial Management Board decision-making instruments. This means that climate change is now being factored into</p>

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		<p>includes the creation and staffing of permanent climate change positions within ENR and in other departments.</p> <p>AND FURTHER that NWT Association of Communities work with the GNWT and other partners to advocate for federal funding and other resources to fill any funding or resource shortfalls.</p>		<p>establishing partnerships and sharing information on the implementation of NWT climate change priorities.</p> <p>ENR's Climate Change and Air Quality Unit, housed under the new Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Division, is responsible for coordinating cross-GNWT implementation of the Action Plan and reporting on progress towards meeting the goals identified within the Framework.</p> <p>Working with the NWTAC and other partners to explore external funding</p>		<p>important decisions made by the GNWT.</p> <p>The Governments of the NWT, Nunavut and Yukon have developed a proposed pan-northern leaders' statement on climate change to highlight significant climate change concerns and the need for federal support to address these concerns. The GNWT is currently engaging with Indigenous governments and organization on this draft statement.</p> <p>ENR continues to advocate for funding to fully support action on climate change from the federal government. In October 2020, the GNWT announced funding for 15 new climate change focused positions across five departments to provide additional capacity to address climate change issues in the NWT and strengthen the GNWT's leadership and authority</p>

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				sources that can support climate change adaptation in the NWT is critical and ENR looks forward to bolstering current partnerships and developing new partnerships to strengthen and build capacity within the territory to adapt to climate change.		on climate change. In April 2021, the GNWT received funds from CIRNAC for a Climate Change Outreach and Adaptation Specialist. NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: DELETE
DL-22-19-10E	Climate Change Secretariat or Network	WHEREAS the Auditor General's Report found that in the absence of leadership from ENR on climate change, there has been a piecemeal and uncoordinated approach to adaptation efforts within the GNWT and amongst communities.	ENR	Establishing external guidance mechanisms to foster collaboration is an action area identifies in the 2019-2023 Action Plan. As per action item 4.3A – Develop options for the establishment of an	ENR is currently working towards establishing an NWT Climate Change Council in 2020, to include Indigenous governments and organizations, community governments, and other external partners to support the GNWT in improving coordination and	In March 2021, ENR and partners formally established the NWT Climate Change Council, which includes representatives from Indigenous governments and organizations (IGOs), community governments (via the NWTAC), and the GNWT (Environment and

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		<p>AND WHEREAS the Auditor General's Report found that ENR did not fulfill its commitment to provide departments and communities with information needed to take action on climate change;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS every regional consultation held by ENR during the 2016/17 CCSF engagement sessions raised the concern that existing climate change information and analysis was not shared, and that this was a barrier to adaptation;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS a knowledgeable public will be better equipped to contribute to territorial efforts on climate change and build resilience in communities.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Yukon and Nunavut both have a Climate Change</p>		<p>NWT climate change council or advisory body – work will be undertaken to outline options for the NWT. This will be informed by a review of approaches and models used in territories, provinces and other jurisdictions as well as current structures in place for guiding committees, councils and advisory bodies in the NWT.</p> <p>As the lead for this action item, ENR will continue to engage with Indigenous and community governments, industry, non-government organizations and other potential partners in the</p>	<p>communication for climate change.</p> <p>A review of approaches and models used in territories, provinces and other jurisdictions, as well as current structures in place for guiding committees, councils and advisory bodies in the NWT is underway. ENR has begun to engage with Indigenous governments and organizations, community governments, and other external partners to establish Council.</p>	<p>Natural Resources and Infrastructure). The establishment of the Council is a GNWT Mandate priority.</p> <p>The Council is a forum for the sharing of information, for collaboration, and for engagement. The Council provides guidance and advice to inform and advance GNWT climate change and environment programs in alignment with IGO and community perspectives, interests, and knowledge.</p> <p>The Council has shared initial priority areas, which will guide the discussions over the next few Council meetings.</p> <p>Several advisory groups and panels will be established to inform Council and GNWT climate change priorities, including a youth advisory group, while also exploring how to integrate Elders' advice.</p>

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		<p>Secretariat in place, as do many of the provinces.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS an arms-length climate change centre (e.g. Secretariat/Office/Network) can provide effective co-ordination of all aspects of climate change adaptation and mitigation. A climate change centre will mobilize resources, including information and expertise to enable their citizens to take leadership on climate change issues.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT create an arms-length climate change centre</p> <p>AND FURTHER that part of development of the CC Centre include investigation of effective models of climate change secretariat/offices that are providing leadership and coordination on climate change in Canada and</p>		<p>implementation of the Action Plan to seek input on desired approaches and mechanisms to guide the implementation of the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework.</p> <p>Addressing the recommendations outlined in the Office of the Auditor General of Canada's 2017 report on climate change in the NWT is a priority and numerous ENR-led action items outlined in the 2019-23 Action Plan, will be undertaken to achieve these recommendations. As reflected in the response to Resolution 2019-10-D, ENR has and is continuing to take a</p>		<p>The GNWT looks forward to working with the NWTAC and the Council in the future.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE</p>

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		<p>abroad in order to find relevant examples and best practices which may be useful to the NWT. These findings will be shared with the public;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT work with the NWT Association of Communities and other partners to support the development and implementation of an improved approach to leadership, coordination, and information sharing on climate change in the NWT, which should include a Climate Change Centre.</p>		<p>leadership role in addressing climate change in the NWT.</p>		
DL-22-19-13	Resourcing to deal with backlog of Legislative Amendments	<p>WHEREAS numerous requests for legislation or legislative amendments are being put on-hold due to GNWT capacity</p> <p>AND WHEREAS this is an issue has been compounding and will certainly continue to do so without action</p>	MACA	<p>During the term of the 18th Legislative Assembly, Municipal and Community Affairs successfully brought forward amendments to more legislation than any other</p>	<p>During the term of the 18th Legislative Assembly, Municipal and Community Affairs successfully brought forward amendments to more legislation than any other previous term of the government. MACA has engaged with community governments</p>	<p>MACA continues to uphold the interests of community governments by pursuing legislative amendments that will benefit the way they operate and provide services to their residents. MACA has previously committed to advance long-awaited legislative amendments to the Fire</p>

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		<p>AND WHEREAS resolutions are not getting addressed and are being re-affirmed not because of a philosophical difference but because there are no resources being directed to the process of making the requested changes</p> <p>AND WHEREAS resolutions aside, the GNWT encourages community governments to regularly review their legislation (by-laws), this is not practiced by the GNWT</p> <p>AND WHEREAS many of the public consultations of the Standing Committee Reviews of proposed legislation are often more extensive than the one completed for the drafting</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Departments of MACA and Justice address the long standing backlog of</p>		<p>previous term of the government.</p> <p>In March 2018, Amendments were made to the Western Canada Lottery Act to bring the operations of this program within government to prevent a loss of revenue to taxation.</p> <p>In November 2018, Amendments were completed to modernize the Emergency Management Act. In addition, the Territorial Emergency Plan has also been updated.</p> <p>In November 2018, Amendments were completed to the Cities, Towns and Villages Act to allow for the introduction of energy efficiency retrofit programs,</p>	<p>on future legislative priorities during the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 15-18, 2018 and during the Local Government Administrators of the NWT (LGANT) conference on October 1-4, 2018.</p> <p>While these efforts did not identify clear priorities for future amendments to legislation, MACA is interested in pursuing legislative amendments that will address the largest issues facing community governments.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative initiative is the full engagement with community governments at a pace at which they can provide meaningful input to both issue identification</p>	<p>Prevention Act and Property Assessment and Taxation Act, and to start work on the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act during the 19th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments is limited due to the wide variety of other work it is engaged in. MACA always considers the level of engagement required to bring forward any legislative change that will affect community governments, given the range of other activities they are engaged in. The pace at which these changes are advanced is carefully considered to ensure that community governments can provide MACA with meaningful input to issue identification and potential solutions.</p>

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		<p>legislative reviews, amendments and act creation</p> <p>AND FURTHER that the GNWT explore alternate consultation processes that reduce the time and duplication and facilitate a broad participation by communities when reviewing or creating legislation.</p>		<p>and to support the introduction of a hotel tax. This legislative initiative was in direct response to a formal request from the City of Yellowknife, and in response to Resolution RA-13-03 (Energy Efficiency Retrofits) and RA-18-10-02 (Hotel Levy).</p> <p>In March 2019, the 18th Legislative Assembly approved the new legislation Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act, which will allow MACA to introduce the new 9-1-1 Service to all residents later in 2019.</p> <p>MACA is also continuing its efforts to bring forward amendments under</p>	<p>and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.</p> <p>MACA has identified three large pieces of legislation to prioritize for review and significant amendment during the 19th Assembly. These are, in order of anticipated priority: the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>, the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>, and the <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i>.</p> <p>In addition to MACA-led initiatives, community governments have expressed a strong interest in the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> and the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. MACA intends to prioritize these legislative initiatives with the greatest stakeholder</p>	<p>Updating all legislation under the mandate of the department would exceed both the capacity of MACA and community governments.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE – While there is still a backlog of legislative reviews there has been staffing added to address this issue</p>

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				<p>the Fire Prevention Act. MACA has identified the need for further engagement and research to determine the amendments to be included in the Bill and Regulations. As a result, MACA will not be able to complete amendments to this legislation during the time of the 18th Assembly.</p> <p>In 2018 MACA engaged with members of the NWT Association of Communities, and the Local Government Administrators NWT on potential future legislative priorities. While these efforts did not identify clear priorities for future amendments to</p>	<p>interest before considering the addition of another large legislative project.</p>	

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				<p>legislation, MACA is interested in pursuing legislative amendments that will address the largest issues facing community governments.</p> <p>MACA encourages the NWTAC to engage with their members, to identify and prioritize legislative amendments in order to inform the 19th Legislative Assembly who will establish the mandate of the next government.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative initiative is the full engagement with</p>		

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				community governments at a pace at which they can provide meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.		
DL-22-18-01	Energy	<p>WHEREAS the world, out of necessity is moving away from petroleum/carbon based fuels for the generation of electricity and to heat homes;</p> <p>WHEREAS petroleum/carbon based fuels are expensive to ship to our isolated NWT communities and very</p>	INF	The GNWT has released the final NWT 2030 Energy Strategy and the first annual three-year rolling Action Plan, which itemizes all of the actions to be undertaken to implement the Strategy. The GNWT will publicly release its second annual rolling three-year	The GNWT has released the final NWT <i>2030 Energy Strategy</i> , which is the GNWT's long term plan to guide the development of affordable, secure and sustainable energy for transportation, heat, and electricity, to support energy efficiency and conservation, and to promote renewable and alternative energy solutions for the NWT.	The GNWT has released the final NWT <i>2030 Energy Strategy</i> , which is the GNWT's long-term plan to guide the development of affordable, secure and sustainable energy for transportation, heat, and electricity, to support energy efficiency and conservation, and to promote renewable and alternative energy solutions for the NWT.

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		<p>costly to operate over time;</p> <p>WHEREAS the GNWT is required to spend carbon tax credits;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the GNWT produce for public scrutiny, a concentrated, harmonious and sensible plan to incorporate unused yet readily available forms of energy in every NWT community, including biomass, wind and solar power to be implemented in such a way as to make our NWT communities energy-independent and in the process create quality long term jobs at the local level.</p>		<p>Action Plan this summer, which will include reporting on actions undertaken last year.</p> <p>The goal of the 2030 Energy Strategy is to guide the development of affordable, secure and sustainable energy for transportation, heat, and electricity, support energy efficiency and conservation, and promote renewable and alternative energy solutions for the NWT.</p>	<p>In 2013, the GNWT created a Power Systems Plan that may be of interest that still forms the basis of much of the work undertaken in the electricity system. It can be found at: https://www.inf.gov.nt.ca/sites/inf/files/a_vision_for_the_nwt_power_system_plan_-_december_2013.pdf</p>	<p>Public reporting on progress in implementing the 2030 Energy Strategy can be found in the GNWT's annual Energy Initiatives Report. The most recent report can be found here: https://www.inf.gov.nt.ca/sites/inf/files/resources/3758_-_gnwt_exec_-_energy_initiatives_report_final-dec17-web-hires.pdf</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: DELETE – Timed Out</p>
DL-22-18-04	10 year plan to end homelessness	WHEREAS environmental conditions living in the NWT can be harsh and deadly; and	NWTHC	The NWTHC has begun a review of all GNWT homelessness supports with an objective of the	The NWTHC has completed a review of all GNWT homelessness supports. Work on the development of an overall GNWT homelessness	The NWTHC is continuing to develop a GNWT Homelessness Strategy. The NWTHC is currently engaging with various stakeholders to develop

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		<p>WHEREAS homelessness in the NWT is not always obvious as the 'hidden homeless' are bouncing from friends and family couches and are not easily known; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the NWT Association of Communities has previously re-affirmed its resolutions RS-17-14-02 on homelessness resolving that the GNWT fully fund Homeless Shelters within the boundaries of its communities and direct funds to its department to end homelessness; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife Community Advertising Board on Homelessness and Yellowknife City Council have adopted Everyone is Home- Yellowknife's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness to find a way forward in ending homelessness;</p>		<p>development of an overall GNWT homelessness strategy. It is anticipated that the strategy will identify areas where GNWT services and supports to end homelessness can be further improved. Alignment of initiatives between the GNWT and the City of Yellowknife will be an important aspect of the homelessness strategy going forward.</p>	<p>strategy has begun. The strategy will identify areas where GNWT services and supports to end homelessness can be further improved. It is expected that strategy will be completed in Fall 2020.</p>	<p>this document. The strategy is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2021.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE: Timed Out</p>

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		<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities urge the GNWT to consider adopting the City of Yellowknife's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Associations of Communities reaffirm RA-17-14-02.</p>				
DL-22-18-06	MACA Funding Formula	<p>WHEREAS communities and Municipalities should aim to be proactive in achieving financial stability by setting aside money in reserves, instead of seeking reactionary emergency funds;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that MACA review the funding formula for communities to provide incentives for municipalities that set aside funds for planned</p>	MACA	MACA provides capital public infrastructure (CPI) funding to communities along with advisory services in the area of budgeting for operations as well as planning and implementation of capital projects. There are no barriers for communities to set aside monies for planned and	MACA will be working with the NWTAC and community governments to update the Community Public Infrastructure Policy (CPI). The CPI Policy provides capital funding to communities along with advisory services in the area of budgeting for operations as well as planning and implementation of capital projects. There are no barriers for communities to set aside monies for planned and unplanned	MACA will be working with the NWTAC and community governments to update the Community Public Infrastructure Policy (CPI). The CPI Policy provides capital funding to communities along with advisory services in the area of budgeting for operations as well as planning and implementation of capital projects. There are no barriers for communities to set aside monies for

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		and unplanned capital projects.		<p>unplanned capital projects and we encourage communities to do so.</p> <p>Applications on the next round of Federal Infrastructure Funding are underway. The gap identified during the 2014 formula review will be a consideration as well as a community's ability to contribute their portion of the funds to projects.</p> <p>In addition, MACA is working with communities, the NWTAC and other organizations to implement asset management. Asset management supports a long-term look at the cost of</p>	capital projects and we encourage communities to do so.	<p>planned and unplanned capital projects and communities are encouraged to do so.</p> <p>MACA provides community governments with capital planning support including advice on budgeting.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE: Timed Out</p> <p>Replaced by subsequent Resolutions</p>

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				<p>infrastructure throughout its lifecycle. Implementation of asset management will shift thinking from a shorter term capital plan to a longer term whole life asset investment plan. This will provide the decision makers the information necessary to make the best decisions related to infrastructure investment, including setting aside monies for planned investment.</p> <p>MACA will continue within the GNWT Capital Planning process and in federal infrastructure funding programs and negotiations to provide for</p>		

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				<p>increases to fund capital for community governments, particularly for core infrastructure critical to your operations.</p> <p>MACA will be publishing a Municipal Funding Strategy in 2019 that will include information about how MACA will address infrastructure funding through a long term approach. Through this strategy, MACA will also be updating the Community Public Infrastructure Policy.</p>		
DL-22-18-07	Urban Indigenous Definition	WHEREAS the communities in the NWT range in Indigenous populations from 24% to	EIA	The GNWT recognizes that the definition of Urban Indigenous People can be complicated when working with	The GNWT recognizes that the definition of Urban Indigenous People can be complicated when working with the federal government, particularly	The GNWT recognizes that the definition of Urban Indigenous People can be complicated when working with the federal

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		<p>100% with Territorial average of 50%; and</p> <p>WHEREAS many federal programs offered serve a predominantly Indigenous clientele regardless of the nature of the community: excluding many NWT communities; and</p> <p>WHEREAS communities are the best places of all levels of government to have significant impact on the health and wellness of their residents;</p> <p>WHEREAS by these definitions many federal funding initiatives end up excluding the NWT as a whole; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the development of this definition will:</p> <p>1. Provide consistency as to what defines a Indigenous Community between Government</p>		<p>the federal government, particularly given the ‘distinction-based’ approach. This issue has been raised with a number of federal departments by the GNWT for the very reasons set out by the NWTAC. We will work with our federal partners to try to seek both an acceptable definition, but also one that applies across federal programs and departments – noting that this is a challenge due to shifting priorities within the federal programs as new relationships with indigenous people are a priority.</p>	<p>given the ‘distinction-based’ approach. This issue has been raised with a number of federal departments by the GNWT for the very reasons set out by the NWTAC. We continue to work with our federal partners to try to seek both an acceptable definition, and it does appear that they are shifting in some areas such as around the release of additional COVID-19 funds for non-Reserve populations.</p>	<p>government, particularly given the ‘distinction-based’ approach. This issue has been raised with a number of federal departments by the GNWT for the very reasons set out by the NWTAC. We continue to work with our federal partners to try to seek both an acceptable definition, and it does appear that they are shifting in some areas such as around the release of additional COVID-19 funds for non-Reserve populations.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE: Timed Out</p> <p>Continue to raise with various programs</p>

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		<p>departments and programs;</p> <p>2. Allow programming to serve the predominantly indigenous population regardless of the community;</p> <p>3. Larger communities have capacity to deliver programming that will serve larger regions and centres;</p> <p>4. These larger communities have a more diverse nature and have a smaller Indigenous population;</p> <p>5. Allow the NWT, as a unique physical, social and economic environment, to participate in infrastructure programs that have been previously designed for the South;</p> <p>6. Allow communities in the NWT to gain funding that will stimulate their economy as well as develop and maintain</p>				

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		critical infrastructure integral to the quality of life in the North by securing dollars, support, and continuity; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWTAC and GNWT work in partnership with the Federal Government to develop and implement a definition of Urban Indigenous People; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWTAC and GNWT work in partnership with the Federal Government to resolve their programming to include the NWT and its subsequent communities.				
DL-22-18-16	Review and Amendment of: Cities, Towns and Villages Act, S.N.W.T. 2003, c.22 Article 122 Hamlets Act	WHEREAS under the various acts should a municipality wish to forgive a debt to it there is a long and involved process which must be followed to forgive that debt.	MACA	During the term of the 18 th Legislative Assembly, Municipal and Community Affairs successfully brought forward amendments to more legislation than any other	Forgiveness of debt is a reduction in revenue to the community government and also signals that some individuals or organizations are being treated differently than others. It is important for	Forgiveness of debt is a reduction in revenue to the community government also signals that some individuals or organizations are being treated differently than others. It is important for Councils to deal with these

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	<p>S.N.W.T. 2003, c.22 Article 124</p> <p>Charter Communities Act</p> <p>S.N.W.T. 2003, c. 22 Article 126</p> <p>Tlicho Community Government Act</p> <p>S.N.W.T. 2004, c.7 Article 118</p>	<p>WHEREAS this can, in some cases, be more expensive to execute than the actual amount of debt being forgiven.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cities, Towns and Villages, Hamlets, Charter Communities and the Tlicho Community Government Acts be amended to allow for municipalities to give forgiveness of a debt of less than \$500.00 by a simple resolution of Council instead of via by-law and other regulations outlined in the Acts.</p> <p>Background Information:</p> <p>Many times there are instances where a debt owed to a municipality is of a very small amount and it is determined to be uncollectable. Currently for a Municipality to forgive this debt they must go through a by-law</p>		<p>previous term of the government.</p> <p>In 2018 MACA engaged with members of the NWT Association of Communities, and the Local Government Administrators of the NWT on potential future legislative priorities. While these efforts did not identify clear priorities for future amendments to legislation, MACA is interested in pursuing legislative amendments that will address the largest issues facing community governments.</p> <p>MACA encourages the NWTAC to engage with their members, so identify and prioritize legislative</p>	<p>Councils to deal with these matters in a transparent manner and to give residents a reasonable time to voice their concerns.</p> <p>Fees and payments due to the community are normally set through the adoption of a budget or through a formal bylaw approval process for example a Water Services By-law. The intention is that this is a public process that allows the opportunity for transparency to residents. It follows that any reversal of this process, for example a forgiveness of debt related to an approved revenue source, should also be done by by-law.</p> <p>The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will keep note of this issue on file for consideration when these pieces of legislation are</p>	<p>matters in a transparent manner and to give residents a reasonable time to voice their concerns.</p> <p>Fees and payments due to the community are normally set through the adoption of a budget or through a formal bylaw approval process, for example a Water Services By-law. A public process allows the opportunity for transparency to residents. It follows that any reversal of this process, for example a forgiveness of debt related to an approved revenue source, should also be done by by-law.</p> <p>The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will keep note of this issue on file for consideration when these pieces of legislation are discussed further as legislative priorities are prepared for consideration</p>

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		process including advertising for 30 days prior to a 3rd reading providing information regarding the debt. The Municipality may have to expend more money that the debt itself to have it "written off the books". By making an amount by which Council may forgive the debt via a simple resolution it will provide for a more efficient and timely process. With this limitation Council still retains the final say regarding the forgiveness but in a more efficient manner for smaller amounts.		<p>amendments in order to inform the 19th Legislative Assembly who will establish the mandate of the next government.</p> <p>The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative initiative is the full engagement with community governments at a pace at which they can provide meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community</p>	<p>discussed further as legislative priorities are prepared for consideration for the 19th Assembly. That way, we do not lose the concern for further discussion when these Acts are next opened. At this time, the Department does not see the case for amending the acts for this purpose alone.</p>	<p>for the 20th Assembly. That way, we do not lose the concern for further discussion when these Acts are next opened. At this time, the Department does not see the case for amending the acts for this purpose alone.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE: Timed Out</p>

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				governments that the legislation serves.		
DL-22-18-18	Review and Amendment of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act, R.S.N.W.T. 1988 c.P-10, as amended with regards to Unsold Property Article 97.85	<p>WHEREAS under article 97.85 when a property is unsold at a property tax auction the owner retains ownership of the property</p> <p>WHEREAS this can allow a property owner to potentially circumvent paying outstanding taxes and reducing municipal revenues</p> <p>WHEREAS currently Municipalities must purchase the property through the auction process should they wish to possession of the property</p> <p>THEREFORE BEIT RESOLVED that the Property Assessment and Taxation Act be amended to allow for municipalities to have the option to take possession of a property for unpaid taxes after a defined period of time and</p>	MACA	<p>During the term of the 18th Legislative Assembly, Municipal and Community Affairs successfully brought forward amendments to more legislation than any other previous term of the government. In 2018 MACA engaged with members of the NWT Association of Communities, and the Local Government Administrators of the NWT on potential future legislative priorities. While these efforts did not identify clear priorities for future amendments to legislation, MACA is interested in</p>	<p>The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p> <p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 19th Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with</p>	<p>The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p> <p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal in the 19th Assembly.</p> <p>The preliminary research includes engagement with</p>

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		<p>it not having been sold at a public tax auction.</p> <p>Background Information: There are circumstances where a property owner will not pay property taxes and make the property not conducive for sale at an auction. As a result that owner may go a number of years without paying taxes knowing that the property will not be sold at an auction. Under the current articles of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act the only way a municipality can acquire that property is to participate in the auction process itself and thereby in a sense purchase the property from the owner. In other jurisdictions municipalities are given the option under specific circumstances have the property transferred (forfeited) to the municipality who then may make the necessary adjustments to the</p>		<p>pursuing legislative amendments that will address the largest issues facing community governments. MACA encourages the NWTAC to engage with their members, so identify and prioritize legislative amendments in order to inform the 19th Legislative Assembly who will establish the mandate of the next government. The capacity of MACA to bring forward legislative amendments will always be restricted. An important element of any legislative initiative is the full engagement with community governments at a pace at which they</p>	<p>a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p>	<p>a number of stakeholders including GNWT staff who are responsible for the implementation of the Act, the NWTAC and the public. MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE: Timed Out</p>

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		property and sell it in various ways. It should be noted that in some circumstances the municipality may not want to title to the property when there maybe additional liabilities associated with the property. An example of legislation to this effect in in Alberta under Division 8, 8.1 and 9 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> .		can provide meaningful input to both issue identification and potential solutions. Accordingly, to update all legislation would exceed both the capacity of MACA, as well as the community governments that the legislation serves.		
DL-22-18-19	Review and Amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act R.S.N.W.T. 1988, C.M-16, and amendments	WHEREAS under the <i>Motor Vehicles Act</i> Municipal By-law Enforcement officers may issue violation tickets for items such as lack of insurance, driver's license and insurance. WHEREAS these must be done on Territorial Summons and not Municipal ones. WHEREAS all revenues from these violations go to the Territorial Government yet all expenses incurred when	INF	The Department is currently assessing revenues under the MVA and will be working with municipal enforcement agencies to determine their volumes of responses to look into the potential of splitting revenue in a fair and practical manner. Once this assessment is complete, a	The GNWT has reached out to the municipal enforcement agencies and is awaiting a response. INF is committed to investigating this option and will seek input internally and from the Department of Finance to guide next steps.	INF continues to undertake work on modernizing the Motor Vehicles Act. There are a number of items we will review, with this being one component. INF plans to begin work this year. NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: DELETE: Timed Out

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		<p>issued by a Municipal by-law officer are borne by the Municipality including any time as a result of court appearance related to the offense.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the <i>Motor Vehicles Act</i> Articles 337 & 338 be amended to provide for a revenue sharing structure option be included with a Municipality for all offense summons issued by Municipal By-law Officer.</p> <p>Background Information: Currently many Municipalities have By-law Enforcement Officers that are by way of their appointment allowed to issue summons (tickets) for certain violations of the Motor Vehicle Act. While the Act allows for some violations to be written on Municipal summons and the revenues for those violations going the Municipality certain ones</p>		<p>recommendation will be put forward.</p>		This work is still continuing

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		(which have the highest fines) must be written on Territorial summons and therefore the revenues go to the Territorial Government. While it is recognized that there are costs incurred by the Territorial Government in maintaining the Act and its regulations many of the direct costs of enforcement are borne by the Municipality including prosecution should the offence go to court. In other jurisdictions such as Alberta their legislation allows for a revenue sharing system to be implemented with a Municipality for these circumstances				
DL-22-17-06	Untenured Land	<p>WHEREAS the GNWT hold untenured lands within municipal boundaries throughout the NWT;</p> <p>WHEREAS all landholders are encouraged to fire smart their properties;</p>	Lands / ENR	The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) is committed to ensuring that hazard assessment and risk mitigation recommendations are in place to assist	ENR continues to provide advice and recommendations to communities to assist to reduce the risk from wildfire through Community Wildfire Protection Plans. 29 Community Wildfire	ENR continues to provide advice and recommendations to communities through Community Wildfire Protection Plans to assist with reducing risks from wildfires.

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		<p>WHEREAS communities throughout the NWT face threat of loss due to the spread of forest fires within municipal boundaries;</p> <p>WHEREAS the cost of preventative measures, specifically to fire smart properties, is significantly less than the cost of loss of infrastructure within a community, as seen in the communities Fort MacMurray and Slave lake;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GNWT fire smart untenured Commissioner's lands within municipal boundaries for communities throughout the NWT.</p>		<p>all communities in emergency planning. ENR commits to working with other GNWT departments and communities on mitigating risk on Commissioner's Lands.</p>	<p>Protection Plans were updated in 2019. ENR has met with most communities to talk about their updated plans and continues to engage communities to implement the recommendations.</p> <p>ENR also provides available FireSmart funding to support community protection. Information on available funding and the application process is available from regional ENR offices and on the ENR website. The Department of Lands does not, as a general practice, fire smart on untenured Commissioner's Land due to the significant area this would involve and the lack of resources to undertake this activity.</p> <p>Recognizing that the spread of forest fires are a concern for everyone, the Department of Lands is available to engage with individual communities</p>	<p>All 29 forested communities in the NWT have Community Wildfire Protection Plans in place to manage their risk from wildfire.</p> <p>ENR has \$275,000 this year to support communities to implement their Community Wildfire Protection Plans.</p> <p>We have committed an additional \$200,000 to implement FireSmart Fuel Mitigation Projects across the NWT, which will include communities in each region.</p> <p>The Department of Lands encourages community governments that are interested in specific parcels of lands for fire-smarting purposes to identify these parcels and the Department will work to provide the appropriate land tenure.</p>

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					and FireSmart Committees to consider options consistent with fire response plans. An example could be the establishment of fire breaks on Commissioner's Land at strategic locations around the community.	NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: DELETE: Timed Out
DL-22-17-24	Medical Travel	<p>WHEREAS: a strong tourism economy and successful business climate depend on reliable, cost-effective transportation links including air travel and;</p> <p>WHEREAS the economics of a new carrier operating out of northern communities, or the existing carriers increasing routes and lowering costs, is very much linked to their ability to diversify services such as medical travel. to their diversity</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to eliminate the northern-owned airline</p>	HSS/ INF	<p>The NTHSSA administers the Medical Travel program for all regions, including the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority and the Tłıchō Community Services Agency.</p> <p>Standard practice is to first access the Standing Offer Agreement (SOA) with the lowest cost. However, patient circumstances are considered and other air carriers may be accessed.</p>	<p>The NTHSSA administers the Medical Travel program for all regions, including the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority and the Tłıchō Community Services Agency.</p> <p>Standard practice is to first access the Standing Offer Agreement (SOA) with the lowest cost. However, patient circumstances are considered and other air carriers may be accessed.</p> <p>The GNWT Department of Infrastructure has combined the non-exclusive SOAs for Medical Travel and the GNWT into one tender in order to</p>	<p>The NTHSSA medical travel policy is being administered using the guidelines and policy tools established by the GNWT for procurement.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: DELETE – Timed Out</p>

		<p>restrictions for non-urgent medical travel in order to drive competitive pricing and lower the cost of air travel in the Northwest Territories.</p>		<p>The GNWT Department of Infrastructure recently combined the non-exclusive SOAs for Medical Travel and the GNWT into one tender in order to receive the best rates and manage costs associated with employee duty travel and medical travel.</p> <p>GNWT employees are required to follow the Business Incentive Policy and it states:</p> <p><i>“Whenever possible, goods, services and construction valued at less than \$25,000 should be purchased directly from BIP Businesses in the Local Community, but no bid adjustment will be applied.”</i></p> <p>Procurement Shared Services tenders for the provision of airfares for routes within the NWT and some routes to the</p>	<p>receive the best rates and manage costs associated with employee duty travel and medical travel.</p> <p>GNWT employees are required to follow the Business Incentive Policy and it states:</p> <p><i>“Whenever possible, goods, services and construction valued at less than \$25,000 should be purchased directly from BIP Businesses in the Local Community, but no bid adjustment will be applied.”</i></p> <p>Procurement Shared Services tenders for the provision of airfares for routes within the NWT and some routes to the south on a non-exclusive standing offer agreement basis for use by GNWT departments and boards. The tenders are publicly advertised on an annual basis and available to any commercial airline company that chooses to bid.</p>	
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DL-22-15-06	ATIPP Legislation for Communities	<p>WHEREAS for a number of years the Privacy Commissioner for the Northwest Territories has recommended that the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act be amended so as to capture municipalities;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS communities are committed to the principle of transparency with respect to its operations and to protecting the privacy interests of its citizens but does not currently have a mechanism in place for doing so, other than existing practices; and</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the grass-roots nature of community governments already ensures</p>	DOJ / MACA	<p>Bill 29: An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Privacy Protection Act (ATIPP) received ascent in the Legislative Assembly on June 6, 2019. As part of the review of this Bill, the Standing Committee on Government Operations held public hearings in Fort Smith, Inuvik, Fort McPherson and Yellowknife. During the Public Hearing in Yellowknife in January 2019, both the City of Yellowknife, and the</p>	<p>The Department of Justice is working to bring the majority of the amended provisions of the <i>Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> (the Act) into force by the fall of 2020, noting however that this is dependent on a number of factors, including the need to fill vacant senior positions within the Access and Privacy Office, provide staff training and engage with municipal stakeholders, all of which are difficult to undertake during the COVID-19 pandemic. This work also involves the development of new regulations and guidelines to assist GNWT</p>	<p>The ATIPP Act amendments were brought into force at the end of July 2021. This involves the development of new regulations, policies, and training to assist GNWT departments and public bodies in meeting their obligations under the revised <i>ATIPP Act</i>.</p> <p>A draft Terms of Reference for the Municipal Access and Privacy Working Group was established and presented to the NWTAC and LGANT in April 2020. The Working Group will be tasked with the development of a realistic and measured</p>

	<p>transparency and accountability;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS other legislation governing the activities of community governments already requires a high level of disclosure and public posting;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs already tracks and monitors community operations and reports on their health through the Accountability Framework;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the implementation of the ATIPP Legislation has proven a challenge even at the GNWT scale;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS most communities have neither the systems in place, nor the resources or the capacity to effectively implement a ATIPP program;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS communities have already proven to be underfunded to the order of 37%;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the implementation of ATIPP legislation to</p>	<p>NWTAC presented to Standing Committee.</p> <p>This Bill includes bringing community governments under the ATIPP Act in a staged approach. The timing of when the ATIPP will be made applicable to community governments has not been determined.</p> <p>MACA and DOJ will establish a working group with representatives from the NWTAC and LGANT to review and assess capacity regarding the implementation of community governments' inclusion under the ATIPP Act.</p> <p>The GNWT will use feedback from the working group to prepare a realistic and measured implementation plan to address the training needs and resource</p>	<p>departments and public bodies in meeting their obligations under the Act.</p> <p>Given the fairly substantive changes made to the Act, the Department of Justice will also need to work with all GNWT departments and public bodies to provide training and ensure the necessary tools are in place for when the new amendments come into force.</p> <p>The timing of when the Act will be made applicable to communities is yet to be determined, but the amendments contemplate a staged approach, which will see six tax-based communities brought under the legislation first.</p> <p>A Municipal Access and Privacy Working Group has been established to oversee the development of an implementation plan for bringing municipal governments under the Act. This work will include determining the most appropriate time frame for</p>	<p>implementation plan that will address the timelines, training needs, and resource requirements of community governments to operationalize the <i>ATIPP</i> Act responsibilities. Once drafted, the implementation plan will be shared with Standing Committee.</p> <p>The Working Group has not met or advanced this work since 2020 as a result of COVID-19 pressures, staffing challenges within the Access and Privacy Office (APO) and MACA, and the priorities of the APO at the time (centralization of access to information requests and bringing the ATIPP Act amendments into force in July). It is anticipated that the Working Group will meet again in mid-October.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>DELETE: Timed Out</p> <p>Working group of MACA/Justice/NWTAC/</p>
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		<p>communities needs to done a measured, realistic and highly planned way;</p> <p>AND FURTHER that any implementation plan needs to include adequate resources and training to ensure its success.</p>		<p>requirements of community governments.</p>	<p>the coming into force of this change.</p>	<p>LGANT is commencing on this work</p>
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NWTAC Information Tradeshow Directory

The NWTAC welcomes trade show exhibitors to our 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Delegates are encouraged to visit these exhibitors during the nutrition breaks and lunches over the course of our AGM on Friday and Saturday.



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Program**

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The Greenhouse Gas Grant program is an application-based grant designed to support greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction projects and initiatives for local NWT governments, businesses, industry, building owners and non-profit organizations. Funding and resources for this program have been provided jointly by the GNWT in support of the GNWT 2030 Energy Strategy, and by the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada under the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund in support of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. Projects may include such things as commercial biomass boilers & district heating, industry fuel switching, off-grid renewable electricity, etc.



**GNWT – Environment and Natural Resources
Climate Change and Air Quality**

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Meet with the GNWT - Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) - Climate Change and Air Quality Unit, to learn about climate change adaptation and air quality in the NWT. ENR staff will be on hand to highlight how GNWT is responding to the changing climate and highlight key initiatives for the Department including implementation of 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and Action Plan, development of an NWT-Wide Climate Risk and Opportunities Assessment, and the implementation of the NWT Purple Air Quality Community Monitoring Project.



GNWT – Environment and Natural Resources Waste Reduction and Management

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<https://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/waste-reduction-and-recycling>

Join the GNWT – Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) – Waste Reduction and Management Unit to learn about how the GNWT is working to improve waste resource management through the Waste Resource Management Strategy and Implementation Plan. ENR staff will be available to share information and highlights about existing territory-wide waste reduction programs and initiatives including the Beverage Container Program, Electronics Recycling Program, the Single-use Retail Bag Program, and the Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative.



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Researchers from Wilfrid Laurier University have been working in the NWT for decades. Laurier faculty and students investigate the impacts of climate warming and human activities on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, water resources, food security and people. Laurier's longstanding partnership with the Government of the Northwest Territories fosters productive collaborations between scholars and communities, building local capacity for environmental research and monitoring, and contributing to enhanced wellness and education.



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WRTDIP – Winter Road and Trail Data Information Portal:

The Winter Road and Trail Data Information Portal (WRTDIP) provides an interactive map with northern climate data, transportation networks, and social aspects of the winter road and trail networks in Canada's Territorial North. The aim of the portal is to support decision-making and policy prioritization on the management of winter roads and trails that are impacted by climate change.



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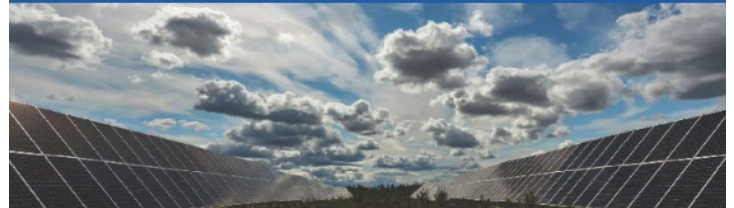
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