

# Report for Councils

## 2022 NWTAC 56th

### Annual General Meeting

September 15 - 17, 2022  
Yellowknife



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**The NWTAC's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) saw more than 200 delegates and observers participating, with representation from 26 communities.**

**Elections:**

The 2022 Elections were for President and Four Directors - Two for Cities, Towns, and Villages and Two for Hamlets/Charter Communities/Tlicho Government/Community Governments.

The following are the 2022-2023 NWTAC Board of Directors:

**President**

Rebecca Alty - Mayor, City of Yellowknife

**Vice-President, Cities, Towns and Villages**

Kandis Jameson – Mayor, Town of Hay River

**Vice-President, Hamlets/Charter Communities/Tlicho Government/Community Governments**

Ray Ruben – Mayor, Hamlet of Paulatuk

**Director, Cities, Towns and Villages**

Natasha Kulikowski – Deputy Mayor, Town of Inuvik

Kevin Campbell – Councillor, Town of Fort Smith

**Director, Hamlets/Charter Communities/Tlicho Government/Community Governments**

Barb Hart – Councillor, Hamlet of Enterprise

Doreen Arrowmaker – Chief, Tłıchq Community Government of Gamèti

**Resolutions:**

Members passed **2** NEW resolutions:

- Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home Program
- Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund) Renewal

Check the NWTAC website for copies of the New, Re-Affirmed, Standing, and Deleted Resolutions on the Resolutions page of the NWTAC website.

## Presentations

A copy of the AGM Agenda and Program is on the NWTAC website. In addition, copies of PowerPoint presentations delivered by presenters are also available through the website.

- President Rebecca Alty welcomed all delegates
- Welcome from the Government of the Northwest Territories – Minister Wawzonek
- Welcome from the Mayor of Yellowknife – Rebecca Alty
- Welcome from Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Presentation of the 2022-2023 Budget by Board President – Rebecca Alty
- NWTAC Chief Executive Officer Sara Brown presented the NWTAC Annual Report
- Northern Communities Insurance update- Insurance Manager Karen Kuronen
- Asset Management update delivered by Karen Kuronen
- A presentation about Housing NWT Renewal by NWT Housing Corporation President and CEO Eleanor Young and ADM James Fulford
- Municipal and Community Affairs & Accountability Framework Updates by Deputy Minister Laura Gareau and Assistant Deputy Minister Sonya Saunders from MACA
- Presentation by Guest Speaker, Massey Whiteknife
- Presentation by Michael McLeod, MP

## Funding Announcement:

We are excited to share that the NWTAC proposal for "**Building resilience to wildfire in 29 communities in the Northwest Territories**" was approved and announced. The federal government awarded nearly **\$20 million** (\$19,985,264) to the NWTAC, fully funding the creation of fire breaks and fuel reduction strategies to improve community protection from wildfires. This fund will also help build resilience in the face of increasing natural disasters. At the current rate, the program would have taken 83 years to complete, and our communities would have remained vulnerable. With this project, the work can be completed in 10 years, protecting our communities and providing socio-economic benefits to communities across the North.

## **Awards:**

The 2021 NWTAC Awards winners are:

- Community Service Award: **Soham Srimani**
- Community Service Award: **Cabin Radio**
- Community Builder Award: **Evelyn Krutko**
- President's Award: **Hamlet of Enterprise**
- Healthy Community Award: **Hay River Seniors Society**
- Energy Excellence Award: **Town of Hay River**
- Climate Change Resilience Award: **Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation**
- Evelyn Krutko Mighty Warrior Award: **Evelyn Krutko**
- Longstanding Dedication Award: **Tom Williams**
- Longstanding Dedication Award: **Alfred Moses**
- Service Recognition: **Sara Brown – 12 years**
- Service Recognition: **Cynthia Horton – 20 years**
- Service Recognition: **Yvonne Fleming – 30 years**

Note: A backgrounder on the awards is available on the NWTAC website.

## **INTERACTIVE SESSIONS- September 16th**

- Wilfrid Laurier University –Partnering on research and community development needs
- Chief Public Health Officer – Living Well with COVID
- ITI – Overview of Tourism Funding Programs
- ENR – Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on NWT Communities
- HSS – Addictions Programs & Alcohol Strategy
- MACA – School of Community Government Strategic Plan
- MACA – Wastewater Removal Project
- LGANT – Supporting your SAO or Band Manager
- NWT Tourism - Attracting the right visitor to your community

## **Interactive Sessions – September 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Your Insurance Program Questions Answered
- Ask Your Lawyer a Question – Brownlee LLP
- Arctic Inspiration Prize
- Arctic Energy Alliance – Energy Project Funding and Community Energy Planning
- FCM Update – President Taneen Rudyk
- NWTAC - Funding and support for climate change adaptation projects
- MACA – Wastewater Surveillance
- MACA – ATIP
- ENR – NWT Purple Air Project
- CIRNAC/NRCAN – Federal Funding for Clean Energy Projects

## **GNWT Cabinet -Open Discussions with participants: BEAR PIT**

**Honourable Caroline Cochrane** (Premier, Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs, Minister Responsible for the COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat)

**Honourable Caroline Wawzonek** (Minister of Finance, Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, including responsibility for the Business Development and Investment Corporation, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women)

**Honourable Julie Green** (Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Responsible for Persons with Disabilities, Minister Responsible for Seniors)

**Honourable Paulie Chinna** (Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Minister Responsible for Homelessness, Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board, Minister Responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission)

**Honourable R. J. Simpson** (Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Minister of Justice, Government House Leader)

**Honourable Shane Thompson** (Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Minister Responsible for Youth, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Minister of Lands)

**Gary Brennan** (Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations – Department of Infrastructure)

Regrets: **Honourable Diane Archie** (Deputy Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation)

## **Closing Session and Banquet**

Awards

Door Prizes

Thank Yous

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## **Elected Officials Training**

Before the official start of the AGM, we were pleased to partner with MACA for the elected officials' training. *Climate Change* and *Asset Management* were presented in the morning, followed by *Conflict of Interest* and *EMO Update* in the afternoon.

Available presentations are on the NWTAC website.

- Asset Management 101 – Christina Benty
- NWT Climate Change Trends and Impacts – Brian Sieben (ENR - Climate Change and Air Quality)
- Permafrost landscape change across the NWT – Ashley Rudy and Niels Weiss (Northwest Territories Geological Survey)
- Conflict of Interest Issues for Municipal Councils - Michael Coombs (Brownlee)
- Municipal and Community Affairs Update - Sonya Saunders and Michelle Pond (MACA)