

**NWT Association of Communities  
2022 NEW Resolutions**

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**CATEGORY B      Issues which Pertain to Regional Concerns Only or  
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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 percent 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 percent to 3.5 percent 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**