

**NWT Association of Communities  
2022 RE-AFFIRMED RESOLUTIONS**

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RA-22-21-01	<b>Amendment to Disaster Assistance Policy – Solid Waste Management Facility Fires</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> increasing environmental regulations are equating to significant costs associated with emergency firefighting and associated air quality and water quality monitoring and mitigation.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT’s Disaster Assistance Policy’s maximum assistance payable be increased from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 to more</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<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>appropriately cover the costs associated with or prevention of a community disaster.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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><b><i>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</i></b></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	<p><b>Property Tax Forgiveness When Property is Destroyed by Fire</b></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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>	<p><b>MACA</b></p>	<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 19<sup>th</sup> 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><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – NWTAC has been contacted to begin review of amendments of the Act</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

<p>RA-22-21-03</p>	<p><b>Accessibility Legislation</b></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> accessibility in Canada is about creating communities, workplaces and services that enable everyone to participate fully in society without barriers.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia and Manitoba have provincial accessibility legislation and British Columbia has introduced provincial accessibility legislation;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> there is no clear guidance for in the Northwest Territories on how to address accessibility in facilities and services.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that he Government of the Northwest Territories establish comprehensive</p>	<p><b>MACA/ INF</b></p>	<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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		<p>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>		<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><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></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	<p><b>Day Homes in Social Housing</b></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> there is a shortage or absence of daycares and day homes within all NWT communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> this shortage of childcare is an impediment to many participating in the economy;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> this shortage of childcare is an impediment to recruitment and retention of staff in the communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the hosting of day homes is currently not permitted in public housing;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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"> <li>• Early Childhood Program Operating Subsidy;</li> <li>• New Child Care Spaces funding;</li> <li>• Health and Safety funding;</li> <li>• Supporting Child Inclusion and Participation funding;</li> <li>• Provider Enhancement Grant;</li> <li>• Technology Grant; and,</li> <li>• Cultural Resource Grant.</li> </ul> <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><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – Have heard that work on this happening but have yet to see any concrete action</p>
RA 22-20-06	<b>Water and Sewage Policy</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> at the last LGANT meeting in Yellowknife, MACA officials presented its paper “Environmental Services Backgrounder”;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the conversation between MACA officials and some SAOs revealed the possibility of major changes to MACA’s Water Sewage Policy;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the conversation between the MACA officials and some SAOs at LGANT does not constitute proper or sufficient consultation with LGANT members;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> that MACA arrange for full consultation and disclosure of changes prior to implementing its proposed changes to its Water Sewage Policy;</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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>	<b>MACA</b>	<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 19<sup>th</sup> 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><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – Committee is being established and terms of reference to complete this work</p>

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RA-22-20-07	<p><b>O &amp; M Funding Levels</b></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT MACA has been reviewing its funding formula;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> there is still a wide gap between funding needs and funding levels;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> most, if not all, municipal governments have been struggling with less than adequate funding from the GNWT;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> that GNWT MACA arrange for full consultation and disclosure of its progress in finalizing the review of its funding formula;</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose its intentions to immediately increase O &amp; M funding to all NWT municipal governments.</p>	<p><b>MACA</b></p>	<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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – Committee is being established and terms of reference to complete this work</b></p>

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RA-22-20-09	<b>Infrastructure Shortfall</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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"> <li>• <b><i>We will promote personal and community self-sufficiency.</i></b></li> </ul> <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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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>	<b>MACA</b>	<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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – Committee is being established and terms of reference to complete this work</b></p>

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		<p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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>		
2020-10	<b>NWT Education Reform</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> education is a powerful agent of change that can improve health and livelihoods, contributes to social stability and long-term economic growth and is essential to community well-being. And by recognising the power of education, policy makers can better address diverse societal challenges, which municipal governments increasingly have to contend with.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the three-year education renewal action plan entitled "Education Renewal and Innovation Framework, Directions for Change" published in 2015 states, "The current approach to education is not producing the overall levels of student achievement that we need and should reasonably expect for the investments that are being made.";</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> it was recognized in NWTAC Resolution 2019-14 that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECE has responsibility to provide essential and basic educational programming in the NWT to all communities;</li> <li>• It is recognized/acknowledged that there are deficiencies and lack of adequate programming and resources in many communities;</li> </ul>	<b>ECE</b>	<p>Improving student education outcomes to the same level as the rest of Canada is a priority of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>In 2018-2019, the NWT education system was the subject of extensive review processes, both intern and external to the GNWT. During this time, ECE <a href="#">evaluated its Education Renewal and Innovation (ERI) Framework</a>, which is the guiding strategic plan for the JK-12 education system. That same year, the <a href="#">Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) reviewed NWT Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education</a>. Both the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) audit and ECE's internal evaluation identified common improvements needed in the JK-12 system and program delivery.</p> <p>The OAG Report and the internal ECE evaluation both found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• key achievement gaps have persisted, especially for students in small communities;</li> <li>• a need to focus on more equitable programming;</li> <li>• system that is overstretched and needs to refocus its priorities; and</li> <li>• need to monitor our system to determine whether the work we are undertaking is making any difference to close the achievement gap.</li> </ul> <p>The OAG report and ECE evaluation also had common recommendations for improvement. These improvements included changes to the approach to funding NWT education bodies and schools, changes in program delivery, and</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GNWT has identified a desire to improve public education in the NWT via Education Renewal and “Early Childhood Framework.”;</li> <li>• Many residents of the NWT may lack the capacity to succeed at education, that the GNWT look at alternate programing;</li> <li>• Be it resolved that the Auditor General of Canada review education to ensure that all NWT residents have the capacity to successfully enter post-secondary upon graduation.;</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the NWT’s Bureau of Statistics for “Highest Level of Schooling Attained” for the period of 2009 compared to 2019, do not show significant improvements in educational achievement for residents living outside of the NWT’s major centres.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT expends 18.4% (\$ 332.1 million) of its annual operating budget on the delivery of educational programs across the NWT.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT take immediate steps to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the NWT’s educational programs delivery model by conducting an Institutional and Organizational Assessment (1) (IOA) encompassing but not limited to, early childhood development, primary and secondary education (JK to grade 12) and, post-secondary education to assess the overall program efficiency, effectiveness and delivery.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the IOA be undertaken by an independent party prior to any further significant reorganization of educational program delivery or</p>		<p>continued monitoring and adjustments to the NWT Inclusive Schooling Directive and Policy.</p> <p>ECE is developing an Action Plan in response to the recommendations received from both reports. However, the NWT education system operates in a complex, shared governance environment guided by the <i>NWT Education Act</i>, which has not seen major revisions or updates since the 1990s. As a critical first step toward improving student outcomes, ECE will undertake a major legislative modernization project as committed in the Mandate of the GNWT, 2019-2023.</p> <p>ECE has initiated the research, planning and analysis required to develop a new <i>Education Act</i>, with a view to bringing forward a Legislative Proposal in the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>There are several components to the project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Proposal research and analysis;</li> <li>• Communications and Consultation Strategy; associated engagement and reporting;</li> <li>• Indigenous Government Engagement Strategy; associated engagement and reporting; and,</li> <li>• Produce Legislative Proposal for submission to Cabinet.</li> </ul> <p>Concurrent with the work on the Legislative Proposal, ECE will implement its Action Plan in response to the OAG review and ERI evaluation to improve student outcomes. This Action Plan be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year and will include a more streamlines strategic planning process for the JK-12 education system are working towards the same goals and reporting publicly on the same performance indicators.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM- COVID- 19 surely brought to our attention how we educate people to the forefront. NWTAC will continue to work with the GNWT to ensure everyone in the NWT is offered</b></p>

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		<p>significant investments in new infrastructure for educational program delivery.</p> <p>(1): Institutional and Organizational Assessment (IOA) model, developed by International Development Research Centre (IDRC Canada)</p> <p>In the IOA model, performance is defined in terms of the organization’s effectiveness (mission fulfillment), efficiency (accuracy, timeliness and value of service and program delivery), ongoing relevance (the extent to which an organization adapts to changing conditions and its environment), and financial viability. The model also presents an approach to assessing the three underlying forces that drive performance: the capacities of an organization, its external environment, and its internal context or motivation.</p>		<p><b>the highest level of education. Due to COVID the Action Plan of ECE changed everything.</b></p>

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RA-22-20-12	<b>Reinstate the Public Boards of Aurora College &amp; the NWT Power Corporation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> the Members of the 17th &amp; 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><b>EIA</b></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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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><b>ECE</b></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.  <b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b>  RE-AFFIRM – Public Board needs to be in place throughout the transformation
RA-22-20-13	<b>Reinstate Local Health Authorities</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> 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;  <b>AND WHEREAS</b> engaged public boards of governance are an essential component of a healthy democracy and representative of a	<b>HSS</b>	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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Members of the 17th &amp; 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Re-Affirm: more work required on this issue.</p>
RA-22-20-16	<b>Building Code Act</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> at this time, the Northwest Territories (NWT) is	<b>MACA /INF</b>	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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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	<b>Presumptive Coverage for Work-Related Psychological Injury (including PTSD)</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Nunavut, Northwest Territories (NWT) and Quebec are the only jurisdictions in Canada without presumptive coverage for work-related psychological injury (including PTSD).</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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>	<b>WSCC</b>	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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		<p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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>			<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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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	<b>Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms and Costs in the NWT</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> a comprehensive alcohol policy framework was developed, containing gold standard best practices across 11 different policy domains.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: More work is required on this</b></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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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	<b>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</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative</p>

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		<p>a wide range of diverse and potentially conflicting interpretations;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the vagueness of this definition can create confusion and misunderstanding;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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 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	<b>Winter Roads</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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>	<b>INF</b>	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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> taking proactive tactics to addressing climate change adaptation is the preferred approach;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> We will see the best success by working collaboratively with our many partners;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue our work with</b></p>

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		<p>measures a top priority;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER</b> that the GNWT take a strategic approach to research and planning that considers the vulnerability of communities.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER</b> 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><b>AND FURTHER</b> 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"> <li>• Research, develop and implement adaptation measures to respond to the increasingly uncertain winter road season;</li> <li>• Ensure that transportation infrastructure is developed to be resilient to the changing climate; and</li> <li>• Build the resilience of communities so they are better able to withstand and adapt to the impacts of climate change on the transportation network.</li> </ul> <p><b>AND FURTHER</b> 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	<b>United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories resolved in 2008 to recognize and support the Declaration;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the NWT Association of Communities has also supported the Declaration;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Canada committed in 2016 to fully implement the</p>	EIA	N/A – Response was introduced in 2020.	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>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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work on this resolution.</b></p>

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		<p>Declaration without qualification; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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:</p> <p>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	<b>Duty to Consult</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982 provides constitutional protection to the	<b>MACA/ EIA</b>	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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> the duty to consult is a constitutional obligation that is rooted in Section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> a determination of the responsibilities of community governments in the procedural aspects of Section 35 Community Consultation are not yet defined.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work and consult with the GNWT in regards to this resolution.</b></p>

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		<p>legislation, such as the Cities, Towns of Villages Act and the Community Planning &amp; Development Act and Section 35 Consultation is not defined within the legislation guiding municipal activities at this time.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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	<b>Alternative Voting Methods</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> other jurisdictions within Canada allow for Alternative Voting Methods such as telephone voting and internet voting;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the acceptance of digital technology in society is increasing exponentially;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the use of technology can improve accessibility, enhance voter privacy and convenience, reduce ballot errors</p>	<b>ACA</b>	<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 19<sup>th</sup> 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><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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	<b>Cannabis Revenue Sharing</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada passed the Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c.16 (Bill C-45 which legalized non-	<b>FIN</b>	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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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;  <b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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:  <b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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;  <b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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	<b>Post-Secondary Education Transformation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> transformation of post-secondary education is essential to advancing and supporting the economic social and workforce development in the Northwest Territories;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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>	<b>ECE</b>	<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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Aurora College Foundational Review Report contained 67 recommendations, including transformation of Aurora College into a polytechnic university;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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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		<p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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.</p>		development of a vision statement and goals for the post-secondary education system in the NWT.		
RA-22-19-07	<p><b>Aurora College Transition to Polytechnic University</b></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Aurora College Foundational review recommended keep programs</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT vowed not to cut funding but has not allowed intake into the programs</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> intake for the Bachelor of Education Program and for the Social Work Diploma program has been suspended since 2017</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT continue to fund Aurora College to continue running the Bachelor of Education program and the Social Work program</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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	<b>Climate Change Adaptation</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the North is particularly</p>	<b>ENR</b>	Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is one of three goals outlined in the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework, released in May 2018. Actions	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>vulnerable to climate change due to its reliance on temperature sensitive systems such as permafrost;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS ALL NWT</b> communities are experiencing the impacts of climate change;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> taking proactive tactics to addressing climate change adaptation is the preferred approach;</p>		<p>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 NWT Climate Change Forum and Charrette,</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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> we will see the best success by working collaboratively with our many partners;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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>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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution</p>
RA-22-19-10-B	<b>Permafrost</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the total costs of</p>	<b>NWTHC / MACA</b>	<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 have a detailed analysis of housing need in the</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 departments as well as scientific agencies that may</p>	<p><b>MACA</b></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 does create a standard for drainage.</p>

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		<p>permafrost degradation on public assets is estimated to be in the order of \$1.3 billion.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> surface water has a significant impact on permafrost and the development and implementation of Community Drainage Plans is critical;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Housing Corporation is an important partner with the communities in meeting the climate change adaptation challenge;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> communities wish to support their ratepayers by educating them about permafrost and climate change and how best to protect their properties;</p>	<p>community and list the housing priorities of leadership, residents and stakeholders. Through this process the NWTHC would also be engaging with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>The NWTHC 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 NWTHC assets.</p> <p>In terms of adaptation, the NWTHC utilizes where appropriate, adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and</p>	<p>have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas</p> <p>The NWTHC continues to utilize adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems where appropriate.</p> <p>The NWTHC 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 NWTHC assets.</p> <p>In terms of adaptation, the NWTHC utilizes where appropriate, adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems.</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><b>NWTHC</b></p> <p>As the NWTHC is completing each of the community housing plans, the NWTHC is engaging</p>	

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		<p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT provide adequate funding and resources to assist municipalities in completing and implementing Community Drainage Plans;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER</b> 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><b>AND FURTHER</b> that the GNWT develop requirements to ensure the consideration of permafrost thaw in all development and adaptation planning for NWT infrastructure.</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 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 Canada to support changes in funding programs that support planning efforts</p>	<p>with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>The NWTAC 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 NWTAC assets.</p> <p>The NWTAC 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 NWTAC utilizes where appropriate, adjustable foundation designs such as</p>	

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		<p><b>AND FURTHER</b> 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><b>AND FURTHER</b> that the GNWT take a leadership role in conducting a vulnerability assessment of all community assets.</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>for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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>

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RA-22-19-10-C	<b>Hazard mapping</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> hazard mapping is a critical element in climate change adaptation and building the resiliency of communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> hazard mapping is not a one size fits all type of undertaking and requires collaboration across many disciplines and organizations;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> securing funding to develop and apply Hazard Mapping is critical to their completion;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT work with the NWTAC and other partners to ensure that hazard maps are developed by the</p>	<b>ENR/ MACA</b>	<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</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</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>

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		<p>GNWT in a timely and strategic manner.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the federal government should ensure that adequate funding is available to complete hazard mapping for all NWT communities;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER</b> 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>the community hazard mapping program.</p> <p>Providing relevant hazard mapping 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</p>	<p>disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>Although COVID19 has impacted the ability for MACA to conduct tabletop exercises and workshops, MACA recognizes the value 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>

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				mitigation and adaptation.		<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 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>
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						<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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.</p>
RA-22-19-10-F	<b>Research</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> most communities have not been involved in setting the research	<b>ENR</b>	The Knowledge Agenda Action Plan establishes and objective of supporting a territory-wide Knowledge	Through the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan, the GNWT plans to engage with communities on a territory-wide research	The GNWT will engage with NWTAC on renewal of the Knowledge Agenda. Opportunities for NWTAC and communities to

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		<p>agendas in their communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> communities are often not made aware of the outcomes of the research being</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the lack of a northern university means that the academic knowledge base relating to Arctic issues is scattered throughout the country;</p> <p><b>BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED</b> that the 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</p>		<p>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"> <li>• Developing a plan to engage with communities on a territory-wide research strategy or agenda for the NWT, and</li> <li>• Facilitating university collaboration with Aurora College and the GNWT and grow knowledge-based programs, education needs and knowledge capacity throughout the NWT.</li> </ul> <p>Key Action 15 of the Knowledge Agenda Action Plan aims to improve the ways in which researchers</p>	<p>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, 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</p>	<p>present research needs will occur over the next year including through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GNWT /Wilfrid Laurier University partnership annual research planning session</li> <li>• National Research Council’s Arctic Challenge Program developers, as they present new funding opportunities</li> <li>• Polar Knowledge Canada, as they develop future calls for research proposals, and</li> <li>• The GNWT annual research needs meeting in late 2021.</li> </ul> <p>The GNWT will share updated lists of departmental contacts who can provide information to communities on various</p>

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		<p>supported when setting research agendas;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER</b> that communities engage the researchers who are already working in their communities to assist them in addressing their research needs.</p>		<p>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"> <li>• Providing communities with a list of departmental contacts who can provide information on various areas of research supported by the GNWT;</li> <li>• Developing a common reporting mechanism for GNWT and external researchers to summarize program results in plain language; and</li> </ul> <p>Developing and evaluating web-based</p>	<p>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"> <li>• A list of departmental contacts who can provide information to communities on various areas of research supported by the GNWT;</li> <li>• A common reporting mechanism for GNWT and external researchers supported by GNWT to summarize program results in</li> </ul>	<p>areas of research supported by the GNWT.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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 other supportive agencies on this front.</p>

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				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.	plain language; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web-based tools which highlight where research into GNWT is conducting and supporting research which addresses Knowledge Agenda priorities.</li> </ul>	
RA-22-19-10G	<b>Bridging the community capacity gap</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> NWT communities are chronically underfunded by 37% and this funding shortfall limits their ability to be resilient in the face of climate change.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> lack of capacity was a recurring concern voiced by participants from every region at the 2018 Climate</p>	<b>ENR/ MACA</b>	<p>The GNWT will actively explore internal and external funding 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</p>	<p>Appropriate capacity is needed to support and sustain the implementation 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</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. 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</i></p>

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		<p>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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> collaboration with communities on the development of Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plans will support transparency in priority-setting and accountability for actions.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT allow for the creation of Sustainability Coordinators for every community government in the NWT and adequately</p>		<p>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 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</p>	<p>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>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</p>	<p><i>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 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</p>

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		<p>resource these positions.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER</b> 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><b>AND FURTHER</b> that the GNWT provide funding and support to enable communities to participate in CCSF action plan development.</p>		<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NWT has developed a climate change strategy with specific areas that MACA is working with communities in the areas of emergency management, capacity building and infrastructure planning.</li> </ul>	<p>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>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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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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RA-22-19-10H	<b>Emergency management plans</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> extreme weather events are becoming more frequent</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> this makes the importance of emergency planning and status of emergency plan completion and implementation in communities more critical</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> it is critical that emergency plans incorporate the consideration of climate change forecasting and predicted impacts into planning</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that GNWT allocate adequate funding and support to update emergency management plans to include climate change and provide</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<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 2019-2020 to update the NWT Hazard Identification Risk Assessment, which will help establish a good understanding of the</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 encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</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 supporting specific mitigation options.</p> <p>MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts</p>

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		resources to fully implement plans for every community in a timely and strategic manner.		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 residents become aware of potential risks.  The GNWT also supports community	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.	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 FireSmart principles in communities.  <b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b>

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				<p>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 monitoring initiatives, the completion of hazard mapping for vulnerable communities,</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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				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	<b>Adaptation Plans</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the development of Adaptation Plans is a critical element in ensuring the resiliency of communities;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> securing funding to develop and implement Community Adaptation Plans is critical to their completion;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the GNWT identified Supporting</p>	<b>ENR/ MACA</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>See response to resolution 2019-10-C Hazard mapping. An advisory team is in place to guide the development of the hazard mapping</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>One of the key ways the GNWT is supporting communities with adaptation planning is by developing community hazard maps. ENR</p>	<p>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 community climate change adaptation.</p> <p>The GNWT has worked with Environment and</p>

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		<p>Communities both fiscally and from a resource basis as a priority within the Pan-Territorial Adaptation Strategy;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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><b>AND FURTHER AND WHEREAS</b> that the GNWT assist communities to complete their Adaptation Planning and Hazard Mapping and Implementation;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER</b> that the GNWT explore opportunities to assist</p>	<p>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 planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>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 infrastructure, the creation of a community development guidance document in partnership with NWTAC incorporating climate change</p>	<p>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 to be pursued to support communities to plan for their climate change adaptation needs.</p>	

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		communities through the development of various tools.			<p>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. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts</p>	<p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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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					for disaster mitigation and adaptation.	
RA-22-18-03	<b>Wildfires</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> localized drought conditions seem to cause more and more severe fire seasons;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> many NWT communities are surrounded by old-growth coniferous forests that are ready to burn;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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 higher priority on bolstering emergency measures organizations in the community so they</p>	<b>MACA / ENR</b>	<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 wildland/urban interface risk mitigation strategies to reduce the threat of wildfire to</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 the recommendations. ENR also provides available FireSmart funding to support community protection. Information on</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 the recommendations. ENR also provides available FireSmart funding to support community protection. Information on</p>

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		can better deal with the imminent threat from a fire threatening their community.		<p>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 effective response measures.</p> <p>Community governments may also use federal gas tax</p>	<p>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 ensuring effective response measures.</p> <p>Community governments may also use federal gas tax funds, as well as Community Public</p>	<p>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> <p>Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) helps community governments improve community emergency management</p>

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				<p>funds, as well as Community Public Infrastructure Funding to undertake new firebreak initiatives which are supported by a FireSmart Plan.</p>	<p>Infrastructure Funding to undertake new firebreak initiatives which are supported by a FireSmart Plan.</p>	<p>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 supported by a FireSmart Plan.</p>

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						<p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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	<b>Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City of Yellowknife operates a full-time fire and ambulance service through the City of Yellowknife Fire Division;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City of Yellowknife Fire Division also responds to calls for service outside of the municipal boundary;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of the</p>	<b>MACA / HSS</b>	<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>Although work was delayed briefly in early 2018, research and</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 be attained without longer-term collaboration</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 be attained without longer-term collaboration</p>

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		<p>Northwest Territories (GNWT) has initiated a review of highway rescue and ground ambulance services within the territory;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> community governments across the territory must prioritize their services with the funding available to them;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the cost recovery for emergency services provided outside of municipal boundaries may be difficult for a number of NWT community governments;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that until such time as the GNWT has reviewed the strategy for Highway Rescue Services (RA-17-13-05) and conducted a</p>		<p>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 addressing un-serviced areas.</p> <p>MACA anticipates sharing the research</p>	<p>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 Tłı̄ch̄q All-Season Road (TSAR), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommended in Measure 5-6 that the GNWT develop and implement an effective GAHR action plan for the TASR in collaboration with</p>	<p>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 Tłı̄ch̄q All-Season Road (TSAR), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommended in Measure 5-6 that the GNWT develop and implement an effective GAHR action plan</p>

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		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>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>The GNWT remains committed to working with key stakeholders to develop an effective</p>	<p>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>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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM highway rescue is still a concern for our communities. NWTAC will continue our work on this issue.</p>

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				ground ambulance and highway rescue response capacity for the NWT.		City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation
RA-22-18-11	<b>Fire Prevention Act</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City has recently approved a Planning &amp; Development Operational Review;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT is currently reviewing the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> to update the legislation;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT consult with communities when</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>The review of the Fire Prevention Act is included in the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly.</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</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, community governments and professional associations to determine a legislative approach for</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 and professional associations to determine a legislative approach for harmonized regulatory</p>

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		<p>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 effective and consistent service.</p>		<p>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 compliance in the NWT.</p>	<p>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>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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM – More action is required on this resolution.</p> <p>City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation</p>

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RA-22-18-12	<b>Transfer of Lands to Community Governments</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City of Yellowknife is seeking ownership and regulatory control of lands within the municipal boundary;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> there are outstanding land applications on Commissioner's lands within the municipal boundary;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City of Yellowknife is beginning a statutory review of the General Plan pursuant to <i>the Community Planning &amp; Development Act</i>,</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the City is required to accommodate for land, growth and facilities over the next 10 years during this review;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the uncertainty around land prevents the City from taking a</p>	<b>LANDS / MACA / EIA</b>	<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 to achieve these responsibilities.</p> <p>The GNWT (Executive and Indigenous Affairs)</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 to Aboriginal Rights agreements with Indigenous governments; future GNWT land</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 Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs</p>

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		<p>comprehensive approach to land use, infrastructure, utilities and zoning;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT expedite and prioritize land transfers to community governments for the purpose of comprehensive and sustainable community planning and development.</p>		<p>is currently engaged with Indigenous organizations in and around Yellowknife with the intent of negotiating finalized land claim agreements.</p>	<p>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 Alty to discuss, among other things, the potential bulk transfer of unoccupied public land within the</p>	<p>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 according to the process outlined in the land transfer process guide.</p>

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					<p>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>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><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></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> <p>Reminder – these issues are not exclusive to the City. This matter will be included in the work being done with the Lands</p>

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RA-22-17-05	<b>Shoreline Erosion</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> some communities in the NWT are facing riverbank and soil erosion issues;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> communities are facing huge costs associated with addressing these issues posing significant risks to essential infrastructure, caused by erosion in various forms;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT make it their priority to find funding, in particular with other stakeholders to remediate or mitigate these concerns.</p>	<b>MACA /ENR</b>	<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 risks. In the event MACA</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 risks. In the event MACA undertakes work associated with the protection or relocation of infrastructure affected by</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 located, it may be vulnerable to increased erosion in the future by sea level rise, melting permafrost or flooding of</p>

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				<p>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</p>	<p>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 plans, zoning bylaws, development permits, and other development policies that may be used to minimize risks to</p>	<p>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 effective processes to facilitate local adaptation to climate change. Land use planning refers to the processes and instruments</p>

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				<p>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 shared information on any funding opportunities related to mitigation programs. MACA</p>	<p>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>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.</p>	<p>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 challenge for communities and residents on the NWT.</p> <p>For communities susceptible to flooding/erosion, MACA has annually shared</p>

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				<p>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 community public infrastructure. MACA will continue to ensure that community governments are</p>	<p>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 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</p>	<p>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 community public</p>

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				<p>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 can happen with little or no warning.</p> <p>The GNWT has been working on a Climate Change Strategy and MACA will be working</p>	<p>to address major ground movement events that can happen with little or no warning.</p>	<p>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 happen with little or no warning.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p>

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				with ENR and community governments to implement specific actions under that strategy.		RE-AFFIRM NWTAC will continue to work on this resolution. Climate change is a priority of the NWTAC.
RA-22-13-02	<b>Review and Amendment of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act and the Grants-in-Lieu of Property Taxes Policy</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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 the services it receives from municipal governments and to pay its share of the costs to municipalities where territorial</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>During the term of the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 future legislative priorities. While these efforts did not identify clear priorities for future amendments to legislation, MACA is</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</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</p>

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		<p>property is located; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories does not pay Grants-In-Lieu of Property Taxes on property it leases to third parties;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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 municipality to recoup the loss;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section</p>		<p>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 19<sup>th</sup> 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</p>	<p>Proposal later in the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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</p>	<p>Proposal later in the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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</p>

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		<p>125 of the <i>Constitution Act, 1867</i> but makes payments in lieu of property taxes to local governments;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada recognized the difficulty encountered by municipal governments in recovering unpaid taxes against tenants</p>		<p>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>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>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> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p>RE-AFFIRM this legislation is being worked on. NWTAC will continue our work on this resolution.</p>

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		<p>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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> various provincial governments have recognized the difficulty encountered by municipal governments in recovering unpaid taxes against tenants of provincial property and have included provisions in the applicable legislation</p>				City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation

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		<p>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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the purpose of the grants made in lieu of taxes is to deal equitably and fairly with municipalities;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Northwest Territories Association of</p>				

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		<p>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 provincial governments have already done; and</p> <p>(ii) changing the name of the 'Grants-In-Lieu of Properties Policy' to the 'Payments-In-Lieu of Properties Policy' to</p>				

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		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.				
		ii.				