



NWT Association of Communities
Annual General Meeting
February 27th to March 1st, 2025
Yellowknife, NT
Chateau Nova

Thursday, February 27th, 2025

ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING

Sponsored By: Municipal & Community Affairs

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration (outside Caribou Room)
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Patrick Michell - Climate Change and Fire Resiliency Join the Lytton First Nation Rebuild Director and former chief to hear of the Lytton experience and lessons learned
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Nutrition Break
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada Climate Toolkit for Housing & Infrastructure. Build low-carbon climate resilient communities
11:00 am - 12 noon	Tracy Lorenson – Enhancing Trust Through Leadership Trust is the foundation of effective leadership—especially in small communities, where strong relationships drive progress. <i>You'll explore proven strategies for building trust with your Council, staff, and community.</i>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	LUNCHEON
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Thebacha Leadership Council Hear all about the Leadership Council in Fort Smith: How to facilitate collaboration and implement a shared community vision & CIER Energy Insights Program
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Fireside chat on research partnerships An opportunity to hear from a panel of community leaders on their experience working with researchers to address priority issues. We will learn about benefits these partnerships have brought to communities, lessons learned, and advice for others interested in this approach

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Thursday Feb 27th - 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Thursday Feb 27th - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Friday Feb 28th – 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Thursday, February 27, 2025

AGM Official Business

(Caribou Room)

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Registration ([outside Caribou Room](#))

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Nutrition Break (Caribou Room) [Partner: Aviva](#)

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

AGM Official Business

- Opening Prayer – Yellowknife Dene Drummers
- Welcome from President Mayor Alty
- Welcome from the Government of the Northwest Territories
- Welcome from Yellowknives Dene First Nation

- Welcome and Remarks from Commissioner Kisoun
- Welcome and Remarks from MP McLeod
- Welcome and Remarks from Senator Anderson

- Adoption of Agenda
- President's Report
- Adoption of the 2024 AGM Minutes
- Adoption of the 2023/2024 Financial Statements
- Presentation of the 2025/2026 Budget
- First Call for Nominations

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Opening Reception & Auction – Caribou Room

[Partner: Northern Communities
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Auction and Saturday Entertainment Sponsor:
Northern Communities
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Climate Change Resilience Award Sponsor:
Department of Environment and
Climate Change
Government of the Northwest Territories

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28th, 2025

Morning Session

Session Partner: Avery Cooper

7:30 am – 9:00 am Women’s Caucus Breakfast – LYNX ROOM

9:00 am – 9:15 am Announcements/2nd call for Nominations

9:15 am – 12 Noon INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Marine Transportation Services – 2025 Operational Update

Canadian Security Intelligence Service – Building partnerships to support resiliency against national security threats

NWT Recreation and Parks – Funding, Clean Air, Staff Training

Aurora College – Updates

Research Partners – How can research partnerships help your community address pressing issues?

NT Energy – Renewable Energy and Support for Communities

Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada – Support for Climate Ready Infrastructure

Federation of Canadian Municipalities- Updates and Feedback

Local Government Administrators of the NWT - Updates

Elections NWT – Can we support your elections?

MACA – On-line voting & Community Elections

ECC/MACA – Solid Waste Facilities and Wildlife

RCMP – Body Worn Cameras – Transparency & Public Trust

Centre for Indigenous Statistics and Partnerships – Indigenous Data

NWT Chief Public Health Officer – Drugs 101 & Smoking Cessation Support

10:30 am – 11:00 am Nutrition Break

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Luncheon

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Energy Excellence Award Sponsor:
Department of Infrastructure
Government of the Northwest Territories

FRIDAY February 28, 2025

Afternoon Session

Session Partner: Northland Utilities

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	NWTAC Prior Year Resolutions
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	2025 Resolution Session
2:30 pm – 3 :00 pm	Northern Communities Insurance Program Update Presenter: Karen Kuronen, Insurance Manager
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Nutrition Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Municipal and Community Affairs Update Presenters: Minister Vince McKay Gary Brennan, Deputy Minister Sonya Saunders, Assistant Deputy Minister

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SATURDAY March 1st, 2025

Morning Session

Session Partner : QBE

8:45 am – 9:00 am Announcements/3rd call for Nominations

9:00 am – 11:30 am INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

NWTAC – Funding and Partnerships to address climate change risks

Northern REACHE – Resources for your Energy Projects

Arctic Inspiration Prize

Thebacha Leadership Council – Initiatives & lessons learned

EIA – An Update on Service Integration & Integrated Service Delivery

MACA/HSS – NWT 911 / Ground Ambulance

MACA – Hosting Evacuated Communities

MACA – Debris Management Plans

NWT Ombud & Acting Language Commissioner - Addressing unfairness in the GNWT & protection of the NWT's 11 Official Languages

ECC – Waste Reduction and Management: Spotlight on Compost!

United Way – Emergency, Recovery, Community Planning support – We can assist

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Climate Adaptation funding priorities consultation

Arctic Energy Alliance – How can AEA programs support you?

Canadian Urban Institute – Technical Support for Climate Ready Infrastructure

10:00 am – 10:30 am Nutrition Break

11:30 am – 12 noon Election of Directors

12:00 pm -1:00 pm Healthy Communities Luncheon

Partner: Health and Social Services

Healthy Community Award Sponsor:
Department of
Health and Social Services
Government of the Northwest Territories

SATURDAY March 1st , 2025

Afternoon Session

Session Partner: Stantec

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Keynote Speaker – Tracy Lorenson of Civic Excellence

Achieving excellence isn't about having more—it's about working better together, which is particularly true in small and remote communities. In this keynote, Mayors & Chiefs and Senior Administrative Officers (SAOs) and Band Managers will learn practical ways to improve their organizations, even with limited people and budgets. The session will show how strong governance systems and a healthy team culture can build trust, improve accountability, and help council and staff work toward shared goals. Participants will leave with simple, real-life strategies to encourage teamwork, solve problems, and lead their communities to success, including setting boundaries for supporting civility.

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Nutrition Break Partner: NEBS

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm NWTAC Annual Report
Presenter: Sara Brown, CEO

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Open Discussion with GNWT Cabinet

Premier RJ Simpson (Executive and Indigenous Affairs, Justice)
Minister Caroline Wawzonek (Deputy Premier, Finance, Infrastructure, NTPC)
Minister Lucy Kuptana (Housing NWT, Status of Women)
Minister Jay MacDonald (Environment & Climate Change)
Minister Vince McKay (Municipal and Community Affairs, WSCC, Public Utilities Board)
Minister Lesa Semmler (Health & Social Services)
DM Jamie Fulford (Education, Culture & Employment)
North Slave Regional Superintendent Kris Johnson (Industry, Tourism & Investment)

5:00 pm Closing

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm BANQUET & AWARDS
(Caribou Room)

Banquet Sponsor: NT Power Corp

Community Builder Award Sponsor

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Thank you to all of our Partners!

Our next AGM is in Yellowknife
Feb 26 to Feb 28, 2026
Celebrating 60 Years!!