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**TAB 1  
NWTAC  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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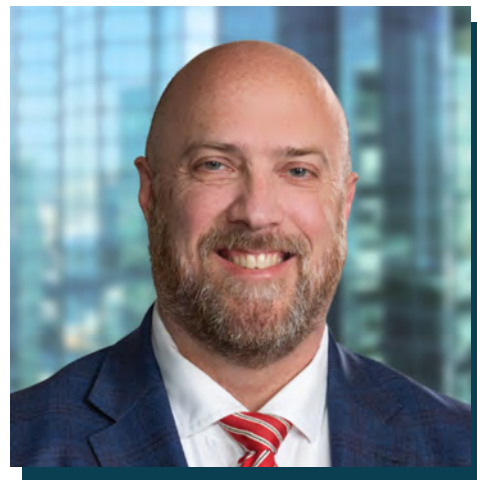
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**TAB 2**  
**NWTAC**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



**2024 Annual General Meeting  
Minutes  
February 29 – March 2, 2024**



## **Minutes**

The Chairperson (President Alty) called the meeting to order 3:30 pm.

### ***Welcome from President Alty***

President Alty welcomed everyone to the AGM of the NWTAC. She thanked the sponsors of this year's AGM without who our AGM could not be a success. She thanked the Board of Directors and staff for their hard work and dedication.

### ***ADOPTION OF THE 2024 AGENDA***

Moved by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya (Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk) and seconded by Councillor Mike Couvrette (Town of Fort Smith) that the agenda for the 2024 Annual General Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### ***PRESIDENTS REPORT***

The President's Report was moved by Mayor Sandra McMaster (Hamlet of Enterprise) and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dianna Korol (Town of Fort Smith).

**CARRIED**

### ***ADOPTION OF THE 2022 AGM MINUTES***

Moved by Councillor Mike Couvrette (Town of Fort Smith) and seconded by Mayor Danny Beaulieu (Hamlet of Fort Providence) that the 2022 AGM minutes be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### ***ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

Moved Chief April Martel (K'at'odeeche First Nation) and seconded by Chief Clifford Daniels (Community Government of Behchoko) that the 2021 – 2022 Financial Statements be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Moved Councillor Ryan Yakeleya (Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk) and seconded Mayor Frank Pope that the 2022 – 2023 Financial Statements be adopted.

**CARRIED**

***ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2024-2025 NWTAC BUDGET***

Moved Mayor Sandra McMaster (Hamlet of Enterprise) and seconded by Mayor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) that the 2024-2025 Budget be accepted.

**CARRIED**

***NWTAC POLICY & BYLAW***

Moved by Mayor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) and seconded by Mayor Danny Beaulieu (Hamlet of Fort Providence) to accept the 2023-2024 Re-affirmed policies of the NWTAC as follows.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Mayor Frank Pope (Town of Norman Wells) and seconded by Mayor Sandra McMaster (Hamlet of Enterprise) to accept the 2023-2024 Standing Policies of the NWTAC as follows.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Ryan Yakeleya (Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk) and seconded by Mayor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) to accept the 2023-2024 Deleted policies of the NWTAC as follows.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Mayor Danny Beaulieu (Hamlet of Fort Providence) and seconded by Mayor Clarence Wood (Town of Inuvik) to accept the 2023-2024 Expired Policies of the NWTAC as follows.

**CARRIED**



<b>Standing</b>	<b>Re-Affirm</b>	<b>Delete</b>	<b>EXPIRED</b>
ST-23-20-10	RA-23-22-01	DL-23-20-05	EX-23-20-13
ST-23-19-06	RA-23-22-02	DL-23-20-12	EX-23-19-02
ST-23-19-10	RA-23-21-01	DL-23-20-18	EX-23-19-04
ST-23-19-10-B	RA-23-21-02	DL-23-19-05	EX-23-14-01
ST-23-19-10-C	RA-23-20-06	DL-23-19-07	
ST-23-19-10-F	RA-23-20-07	DL-23-18-11	
ST-23-19-10-G	RA-23-20-09	DL-23-17-03	
ST-23-19-10-H	RA-23-20-16	DL-23-14-03	
ST-23-19-10-I	RA-23-20-17	DL-23-13-01	
ST-23-19-12	RA-23-20-20		
ST-23-17-05	RA-23-20-21		
ST-23-17-12	RA-23-20-22		
ST-23-17-25	RA-23-19-03		
ST-23-09-08	RA-23-18-03		
ST-23-01-07	RA-23-18-10		
ST-23-01-11	RA-23-18-12		
ST-23-98-12	RA-23-13-02		

<b>NWT Association of Communities 2023 Resolutions</b>		
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**NWTAC Resolutions are divided into the following categories:**

**CATEGORY A      Territorial Wide Municipal Issues**

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

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

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

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

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

## **2023-01 Senior Citizen & Vulnerable People Emergency Services and Shelters**

**WHEREAS:** in the vast majority of the communities in the NWT there are significant gaps in the availability of and access to emergency services response for senior citizens and other vulnerable peoples who may find themselves homeless or requiring emergency assistance services to ensure their own wellbeing.

**AND WHEREAS:** although the Government of the NWT and the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly identified this issue as one of its priorities, the level of access to services in communities is declining and, in many instances, support facilities and services are being curtailed or shuttered.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly immediately take action to have the appropriate departments undertake a review of service levels and access to services for emergency services offered to senior citizens and vulnerable persons in all NWT communities and that this review will be completed by the end of the term of this government.

### **Category A Concurrence**

## **2023-02 NWT Mental Health Issue Responses**

**WHEREAS:** The Minister of Health acknowledged that there is a Mental Health Crisis within the NWT that was further heightened by the Covid-19 pandemic shut-ins and by an extensive gap in counselling services throughout the communities across the NWT.

**AND WHEREAS:** In the majority of the cases and more specially in the communities, the initial response to mental health issue calls is by the RCMP or local bylaw enforcement officers whose only tool to respond to these complicated mental health issues is incarceration at the detachment or in larger communities' confinement at a health centre.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the GNWT prioritize the resources and funding solutions to allow for measured responses to mental health issues calls in accordance with new policies and practices such as ride-along by qualified social services/wellness workers and other innovative response tools.

### **Category A Concurrence**



**2023-03 Review of MTS**

**WHEREAS:** Marine Transportation Services is responsible for the efficient delivery of fuel products and freight to Nunakput communities.

**AND WHEREAS:** Nunakput communities are experiencing logistical issues that bring into question the performance of MTS.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** We request that the GNWT conduct a third- party management review of MTS by a firm experienced in the marine freight industry and that their terms of reference include:

- a) Suitability of vessels that are used for both river and sea navigation,
- b) Scheduling
- c) Financial consequence to MTS when timely delivery of freight is not carried out,
- d) Communications to communities,
- e) Review of senior management personnel particularly as it applies to marine experience and business acumen,
- f) The potential for contracting out to private sector,
- g) Comparative analysis of using road transportation to Tuktoyaktuk for furtherance to Nunakput communities (Alaska Highway, Dempster Highway, Highway 10).

**Category A Concurrency**

## **2023-04 Community Renewable Energy Cap**

**WHEREAS:** The Government of the NWT has committed to the 2030 Energy Strategy which outlines long-term secure and sustainable energy outcomes that reduces greenhouse gases allowing communities to reduce fossil fuel dependency realizing renewable energy sources.

**WHEREAS** the utilization of renewable energy sources is crucial for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating the impacts of climate change;

**WHEREAS** net-metering allows individuals, businesses, and communities to contribute to the local power grid, enhancing the overall resilience and reliability of the electrical system;

**WHEREAS** expanding the net-metering capacity will encourage widespread adoption of renewable energy technologies, fostering sustainable development and supporting local economies;

**WHEREAS** the GNWT along with the utilities have placed a cap of 20% on intermittent renewable generation out of grid stability concern,

**WHEREAS** most of the communities have reached that cap, and expressed this cap and associated conditions to be an impediment in achieving their energy goals,

**WHEREAS** the GNWT released early 2022 a 'Renewable Energy Penetration Analysis' report, whose first key finding is as follows: "Remote off-grid communities in the NWT can likely accept up to 45% intermittent renewable energy into their electricity grids without compromising their stability."

**WHEREAS** the GNWT 2022-2025 Energy Action Plan has an action item titled "Give policy direction to the PUB to address intermittent renewable generation community capacity limits"

**WHEREAS** this action item comes with associated funding as follow: 30k\$ for 22/23, none for 23/24, and none for 24/25,

**WHEREAS** the availability of federal funding related to renewable energy deployment is time sensitive,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 20% cap is revised, according to the Analysis report and to the benefit of community energy autonomy, with no further delay nor further impediment.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the GNWT prioritize the 2030 Energy Strategy and ensure that there are no infrastructure shortfalls to prevent communities from implementing renewable energy sources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the GNWT and the utilities collaborate with local governments, renewable energy organizations, and community stakeholders to identify and address any barriers or challenges hindering the widespread adoption of net-metering systems.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the GNWT allocate sufficient funding and incentives to support the installation of renewable energy systems and facilitate the expansion of net metering capacity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the GNWT regularly review and update the net-metering program and renewable energy caps, ensuring its effectiveness and responsiveness to changing technological advancements and community needs.

**Category A   Concurrence**

**2023-05 – Resources must be included with Increased Engagement and Responsibilities**

**WHEREAS** it is heartening to see the increased engagement of community governments in the design of various strategies of the GNWT

**WHEREAS** many of these strategies recognize the importance of the participation of community governments in order to ensure the success of programs in their respective communities

**WHEREAS** community governments are best positioned to understand the needs of their communities

**WHEREAS** community governments are currently underfunded to the tune of 37%

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** assigning or downloading responsibilities in GNWT strategies must be accompanied with the resources to complete them

**Category A Concurrency**

**2023-06      Call for Public Inquiry – Kakisa/Enterprise/Hay River (SS-052)**  
**Wildfire Response**

**WHEREAS** the Northwest Territories experienced an extraordinary wildfire season during the summer of 2023 that impacted several communities and over 60% of its population. These impacts resulted in enormous physical, psychological and economical impacts to our residents and communities.

**AND WHEREAS** various agencies and governments involved in the 2023 wildfire season response are conducting after-action reviews - these reviews may provide a valuable platform for internally assessing the performance of each specific agency or government entity, they may fall short in comprehensively addressing inter-agency and inter-government operational, communication, and coordination issues highlighted by the complex, large-scale, and multi-jurisdictional nature of the 2023 wildfire season.

**AND WHEREAS** in support of the numerous calls by Leaders and residents for a Public Inquiry into N.W.T. wildfire response, including a petition signed by over 500 persons, statement by the Hamlet of Enterprise and, the NWT Dene Nation (ex: CBC/North.ca – Oct 19/2023 - *“Leaders and residents calling for public inquiry into N.W.T. wildfire response”*)

- *“The Dene Nation released a statement on Oct. 12 [2023] calling for a full independent public inquiry into the management and response to the unprecedented wildfire season.”*
- *“Earlier this week, leaders in Enterprise, N.W.T., were asking how their community was almost completely wiped out. The community of about 100 people lost 80 per cent of its structures.”*

**AND WHEREAS** at the Regular Meeting of Council 10-23 – November 21, 2023, a recommendation was brought forward for Council to discuss issuing a letter of support for a public inquiry into the 2023 wildfire response specifically in the Kakisa, Enterprise, Hay River area.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of the NWT, the Premier and Executive Council with the support of all MLAs, support the calls for a public inquiry into the 2023 wildfire season response efforts with the aim of identifying any inter-agency and inter-government operational, communication, and coordination issues that may have been highlighted by the complex, large-scale, and multi-jurisdictional nature of this wildfire season, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this process be carried out in the spirit of creating forward-looking recommendations that can enhance wildfire



prevention, preparedness, and response strategies through changes in legislation, policies, or practices to better ensure the protection of communities and natural ecosystems in the north.

**Category: B**

## **2023-24 NWTAC Annual General Meeting – Changes to NWTAC Reaffirmed Resolutions (Page 1/2)**

### **2023-24 NWTAC Annual General Meeting – Changes to NWTAC Reaffirmed Resolutions (Page 1/2)**

- **RA- 23-22-01: Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home Program**

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

- RESOLVED That the Federal Government ensure that updates to the National Housing Strategy include measures to set aside meaningful funding for the provision of social and affordable housing in rural and remote communities inclusive of those with a population base under 25k.

- **RA-23-20-07: O & M Funding Levels**

WHEREAS there is still a wide gap between funding needs and funding levels;

WHEREAS most, if not all, municipal governments have been struggling with less than adequate funding from the GNWT

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Dept of MACA to fully disclose its intentions to immediately increase O&M funding to all NWT municipal governments.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Dept of MACA to enter into 3 to 5-year contribution agreements with municipalities / local governments.

- **RA-23-20-09: Infrastructure Shortfall**

- WHEREAS less than 10% of the budgeted infrastructure expenditure (capital estimates) would fund the identified Community Infrastructure funding shortfall for municipalities, thus allowing community governments to invest in maintaining local infrastructure necessary to sustain and support basic community living requirements, promote long-term sustainability of community infrastructure and, to provide critical local economic stimulus.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly prioritize its 2024/25 and future years funding to eliminate the municipal Community Infrastructure shortfalls as identified by GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GNWT Dept of MACA provide the members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly with updated reporting that identifies the underfunding of critical infrastructure funding for municipalities.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Dept of MACA to enter into 3 to 5 year

contribution agreements with municipalities / local governments.

- **DL-23-20-12: Reinstate the Public Boards of Aurora College & the NWT Power Corporation** WHEREAS The Government of the NWT in all its services, organizations and corporations exist to serve the needs and directions of the residents of the NWT; and

WHEREAS engaged public boards of governance are an essential component of a healthy democracy and representative of a Government that is interested in listening, and acting in the best interests of its residents, by following the directions and feedback of its public;

- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the NWTAC asks the Government of the NWT to immediately re-instate the public boards of The NT Power Corporation and Aurora College.

- **DL-23-20-18: Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms and Costs in the NWT**

WHEREAS as identified in the GNWT's Mental Health and Addictions Strategic Framework, alcohol 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.

- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Govt of the NWT implement its proposed Alcohol Strategy that includes an evidence-based gold standard best practices to address alcohol related harm in the NWT.

#### **2023-24 NWTAC Annual General Meeting – Changes to NWTAC Standing Resolutions (Page 1/1)**

- **DL-23-17-03: Fiscal Year Resolution**

WHEREAS The NWT Cities Towns and Villages Act requires the fiscal year to be the calendar year; and

WHEREAS the NWT Charter Communities Act and the Hamlets Act require a fiscal year ending March 31, except in the case of a Municipal Taxing Authority; and

WHEREAS all Communities rely on funding from other orders of government whose fiscal year ends on March 31; and

WHEREAS it may be in the better interest of each community in the NWT to select a fiscal year end which meets its need;

- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the NWTAC urges the GNWT to enact legislative changes that would give all municipalities the option of choosing a fiscal year that matches the calendar year or a fiscal year that ends on March 31; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this legislative change be identified as a priority for the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

- **DL-23-14-01: Fees for Households in the GTA**



WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is responsible for the services and associated fees for households in the General Taxation Area;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is responsible for the assessment and determination of the mill rates for these households,

AND WHEREAS these households typically make use of municipal services such as landfill, water and sewer systems, emergency services, etcetera.

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Govt of the NWT develop a policy whereby the mill rate levied to these households, in proximity to established communities, mirrors municipal mill rates; and the monies collected by the Dept of MACA be distributed to the nearest community that provides for municipal services.

**2023-07      Changes to the Electoral Boundaries for the Northwest Territories**

**WHEREAS**, the NWT comprises 33 communities, each with its unique needs and challenges;

**WHEREAS**, Tuktoyaktuk faces distinct concerns related to the presence of a road, setting it apart from the other three communities Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, and Ulukhaktok currently represented by the MLA for Nunakput;

**WHEREAS** the difference in concerns requires a more targeted and representative approach in addressing the diverse needs of our constituents.

**WHEREAS** the creation of an additional member of the Legislative Assembly for Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, and Ulukhaktok will ensure fair and equitable representation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that Northwest Territories Association of Communities officially supports the creation of an additional member of the Legislative Assembly to represent these three communities, recognizing their unique challenges and opportunities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that Northwest Territories Association of Communities will communicate this support to the relevant authorities and advocate for the necessary legislative changes.

**Category: B**

## **2023-08 New Electoral District**

**WHEREAS** The Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk has significantly different concerns and priorities from the 3 off road smaller communities in the Nunakput Riding especially with the addition of a highway to Inuvik.

**WHEREAS** Population is a factor during elections as shown over time and it is the wish of all communities that fair and equivalent representation be maintained across the NWT.

**WHEREAS** The Nunakput Rising is situated in the most northern and remote area of the Northwest Territories and it can be very difficult for the MLA to make regular visits.

**AND WHEREAS** the three coastal communities of Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Ulukhaktok wish to have their own representative within the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Government of the Northwest Territories be asked to consider splitting the Electoral District of Nunakput and add another MLA to best serve the needs of the communities of Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Ulukhaktok.

**Category: B**



## ***ELECTION OF OFFICERS***

Nomination Committee was chaired by Councillor Barbara Hart and Councillor Kevin Campbell.

This year the positions of President, Vice President for both Cities, Towns and Villages as well as Hamlets, Charter Communities, Tlicho Government and Community Governments and 1 Director for Cities, Towns and Villages were up for election.

The 2024-2025 Board of Directors is as follows:

President	Mayor Rebecca Alty City of Yellowknife
Vice President, Cities/Towns/Villages	Mayor Kandis Jameson Town of Hay River
Vice President, Hamlets/Charter Communities Tlicho Government/Community Governments	Mayor Joshua Oliktoak Hamlet of Ulukhaktok
Director, City/Towns/Villages	Mayor Clarence Wood Town of Inuvik
Director, City/Towns/Villages	Councillor Kevin Campbell Town of Fort Smith
Director, Charter Communities/ Hamlet/Tlicho Government/ Community Governments	Councillor Barbara Hart Hamlet of Enterprise
Director, Charter Communities/ Hamlet/ Tlicho Government/ Community Governments	Chief Doreen Arrowmaker Community Government of Gameti

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned ~ 5:00 pm. Saturday, March 2, 2024.

**NWTAC Board of Director Virtual Meeting  
January 16, 2024  
Minutes**

***ATTENDANCE***

Mayor Rebecca Alty	City of Yellowknife
Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski	Town of Inuvik
Councillor Barb Hart	Hamlet of Enterprise
Chief Doreen Arrowmaker	Community Government of Gameti
Councillor Kevin Campbell	Town of Fort Smith
Mayor Ray Ruben	Hamlet of Paulatuk
Mayor Kandis Jameson	Town of Hay River

***Staff***

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:18 am

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

Moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Mayor Kandis Jameson to accept the agenda.

**CARRIED**

***APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES***

Moved by Chief Doreen Arrowmaker and second by Councillor Barb Hart to accept the January 16, 2024, Board Minutes.

**CARRIED**

## **NWTAC 2022/2023 Financial Statements**

Moved by Mayor Ray Ruben and second by Councillor Kevin Campbell to accept the 2022/2023 Financial Statements.

**CARRIED**

## **NWTAC VARIANCE REPORT 2024-2025 BUDGET**

Moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Chief Doreen Arrowmaker to accept the Variance Report and 2024 – 2025 Budget

**CARRIED**

## **NWTAC 2023-2024 BUDGET**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Campbell and second by Councillor Bard Hart to accept the 2023-2024 NWTAC Budget.

**CARRIED**

## **NWTAC INVESTMENTS**

Glenn Bowie, Senior Portfolio Manager with BMO Nesbitt Burns joined the board and gave an update on the investment of NWTAC/NORCIX and NCIP. At this time all portfolios are doing good.

## **FUNDING REVIEW**

The Board discussed the funding review and work has determined that the gap has actually widened to \$51M. It was noted during the discussion that not everyone understands what the NWTAC does. It was suggested that we have an interactive table at the AGM and let people ask questions and educate them on what it is their Association does.



## **TERRITORIAL ELECTION DEBRIEF AND MLA ORIENTATION**

The Board reviewed the recent Territorial Election and MLA Orientation. Much discussion was had the topic. It was the recommendation of the Board that a meeting be set between the Board and Minister Vince McKay, Minister Responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs. It was also recommended that a second meeting to set up between the Minister McKay, Minister Responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs and Minister MacDonald, Minister Responsible for Environment and Climate Change to discuss issues before the wildfire season starts up.

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

It was moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Mayor Kandis Jameson that the NWTAC appoint Avery Cooper & Co. as the auditors for the period April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

**CARRIED**

## **SETTING OF RESERVES**

It was moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Councillor Kevin Campbell that the NWTAC internally restrict \$50,000.00 of the unrestricted accumulated surplus as a reserve for future projects at the discretion of the NWTAC Board of Directors and \$150,000 for Operating Reserve. This reserve shall be prepared in accordance with the standards established by the Accounting Standards Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants and the NWTAC Auditors, Avery, Cooper, and Co.

**CARRIED**

## **AGM DEBRIEF**

Sara and Yvonne updated the Board on the AGM scheduled for February 29 – March 2, 2024, in Hay River. All preparations are under way. We are very excited to be heading to Hay River in 2024.

**CARRIED**

## **ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Sara updated the Board on the activities of the NWTAC since our last meeting. Some of the topics included funding review, social determinants various projects involving climate change, advocacy days, ATIPP and other issues such as paling language document on 10 calls to action on reconciliation for research.

### ***ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING***

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 11:22 am.

**CARRIED**

### **IN CAMERA SESSION**

Motion to move in Camera for NWTAC. Moved by Chief Doreen Arrowmaker and second by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski.

**CARRIED**

It was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Councillor Barb Hart to move out of in-camera. No business arising.

**CARRIED**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Deputy Mayor Natasha Kulikowski and second by Chief Doreen Arrowmaker 2:40pm

**CARRIED**

**NWTAC Board of Director  
February 28, 2024  
Minutes**

***ATTENDANCE***

Mayor Rebecca Alty	City of Yellowknife
Mayor Kandis Jameson	Town of Hay River
Mayor Raymond Ruben	Hamlet of Paulatuk
Councillor Barbara Hart	Hamlet of Enterprise
Chief Doreen Arrowmaker	Community Government of Gameti
Councillor Kevin Campbell	Town of Fort Smith

***Staff***

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

Moved by Councillor Barb Hart and second by Chief Doreen Arrowmaker to accept the agenda.

**CARRIED**

***APPROVAL BOARD MINUTES***

Moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson and second by Councillor Barbara Hart to accept the January 16, 2024, Board Minutes.

**CARRIED**

## **AGM UPDATE**

Sara updated the Board on the AGM, and the Board was given their briefing notes for the meeting. A discussion was held on what the topics should be for the woman's breakfast as well as questions for the GNWT Ministers.

## **HONORARIUM AND RETURN OF ADVANCES**

Yvonne and Sara discussed the Board advance and the recommendation that these advances be paid back to the NWTAC before year end March 31, 2024. Yvonne will send each individual Board Member how much is owed by them.

## ***ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING***

It was moved by Mayor Kandis Jameson to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 6:00pm.

**CARRIED**

**NWTAC Board of Director  
June 14, 2024  
Minutes**

***ATTENDANCE***

Mayor Rebecca Alty	City of Yellowknife
Mayor Kandis Jameson	Town of Hay River
Mayor Joshua Oliktoak	Hamlet of Ulukhaktok
Councillor Barbara Hart	Hamlet of Enterprise
Chief Doreen Arrowmaker	Community Government of Gameti
Councillor Kevin Campbell	Town of Fort Smith

***Staff***

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:03am

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

Moved by Mayor Clarence Wood and second by Councillor Barbara Hart to accept the agenda.

**CARRIED**

***APPROVAL BOARD MINUTES***

Moved by Councillor Barbara Hart and second by Chief Doreen Arrowmaker to accept the February 28, 2024, Board Minutes.

**CARRIED**



## **AGM Debrief**

The Board discussed the 2024 AGM. They agreed the AGM in Hay River was a huge success, even with all the logistics that was needed. They discussed the guest speaker and how everything went.

## **2025 AGM**

Yvonne and Sara discussed the logistics of the NWTAC 2025 AGM, which will take place in Yellowknife February 25 – March 2, 2025. Logistics are being worked on and the Conference room and hotel rooms have been blocked. The Board also discussed the 2026 AGM which is the NWTAC's 60<sup>th</sup> AGM. The decision was to hold the 2024 and 2025 in Yellowknife.

## **ATIP Update**

Sara updated the Board on ATIP.

## **FCM Update**

Sara and Mayor Alty updated the Board of the meetings they have attended with the FCM. The Board also discussed advocacy day, it was recommended that Sara look into future dates of going to Ottawa for Advocacy Days and get some dates back to the board.

## ***ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING***

Mayor Kandis Jameson moved to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 10:25am.

**CARRIED**

**NWTAC Board of Director  
October 22, 2024  
Minutes**

***ATTENDANCE***

Mayor Rebecca Alty	City of Yellowknife
Mayor Kandis Jameson	Town of Hay River
Mayor Joshua Oliktoak	Hamlet of Ulukhaktok
Mayor Barbara Hart	Hamlet of Enterprise
Councillor Kevin Campbell	Town of Fort Smith

***Staff***

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 8:58am

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

Moved by Mayor Barbara Hart and second by Mayor Kandis Jameson to accept the agenda.

**CARRIED**

***APPROVAL BOARD MINUTES***

Moved by Mayor Barbara Hart and second by Mayor Joshua Oliktoak to accept the June 14, 2024, Board Minutes.

**CARRIED**

## **APPROVAL OF NWTAC Financial Statements**

Moved by Mayor Barbara Hart and second by Mayor Kandis Jameson to accept the 2023-2024 Financial Statements of the NWTAC.

**CARRIED**

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Campbell and second by Mayor Joshua Oliktoak to appoint Avery Cooper and Co. as the auditor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**CARRIED**

## **AGM UPDATE**

Sara and Yvonne updated the Board on the logistics and on-going planning of the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

## **MINISTER MCKAY DEFRIEF, LETTER TO PREMIER - COUNCIL OF LEADERS, FCM UPDATE, CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE.**

The Board discussed other issues including, the meeting with Minister McKay, Letter to Council of Leaders, the FCM Update and Climate Change.

## **NWTAC STRATEGIC PLAN and EXPENDITURES AGAINST ACCUMULATED SURPLUS**

The Board recommended that a separate meeting be held to discuss these two topics in more detail.

## ***ADJOURNMENT OF THE NWTAC MEETING***

It was moved by Mayor Barbara Hart to adjourn the NWTAC meeting at 1150am.

**CARRIED**



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Director	Mayor Pat Klengenberg
Director	Deputy Mayor Lyne Maisonneuve
Director	Chief Doreen Arrowmaker
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2019 – 2021	Lynn Napier
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2000- (Term Ended November 2000)	George Roach
1998-1999	George Roach
1997-1998	George Roach
1996-1997	Dennis Bevington
1995-1996	Dennis Bevington
1994-1995	Dennis Bevington
(Term Began November 1994)	
1994	Pat McMahon
(Term Ended November 1994)	
1993-1994	Pat McMahon
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**TAB 3**  
**NWTAC**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES**  
**Yellowknife, N.W.T.**

**NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2024**

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## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING

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

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

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



Sara Brown, P.Eng.  
Chief Executive Officer  
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September 5, 2024



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the members of  
NWT Association of Communities

### *Opinion*

We have audited the Non-Consolidated financial statements of NWT Association of Communities (the "Association"), which comprise the Non-Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2024, and the Non-Consolidated Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Assets and Cash Flows for the years then ended, and notes to the Non-Consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying Non-Consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Non-Consolidated financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2024, and the Non-Consolidated results of its operations and its Non-Consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### *Basis for Opinion*

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

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

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

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

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

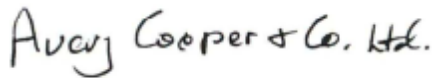
### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements*

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

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

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

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



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

September 5, 2024

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2024

### ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 954,586	\$ 959,610
Term deposit (note 3)	293,682	142,345
Accounts receivable (note 4)	803,674	152,291
Prepaid expenses and deposits	12,170	21,788
Government remittances receivable (note 8)	<u>15,120</u>	<u>11,197</u>
	2,079,232	1,287,231
<b>INVESTMENTS (note 5)</b>	280,450	165,970
<b>TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (note 6)</b>	<u>4,173</u>	<u>9,437</u>
	<u><u>\$ 2,363,855</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,462,638</u></u>

### LIABILITIES

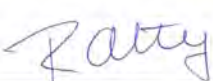
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Wages and benefits payable	\$ 79,847	\$ 95,050
Trade payables and accruals	206,293	78,861
Deferred revenue (note 7)	635,197	251,938
Government remittances payable (note 8)	<u>87,574</u>	<u>69</u>
	1,008,911	425,918
<b>EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (note 9)</b>	<u>81,447</u>	<u>79,592</u>
	<u>1,090,358</u>	<u>505,510</u>

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (note 10)

### NET ASSETS

<b>RESERVES</b>		
(NOTE 15) per page 3	200,000	200,000
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS per page 3</b>	1,069,325	747,691
<b>INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS per page 3</b>	<u>4,172</u>	<u>9,437</u>
	<u>1,273,497</u>	<u>957,128</u>
	<u><u>\$ 2,363,855</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,462,638</u></u>

Approved:

 Director

 Director

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2024

	2024 Budget note 12	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Contributions for special projects	\$ 1,067,000	\$ 2,154,915	\$ 906,561
Admin recoveries	584,500	562,512	567,883
GNWT core funding	230,000	230,000	230,000
Annual General Meetings	125,000	154,599	117,061
Membership fees	114,500	115,010	114,587
Supportive membership	15,000	15,000	15,000
Investment income	9,500	20,238	10,395
	<u>2,145,500</u>	<u>3,252,274</u>	<u>1,961,487</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Annual General Meeting	110,000	177,989	128,302
Communications	9,000	6,137	7,595
Computer	24,000	9,863	11,739
Honoraria	20,000	14,850	16,060
Insurance	600	404	326
Interest and bank charges	2,500	1,943	1,948
Memberships	2,500	2,888	2,485
Office publications	1,500	1,352	3,032
Office and administration	7,200	15,541	8,584
Office photocopy	3,000	3,224	3,077
Professional fees	35,000	30,651	37,231
Rent	72,500	75,375	50,415
Salaries and benefits (note 18)	926,300	1,384,274	1,089,063
Special projects	887,000	1,268,058	719,369
Travel - Board members	22,000	10,258	25,332
Travel - CEO	16,000	15,314	16,093
Travel - Staff	3,000	-	3,751
	<u>2,142,100</u>	<u>3,018,121</u>	<u>2,124,402</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>234,153</u>	<u>(162,915)</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)</b>			
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(3,300)	(5,265)	(4,827)
Gain on sale of investments	-	1,777	4,427
Bad debts	-	(9,838)	(9,418)
Change in market value of investments	-	95,542	1,726
	<u>(3,300)</u>	<u>82,216</u>	<u>(8,092)</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u><u>\$ 100</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 316,369</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (171,007)</u></u>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended March 31, 2024

	<u>Reserves (note 15)</u>	<u>Accumulated Surplus</u>	<u>Invested in Capital Assets</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>
<b>BALANCE, opening</b>	\$ 200,000	\$ 747,691	\$ 9,437	\$ 957,128	\$ 1,128,135
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses per page 2	-	316,369	-	316,369	(171,007)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>5,265</u>	<u>(5,265)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>BALANCE, closing</b>	<u><u>\$ 200,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,069,325</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,172</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,273,497</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 957,128</u></u>



# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended March 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (note 19)</b>		
<b>Cash received from:</b>		
GNWT contributions	\$ 1,175,310	\$ 1,024,220
Fees, recoveries, and other	930,693	729,673
Government of Canada contributions	846,218	371,423
Investment income	<u>12,901</u>	<u>7,931</u>
	<u>2,965,122</u>	<u>2,133,247</u>
<b>Cash paid for:</b>		
Materials and services	1,491,531	1,083,932
Salaries and benefits	<u>1,310,117</u>	<u>1,057,320</u>
	<u>2,801,648</u>	<u>2,141,252</u>
	<u>163,474</u>	<u>(8,005)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Increase in term deposit	(151,337)	(6,463)
Proceeds from sale of investments	160,084	147,451
Purchase of investments	(177,245)	(129,581)
Purchase of tangible capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,264)</u>
	<u>(168,498)</u>	<u>6,143</u>
<b>DECREASE IN CASH</b>	(5,024)	(1,862)
<b>CASH, opening</b>	<u>959,610</u>	<u>961,472</u>
<b>CASH, closing</b>	<u><u>\$ 954,586</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 959,610</u></u>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2024

### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

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

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### (a) Basis of presentation

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

#### (b) Cash equivalents

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

#### (c) Financial instruments

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

#### (d) Tangible capital assets

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

Computer equipment	3 years
Office equipment	5 years

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

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2024

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

#### (d) Tangible capital assets, continued

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

#### (e) Employee future benefits

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

#### (f) Pension plan

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

#### (g) Revenue recognition

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

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

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

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

Membership fees are recognized as revenue when received or receivable.

#### (h) Government assistance

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

# **NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES**

## **NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

March 31, 2024

### **2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**

#### **(i) Contributed materials and services**

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

#### **(j) Allocation of expenses**

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

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

#### **(k) Measurement uncertainty**

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

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

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2024

### 3. TERM DEPOSIT

The Association invests in redeemable guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) with the Bank of Montreal, with annual interest rates of 5.32% and 5.60%, an aggregate cost of \$283,000 (2023 - \$139,000), a fair value of \$293,682 (2023 - \$142,345) including accrued interest, maturing June 3, 2024 and February 18, 2025.

### 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
GNWT - HSS - Community Vaccine Promotion Fund	\$ 11,314	\$ 11,314
GNWT - HSS - Healthy Living Partnerships	37,500	-
GNWT - ECC - Community Land Use Planning	4,918	43,175
GNWT - MACA - Mayor and chiefs Boot Camp	35,000	35,000
GNWT - Infrastructure - Climate Future Conference	<u>27,205</u>	<u>-</u>
	115,937	89,489
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	236,000	-
Government of Canada - Housing, Infrastructure and Communities	187,053	-
Annual General Meeting	15,595	3,500
Membership fees	17,719	3,556
Interest income	10,682	3,345
Admin recoveries & Other	<u>244,945</u>	<u>66,819</u>
	827,931	166,709
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>24,257</u>	<u>14,418</u>
	<u><u>\$ 803,674</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 152,291</u></u>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2024

### 5. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of common and preferred shares managed by the Bank of Montreal with an aggregate cost of \$203,861 (2023 - \$133,737) and market value of \$280,450 (2023 - \$165,970).

Net investment income for the period is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Realized investment income:		
Interest from term deposit	\$ 12,827	\$ 4,067
Dividends from investments in shares	7,411	6,328
Gain on sale of investments	<u>1,777</u>	<u>4,427</u>
	22,015	14,822
Unrealized investment income:		
Change in market value of investments	<u>95,542</u>	<u>1,725</u>
Net investment income	<u><u>\$ 117,557</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,547</u></u>

### 6. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated amortization</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Net</u>
Computer equipment	\$ 21,431	\$ 18,129	\$ 3,302	\$ 6,825
Leasehold improvements	132,523	132,523	-	-
Office equipment	<u>23,149</u>	<u>22,278</u>	<u>871</u>	<u>2,612</u>
	<u>\$ 177,103</u>	<u>\$ 172,930</u>	<u>\$ 4,173</u>	<u>\$ 9,437</u>

### 7. DEFERRED REVENUE

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Opening balance	\$ 251,938	\$ 282,495
Cash funding received	1,449,742	1,202,368
Contributions repayable	-	(39,960)
Contributions receivable	303,500	65,060
Revenue recognized	<u>(1,369,983)</u>	<u>(1,258,025)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 635,197</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 251,938</u></u>



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## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2024

### 7. DEFERRED REVENUE, continued

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Deferred revenue at March 31, 2024 consists of the following:		
Membership fees received in advance	\$ 77,192	\$ 4,658
Contributions for special projects received in advance	494,589	247,280
Administrative recoveries received in advance	<u>63,416</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 635,197</u>	<u>\$ 251,938</u>

The Association has various contribution agreements with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Departments of Environment and Climate Change (ECC), Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), and Health and Social Services (HSS), as well as the Government of Canada (GOC), to fund special projects. Agreements stipulate that any money advanced to NWTAC and not expended prior to the termination or expiry of the contract shall be refunded to the GNWT and GOC.

### 8. GOVERNMENT REMITTANCES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
GST receivable	<u>\$ 15,120</u>	<u>\$ 11,197</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
GST payable	\$ 488	\$ -
Payroll remittances payable	<u>87,086</u>	<u>69</u>
	<u>\$ 87,574</u>	<u>\$ 69</u>

### 9. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

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

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS, opening	\$ 79,592	\$ 71,706
Severance benefits earned by employees during the year	<u>1,855</u>	<u>7,886</u>
	<u>\$ 81,447</u>	<u>\$ 79,592</u>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2024

### 9. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS, continued

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

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

### 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

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

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

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

Transactions

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenues		
Admin recoveries - NCIP	\$ 436,084	\$ 476,400
Admin recoveries - NORCIX	102,194	91,453
AGM Sponsorship - NCIP	<u>17,045</u>	<u>9,580</u>
	<u>\$ 555,323</u>	<u>\$ 577,433</u>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2024

### 11. CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Summary financial information at March 31, 2024 and for the year then ended from the most recent audited financial statements of NCIP and NORCIX are as follows:

	<u>NCIP</u>	<u>NORCIX</u>
Total assets	\$ 3,208,941	\$ 23,417,621
Total liabilities	<u>(1,065,719)</u>	<u>(4,012,088)</u>
Net assets	<u>\$ 2,143,222</u>	<u>\$ 19,405,533</u>
Revenues	\$ 5,319,376	\$ 4,859,816
Expenses	<u>(5,576,864)</u>	<u>(2,331,737)</u>
(Deficiency) Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ (257,488)</u>	<u>\$ 2,528,079</u>
Net cash from operating activities	\$ 356,519	\$ 1,350,876
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(24,112)</u>	<u>(880,608)</u>
Increase in cash	<u>\$ 332,407</u>	<u>\$ 470,268</u>

At March 31, 2024 the net assets of NORCIX of \$19,405,533 (2023 - \$16,877,454) includes \$4,441,735 (2023 - \$4,910,407) in internally restricted net assets for its Loss Prevention Incentive Programs. Net assets of NCIP of \$2,143,222 (2023 - \$2,400,710) includes \$633,160 (2023 - \$488,346) in internally restricted net assets for its Loss Prevention Reserve.

### 12. BUDGET AMOUNTS

The 2024 budget included in the non-consolidated statement of operations on page 2 was approved by the Board of Directors on March 20, 2023, is unaudited, and is presented for information purposes only.

### 13. PENSION PLAN

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

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2024

### 13. PENSION PLAN, continued

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

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

As at January 1, 2024, the NEBS Pension Plan has a preliminary going concern surplus of \$66,573,900 (2023 - \$81,300,000) and a funded ratio of 118.5% (2023 - 127.0%). The Plan serves 4,205 employee members and 118 participating employers.

Participating employers in the Plan, including the Association are required to make contributions to the plan of 8% (2023 - 8%) of pensionable earnings, and to remit employee contributions of 8% (2023 - 8%). These contributions cover current service costs and a provision for adverse deviation.

Sufficient information is not available to use defined benefit plan accounting. As such, defined contribution plan accounting is used. During the period, employee contributions to the Plan is \$82,599 (2023 - \$69,698), and employer contributions to the Plan is \$82,599 (2023 - \$69,698).

As at January 1, 2024, the Northern Employee Benefits Services Pension Plan is in a preliminary solvency deficiency position of \$124,834,100 (2023 - \$124,834,100). While the Association does not intend to terminate its participation in the Plan for the foreseeable future, the Association would be obligated, per the NEBS Act, for its share of the solvency deficiency upon withdrawal. The Association's obligation, as Plan Sponsor, would be calculated based on actuarial estimates for all active, deferred and retired employees.

### 14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

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

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

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### 14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, continued

#### Market risk

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

### 15. RESERVES

The NWTAC internally restricted \$200,000 (2023 - \$200,000) of the unrestricted accumulated surplus for the following reserves:

(i) a general reserve for \$50,000 (2023 - \$50,000) for future special projects at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

(ii) an operating reserve for \$150,000 (2023 - \$150,000) to stabilize the Association's finances by providing a cushion against unexpected events, losses of income, and large unbudgeted expenses.

No transfers made from or to the reserves in the current year.

### 16. CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Project / Term</u>
GNWT - MACA	MACA Core Funding 2024-2026
Canada - CIRNAC	Climate Change Preparedness in the North (CCPN)
Canada - CIRNAC	Northern REACHE
Canada - CIRNAC	Community Mapping Action Plan
Canada - CIRNAC	Climate Change Risk Based Partnership
Infrastructure Canada	DMAF (Wildfire Resilient Project)

Future maximum contributions remaining under these agreements are as follows:

2025	\$ 7,911,329
2026	3,410,885
2027	2,999,785
2028	2,999,785
2029	2,999,785
2030	180,848
2031	180,848
2032	180,849
	<u>20,864,114</u>

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## NOTES TO THE NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 17. COMMITMENTS

The Association has entered into operating leases including for the premises expiring January 1, 2026 and office equipment expiring February 25, 2027. Future minimum lease payments for operating leases are as follows:

2025	\$ 18,560
2026	15,725
2027	1,420
	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 35,705</u>

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

### 18. SALARIES AND BENEFITS

Salaries and benefits allocated to special projects represent the administration component of project costs. Such allocations are based on the provisions of the respective contribution agreements.

	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>
Core	\$ 485,500	\$ 911,125	\$ 899,157
Special projects	440,800	473,149	189,906
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total aggregate salaries and benefits expense	<u>\$ 926,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,384,274</u>	<u>\$ 1,089,063</u>

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### 19. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses per page 2	\$ 316,369	\$ (171,007)
Items not requiring cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	5,264	4,827
Change in market value of investments	(95,542)	(1,727)
Gain on sale of investments	(1,777)	(4,427)
Accrued interest income	-	-
Bad debts	<u>(9,838)</u>	<u>(9,418)</u>
	<u>214,476</u>	<u>(181,752)</u>
Net change in non-cash operating working capital accounts:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(645,468)	232,200
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and deposits	10,820	(8,319)
(Decrease) increase in wages and benefits payable	(13,348)	31,674
Increase (decrease) in trade payables and accruals	213,735	(45,101)
Decrease in contributions repayable	-	(6,150)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	<u>383,259</u>	<u>(30,557)</u>
	<u>(51,002)</u>	<u>173,747</u>
Cash flows from operating activities per page 4	<u>\$ 163,474</u>	<u>\$ (8,005)</u>



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## SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED REVENUE

For the year ended March 31, 2024

Projects	Opening balance	Cash funding received	Funding receivable	Repayments	Total funding available	Revenue recognized	Closing balance
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES</b>							
<b>Members</b>							
Membership fees received in advance	4,658	188,545	-	-	193,203	116,010	77,192
NCIP Administrative Costs received in advance	-	499,500	-	-	499,500	436,084	63,416
<b>Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)</b>							
Climate Change Conference	34,115	-	-	-	34,115	34,115	-
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>							
<b>Government of Canada</b>							
<b>Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)</b>							
Community Mapping Action Plan	-	75,000	-	-	75,000	-	75,000
INAC Municipal Building Foundation Evaluations 2020-2024	91,673	1,000	-	-	92,673	60,469	32,204
2022 Climate Change and Asset Management Conference	7,022	-	-	-	7,022	7,022	-
CIRNAC REACH	27,748	-	-	-	27,748	27,748	-
Climate Change Risk Based Partnership	-	448,197	-	-	448,197	207,900	240,297
Climate Change Preparedness in the North	-	-	231,000	-	231,000	208,863	22,137
Total CIRNAC	126,443	524,197	231,000	-	881,640	512,002	369,638
Total Government of Canada	126,443	524,197	231,000	-	881,640	512,002	369,638

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## SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED REVENUE

For the year ended March 31, 2024

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Cash funding received</b>	<b>Funding receivable</b>	<b>Repayments</b>	<b>Total funding available</b>	<b>Revenue recognized</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
<b>Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)</b>							
<b>GNWT - Department of Health and Social Services (HSS)</b>							
Anti-Poverty Roundtable	28,132	-	-	-	28,132	-	28,132
Healthy Living Partnerships	-	37,500	37,500	-	75,000	21,646	53,354
<b>Total HSS</b>	<b>28,132</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,132</b>	<b>21,646</b>	<b>81,486</b>
<b>GNWT - Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA)</b>							
Community Planning Conference	-	200,000	-	-	200,000	164,954	35,046
Mayors Camp and Annual Conference	24,823	-	35,000	-	59,823	59,823	-
<b>Total MACA</b>	<b>24,823</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>259,823</b>	<b>224,777</b>	<b>35,046</b>
<b>GNWT - Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC)</b>							
Community Land Use Planning	33,767	-	-	-	33,767	25,349	8,418
<b>Total ECC</b>	<b>33,767</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,767</b>	<b>25,349</b>	<b>8,418</b>
<b>Total GNWT</b>	<b>86,722</b>	<b>237,500</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>396,722</b>	<b>271,772</b>	<b>124,950</b>
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>247,280</b>	<b>761,697</b>	<b>303,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,312,477</b>	<b>817,888</b>	<b>494,589</b>
<b>Total recoveries and contributions</b>	<b>\$ 251,938</b>	<b>\$ 1,449,742</b>	<b>\$ 303,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,005,180</b>	<b>\$ 1,369,983</b>	<b>\$ 635,197</b>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## SCHEDULE OF CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS IN THE NORTH PROGRAM For the year ended March 31, 2024

	2024 <u>Budget</u>	2024 <u>Actual</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ 231,000	\$ 231,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration costs	21,000	21,000
Audit cost	-	2,000
Communications	2,000	2,110
Office supplies and equipment	1,000	4,954
Training, workshops and meetings	22,500	12,558
Travel, accommodation and meals	24,500	6,241
Salaries and wages	160,000	160,000
	<u>231,000</u>	<u>208,863</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>22,137</u>
<b>AMOUNT DEFERRED</b>		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ 231,000	\$ 231,000
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	<u>(231,000)</u>	<u>(208,863)</u>
Opening Deferred	-	-
Amount Deferred	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 22,137</u>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOUNDATION EVALUATIONS PROGRAM For the year ended March 31, 2024

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ 1,000	\$ 60,469
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Audit cost	2,000	2,000
Professional services	46,840	57,469
Salaries and wages	1,000	1,000
	49,840	60,469
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ (48,840)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>AMOUNT DEFERRED</b>		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(60,469)</u>
Opening Deferred	91,673	91,673
Amount Deferred	<u>\$ 32,204</u>	<u>\$ 32,204</u>

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## SCHEDULE OF CLEAN ENERGY PATHFINDERS PROGRAM

For the year ended March 31, 2024

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration fees	14,600	14,500
Audit costs	2,000	2,000
Communications	2,000	2,000
Office supplies	2,000	3,557
Salaries and wages	140,000	139,876
Travel, accommodations, and meals	-	5,713
	160,600	167,647
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ 4,400	(2,646.66)
<b>AMOUNT DEFERRED</b>		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	(165,000)	(167,647)
Opening Deferred	-	-
Amount Deferred	\$ -	\$ -

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## SCHEDULE OF RISK BASED PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

For the year ended March 31, 2024

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ 448,197	\$ 448,197
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration fees	22,900	18,900
Audit costs	4,000	4,000
Communications	8,000	4,000
Office supplies and equipment	8,000	6,312
Salaries and wages	405,297	172,701
Travel, accommodation and meals	-	1,988
	448,197	207,900
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ -	\$ 240,297
<b>AMOUNT DEFERRED</b>		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ 448,197	\$ 448,197
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	(448,197)	(207,900)
Opening Deferred	-	-
Amount Deferred	\$ -	\$ 240,297

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## SCHEDULE OF 2022 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE For the year ended March 31, 2024

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ -	\$ 7,022
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration fees	-	6,722
Travel and accommodation	-	300
	-	7,022
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>AMOUNT DEFERRED</b>		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ -	\$ -
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	-	-
Opening Deferred	-	7,022
Closing Deferred	\$ -	\$ -

# NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

## SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY MAPPING ACTION PLAN For the year ended March 31, 2024

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Government of Canada:		
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration fees	6,818	-
Audit costs	2,000	-
Communications	1,000	-
Professional services	65,182	-
	75,000	-
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ -	\$ 75,000
<b>AMOUNT DEFERRED</b>		
CIRNAC Project Cash Receipts	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
CIRNAC Project Funding Expended	75,000	-
Opening Deferred	-	-
Closing Deferred	\$ -	\$ 75,000





**TAB 4**  
**NWTAC**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

# NWT Association of Communities

## DRAFT 2025-2026 Budget

	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Budget	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>					
Government of the NWT Core Funding	230,000.00	230,000	230,000	230,000	230,000
Contributions for Special projects	1,085,000	1,067,000	2,154,915	1,093,776	2,897,261
Admin Recoveries	566,400	584,500	562,512	600,350	649,410
Membership Dues	113,550	114,500	115,010	114,500	114,500
AGM Revenues	125,000	125,000	154,599	120,000	100,000
Supportive Membership	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Interest Income	10,000	9,500	20,238	10,000	25,000

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,144,950</b>	<b>\$ 2,145,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,252,274</b>	<b>\$ 2,183,626</b>	<b>\$ 4,031,171</b>
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### Expenditures

AGM Expenses	100,000	110,000	177,989	110,000	110,000
Communications	9,000	9,000	6,137	9,000	9,000
Computer Expenses	15,000	24,000	9,863	18,000	24,000
Honoraria	15,000	20,000	14,850	20,000	20,000
Insurance	1,200	600	404	450	3,500
Interest and Bank Charges	2,300	2,500	1,943	2,500	2,500
Membership Dues	2,500	2,500	2,888	2,500	2,500
Office and Administration	7,000	7,000	15,541	8,000	7,000
Office Photocopy	3,000	3,000	3,224	3,000	3,000
Office Publications	1,500	1,500	1,352	3,000	1,500
Professional Fees	34,000	35,000	30,651	38,000	35,000
Rent	56,000	72,500	75,375	73,000	73,000
Salaries & Benefits Core	1,035,000	926,300	911,125	952,300	1,076,960
Salaries and Benefits Special Projects		440,800	473,149	469,000	473,000
Special Projects	820,000	446,200	1,268,058	427,634	2,142,464
Travel Board	22,000	22,000	10,258	22,000	22,000
Travel Chief Executive Officer	16,000	16,000	15,314	21,500	22,000
Travel Staff		3,000			

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,139,500</b>	<b>2,141,900</b>	<b>3,018,121</b>	<b>2,179,884</b>	<b>4,027,424</b>
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<b>Excess of Revenues over expenses from operations</b>	<b>5,450</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>234,153</b>	<b>3,742</b>	<b>3,747</b>
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<b>Bad Debts</b>			(9,838)		
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<b>Change in Market value of investments</b>			95,542		
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<b>Gain on sale of investments</b>			1,777		
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<b>Amortization of tangible assets</b>	<b>(4,500)</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>	<b>(5,265)</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>
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<b>Loss of disposal on capital assets</b>					
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<b>Loss on sale of tangible assets</b>					
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<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>(4,500)</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>	<b>82,216</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>
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<b>Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 950</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ 316,369</b>	<b>\$ 442</b>	<b>\$ 447</b>
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**TAB 5**  
**NWTAC**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



# Association Bylaws

## 2025

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

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## **NWTAC VISION:**

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

## **NWTAC MISSION:**

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

## **ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

### **1.1 Defined Terms**

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

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



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

## **ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.1 Members**

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

### **2.2 Terms of Admission**

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

## **2.3 Non-voting Members**

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

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

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

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

## **2.4 Withdrawal from Membership**

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

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

## **2.5 Expulsion from Membership**

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

## **2.6 Readmission to Membership**

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

# **ARTICLE 3 - DUES**

## **3.1 Establishment of Dues**

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

### **3.2 Time for Payment**

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

## **ARTICLE 4 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **4.1 Board Composition**

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

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

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

### **4.2 Qualifications of the Board**

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

### **4.3 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer**

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

### **4.4 Election of Directors**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.5 Board Meeting**

Board meetings may be formally called by

4.5.1 the President; or

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

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

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

#### **4.6 Board Quorum**

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

#### **4.7 Remuneration and Expenses**

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

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

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

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

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

4.7.5 Honorarium

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.8 Voting**

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

#### **4.9 Disqualification of a Director**

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

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

#### **4.10 Board Vacancies**

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

4.10.5 If the vacancy involves the director serving as President:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.11 Procedure for Elections**

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

##### **4.11.5 President and Vice Presidents**

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

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

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

#### 4.11.6 Directors

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

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

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

#### 4.11.7 Candidate Speeches

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

### **ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**

#### **5.1 The President**

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

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

#### **5.2 Vice-President**

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

#### **5.3 The Power and Authority of the Board**

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

#### **5.4 Chief Executive Officer**

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

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

## **ARTICLE 6 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **6.1 Appointment of Nominating Committee**

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

### **6.2 Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee**

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

### **6.3 Member Consent Required for Nomination**

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

### **6.4 Floor Nominations**

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

## **ARTICLE 7 - RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

### **7.1 Resolutions**

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

### **7.2 Communication of Resolutions**

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

### **7.3 Rules and Procedures**

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



## **7.4 Board Resolutions**

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

## **7.5 Introduction of Resolutions**

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

# **ARTICLE 8 - OTHER COMMITTEES**

## **8.1 Other Committees**

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

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

# **ARTICLE 9 - MEETINGS**

## **9.1 Annual General Meeting**

### **9.1 Annual General Meeting**

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

## **9.2 Quorum at the Annual General Meeting**

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

## **9.3 Participation at the Annual General Meeting**

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

## **9.4 Notice of Annual General Meeting**

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

## **9.5 Special Meetings**

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

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

## **9.6 Time of Special Meetings**

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

## **9.7 Notice of a Special Meeting**

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

## **9.8 Quorum at a Special Meeting**

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

## **9.9 Representations of Members**

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

## **9.10 Member Meeting by Conference Call**

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

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

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

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

# **ARTICLE 10 - VOTING**

## **10.1 Number of Votes**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **10.2 Majority Vote**

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

## **10.3 Alternative Methods of Voting**

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

# **ARTICLE 11 - ACCOUNTS**

## **11.1 Financial Records**

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

## **11.2 Audit**

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

## **11.3 Financial Reporting**

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

## **11.4 Financial Statements**

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

### **11.5 Budget**

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

## **ARTICLE 12 - BORROWING POWERS**

### **12.1 Borrowing Funds**

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

### **12.1 Capital Expenditures**

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

## **ARTICLE 13 - GENERAL**

### **13.1 Execution of Documents**

Documents shall be executed in the following manner:

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

13.1.1.1 any two (2) Directors;

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

13.1.1.2.1 the Chief Executive Officer; or

13.1.1.2.2 the Finance Officer of the Association;

or

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

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

13.1.2.1 the President together with a Vice-President;

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

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

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

### **13.2 Seal**

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

### **13.3 Fiscal Year**

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

### **13.4 Minutes and Records**

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

### **13.5 Altering, Rescinding or Repealing Bylaws**

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

### **13.6 Interpretation**

Any question or dispute relating to:

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

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Director

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Date



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**CATEGORY A            Territorial Wide Municipal Issues**

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

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

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

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

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



**2025-01     Air Transportation**

**WHEREAS:** Air Transportation services is responsible for the efficient delivery of passenger flights, freight to the isolated communities.

**AND WHEREAS:** Remote Isolated Communities are experiencing logistical issues that bring into question of the services performed by Air transportation to the remotely isolated communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** We are requesting that the GNWT conduct a review on Air Transportation to the remotely isolated communities affected by the services by air travel. A list to reference to:

- a) Scheduled flights
- b) Medical travel passenger seat availability
- c) Financial cost to airfare and cargo rates
- d) Travel to community to community routes

Submitted by the Community of: Hamlet of Ulukhaktok

**RECOMMEND:   CATEGORY A   CONCURRENCE**

## **2025-02    Create a Plan for the Future of the Northwest Territories**

**WHEREAS** the economy of the North, and all of Canada, affects the services that communities in the Northwest Territories (NWT) can provide to their people; and

**WHEREAS** the current government of the NWT needs to give more decision-making power back to the regions so that communities can have more control over decisions that affect them; and

**WHEREAS** communities are now competing with each other for limited money and resources, which can hurt others, and this could be solved by having one clear vision and mission for the whole NWT; and

**WHEREAS** it is important for the GNWT and community governments to work together on a strong plan for the future that benefits everyone;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NWT Association of Communities ask the GNWT to lead a project to create a vision and plan for the future of the Northwest Territories. This plan should include ideas and input from all communities and Indigenous governments and explain where the NWT wants to be in 5 and 10 years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this plan prioritize key issues related to Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Change, Education, Culture and Employment, Justice, and Health and Social Services, with a focus on delivering equitable services to all, enhancing community health and wellness, and fostering economic growth that benefits all regions and individuals.

### **Background Information:**

The Yukon has one main government office in Whitehorse, and almost all government services are based there. Nunavut spreads its government offices and services across different communities while Iqaluit is the main government office.

The Northwest Territories has a mix of both systems, with some services based in Yellowknife and others in smaller communities. As times change, communities in the NWT are under pressure to compete for resources, and there are calls to centralize more services in Yellowknife.

Without a clear plan and a shared vision, the NWT could end up in a future that doesn't work well for everyone. By working together on a big-picture plan, all communities and regions can make sure their needs are met, and the NWT becomes a better place for everyone to live.

**Submitted by:** The Town Fort Smith

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**WHEREAS** the supply of electrical power to residents of the NWT is an essential service and serves as a key utility required for survival of communities and is a powerful agent and critical in almost all aspects of life including economic growth, social wellbeing and stability, improvement of health and livelihoods. It must be considered a vital service and be recognized as a service like water, education, health services and critical infrastructure - such as roads and airports and as such, is best delivered and managed by a government department accountable directly to the citizens of **the NWT**.

**AND WHEREAS** the Northwest Territories Power Corporation has continued to demonstrate that under their current crown corporation model, their inability to provide affordable and reliable electricity services to customers in a cost-effective manner through-out the NWT.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minister responsible for NTPC and by extension the GNWT take immediate steps to complete a comprehensive review of organizational structure and operational efficiency review as well as an assessment of value-for-money evaluation of NTPC under its current model of management.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the review be undertaken by an independent party prior to any further significant management or operational reorganization and prior to approval of any pending rate increase applications to any regulating agency.

**Submitted by:** The Town of Fort Smith

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-04      Eligible Expenses Under The Community  
Funding Initiative**

**WHEREAS** the Minister of Municipal & Community Affairs is proposing to make changes to the MACA COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT FUNDING INITIATIVE stating that housing is not eligible within the categories for Infrastructure, meaning that CPI funds cannot be used for staff housing.

**AND WHEREAS** many community governments in all Regions of the Northwest Territories depend on staff housing as a benefit to recruit administrators and trained, qualified recruits to fill critical positions in the community government operations like the Senior Administrative Officer, or other professionals.

***AND WHEREAS*** *staff housing is an eligible expense for the GNWT so why not for communities*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minister of Municipal & Community Affairs include staff housing, if used by community government staff, as an eligible expense under the section for "Eligible categories for Infrastructure."

Submitted by: The Hamlet of Fort McPherson

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE as amended**

**2025-05      Land is Vital for Municipalities to Grow their Communities and Taxbase**

**WHEREAS** access to land is vital for municipalities to grow their communities and taxbase;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Climate Change administers Commissioners Land and the land transfer process to municipalities.

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities understand and support any required duty to consult with affected Indigenous communities under section 35, of the Constitution Act of Canada, federal and territorial legislation implementing the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as all modern and historic treaties in the territory.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NWTAC urge the Government of the Northwest Territories undertake on a priority basis, the work necessary to undertake legislative analysis, options development, and engagement with NWTAC and its members to amend all relevant legislation to expedite the timely, legitimate, and practical transfer of Commissioners land to willing municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** best efforts be made by the Government of the Northwest Territories to complete this work, including legislative changes, within the life of the 20th Legislative Assembly.

Submitted by:      City of Yellowknife

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

## **2025-06 Aurora College Community Learning Centre Closures**

**WHEREAS** Aurora College recently announced closures of Community Learning Centres in 19 communities

**WHEREAS** there are huge educational disparities in the NWT.

**WHEREAS** Remote communities depend on local learning centres for foundational education and skills development

**WHEREAS** Aurora College has since released data and made statements that the Community Learning Centres are an outdated and inefficient delivery method

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Aurora College consult with the impacted communities to create alternative solutions that prioritize educational access

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Aurora College needs to design the replacement program before the Community Learning Centres are closed if they proceed with said closures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** community governments have first right of refusal for the disposal of the building

**Submitted by: NWTAC Board**

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is conducting a review of the 2030 Energy Strategy;

**WHEREAS** the GNWT has recently committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, and that commitment will shape the revised strategy;

**WHEREAS** despite this increased focus on emission reduction, no objective metric or indicator has yet been articulated for affordability nor reliability of energy, leaving these critical aspects of the energy transition without clear metrics or a narrative to guide the process;

**WHEREAS** it is assumed that Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7, calling to "*ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all*", applies to NWT communities;

**WHEREAS** climate change is already affecting NWT energy assets and the transportation infrastructure feeding them;

**WHEREAS** the ownership structures of these assets and infrastructures are fragmented and complex, adding an additional challenge to the holistic and partnership-based approach required;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the forthcoming renewed NWT Energy Strategy should:

1. Establish an end-user-oriented approach that reflects the distinct realities and transition pathways of the different stakeholders, including industry, communities, and the GNWT itself and its agencies and corporations;
2. Ensure that, regardless of the stream, end-users are treated as partners, adequately supported and resourced, and actively involved in decision-making so that energy transition advances climate justice;



3. Explicitly recognize that affordability and reliability are concurrent and non-negotiable goals, and define metrics or indicators to inform energy policy;
4. Acknowledge that the energy strategy is not solely about mitigation of emissions but must also support the adaptation of energy systems and assets, with resilience metrics helping different owners' action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Strategy will clearly articulate levels of resources, including dedicated funding, and that the corresponding action plan will be released concurrently to ensure timely implementation and accountability.

**Submitted by: NWTAC Board**

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-08      SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYSIS**

**WHEREAS** Recent events like evacuations, low water levels, mild winters, and damage to infrastructure have seriously impacted on supply chains in the NWT and demonstrated their serious sensitivity to climate change

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the GNWT have a Supply Chain Strategic Analysis completed for the entire territory including a risk assessment that includes among other things climate change

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this analysis should also include recommendations to reduce this vulnerability

**Submitted by: NWTAC Board**

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-09      PELLET SUPPLY CHAIN**

**WHEREAS** the GNWT already facilitates oil and gas resupply to many communities and

**WHEREAS** the GNWT also has the fostering of biomass in their Energy Strategy

**WHEREAS** It needs to be established that burn areas have the opportunity to be harvested

**WHEREAS** burn area harvesting will improve fire protection

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the GNWT foster and facilitate the delivery of pellets to communities and their subsequent delivery within communities

**AND FURTHER THAT** and analysis of burn area harvesting and its recommendations be implemented.

**Submitted by: NWTAC Board**

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-10      EMERGENCY PLAN WORKING GROUP**

**WHEREAS** in recent years, there has been an increase in the number of emergencies that have activated municipal and Territorial emergency plans;

**WHEREAS** with each activation, there have been lessons learned but there has not been a comprehensive opportunity to work together to address the lessons learned;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the GNWT form a working group comprised of representatives from the NWTAC and LGANT to review and update the *Emergency Management Act*; the NWT Emergency Plan; and emergency management processes.

**Submitted by: NWTAC Board**

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-11      Amendment to Disaster Assistance Policy – Solid Waste Management Facility Fires**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-12      Property Tax Forgiveness When Property is Destroyed by Fire**

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

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

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

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

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

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

## 2025-13 Building Code Act

**WHEREAS** at this time, the Northwest Territories (NWT) is 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 *Building Standards Act* and Nunavut has a *Building Code Act*. The NWT does not have similar legislation, leading to an absence of clear building-related responsibilities for municipalities.

**WHEREAS** through the *Cities, Towns, and Villages (CTV) Act*, CTV's can choose to adopt by-laws to regulate the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property. Pursuant to this, the City of Yellowknife has chosen to create the Building By-law, that regulates local construction; however, the *CTV Act* 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.

**WHEREAS** a *Building Code Act* is different than a *Fire Prevention Act (FPA)*, and work on a *Building Code Act* should not be tied to the completion of the *FPA* review and update. Both Yukon and Nunavut have legislation regarding building codes and fire prevention.

**WHEREAS** individuals and developers are often frustrated because they need to deal with multiple regulatory offices for building plans, electrical permits, construction, inspections and occupancy. By having a *Building Code Act*, the clarity on who is the ultimate authority and how regulatory requirements are interpreted would improve the terms for development considerably.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) establish a comprehensive building regime for the purpose of providing regulatory clarity throughout the Northwest Territories.

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-14 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**

**WHEREAS** the *Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act* grants municipalities the authority to exempt the eligible property of a senior citizen or a disabled person from part of the property taxes;

**AND WHEREAS** the *Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act* requires other property owners to be dependent on the senior or disabled owner in order for the relief to apply;

**AND WHEREAS** the definition of dependent within the *Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act* is vague and allows for a wide range of diverse and potentially conflicting interpretations;

**AND WHEREAS** the vagueness of this definition can create confusion and misunderstanding;

**AND WHEREAS** this confusion and misunderstanding may inhibit fair and consistent application of the tax relief provisions;

**AND WHEREAS** the *Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act* determines eligibility strictly on the basis of age and/or disability;

**AND WHEREAS** the *Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act* does not provide any mechanism for municipalities to consider financial need when considering eligibility for property tax relief;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider:

- (i) Amending the *Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act* to allow municipalities to determine how dependency is defined and determined in situations where not all owners are seniors and/or disabled; and
- (ii) Amending the *Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act* to allow municipalities to define and apply a financial means test to ensure that property tax relief is directed at property owners who need it.

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**



2025-15

**Alternative Voting Methods**

**WHEREAS** Section 52.1 .(1 } of the Local Authorities Elections Act authorizes a local authority, that is a municipality, to pass a by-law to provide for voting by way of mail-in- ballot or the casting of ballots at the office of the returning officer;

**AND WHEREAS** other jurisdictions within Canada allow for Alternative Voting Methods such as telephone voting and internet voting;

**AND WHEREAS** the acceptance of digital technology in society is increasing exponentially;

**AND WHEREAS** the use of technology can improve accessibility, enhance voter privacy and convenience, reduce ballot errors and increase efficiency of elections;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Northwest Territories Association of Communities lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to amend the Local Authorities Elections Act to incorporate technological advancements and alternative voting methods such as, but not limited to telephone voting and internet voting.

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-16      Wildfires**

**WHEREAS** Localized drought conditions seem to cause more and more severe fire seasons;

**WHEREAS** Many NWT communities are surrounded by old-growth coniferous forests that are ready to burn;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED RESOLVED** That the GNWT's department of Municipal and Community Affairs bring more resources and focus more on ways to safeguard our communities from wildfires and at the same time put a higher priority on bolstering emergency measures organizations in the community so they can better deal with the imminent threat from a fire threatening their community.

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-17      Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services**

**WHEREAS** the City of Yellowknife operates a full-time fire and ambulance service through the City of Yellowknife Fire Division;

**WHEREAS** the City of Yellowknife Fire Division also responds to calls for service outside of the municipal boundary;

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has initiated a review of highway rescue and ground ambulance services within the territory;

**WHEREAS** community governments across the territory must prioritize their services with the funding available to them;

**WHEREAS** the cost recovery for emergency services provided outside of municipal boundaries may be difficult for a number of NWT community governments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that until such time as the GNWT has reviewed the strategy for Highway Rescue Services (RA-17-13-05) and conducted a feasibility study towards a Territorial Ground Ambulance Service (RA-17-15-03), that the GNWT should adequately fund those communities conducting ground ambulance or highway rescue services outside of their respective community boundaries.

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2013-18      Review and Amendment of the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*,  
R.S.N.W.T. 1988 c.P-10, as amended and the *Grants-In-Lieu of Property  
Taxes Policy 21.09***

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Commissioner are not liable to taxation pursuant to Section 73(2) of the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*; and

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories makes grants in lieu of taxes pursuant to the *Grants-In-Lieu Of Property Taxes Policy 21.09* in recognition of the services it receives from municipal governments and to pay its share of the costs to municipalities where territorial property is located; and

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories does not pay Grants-In-Lieu of Property Taxes on property it leases to third parties; and

**AND WHEREAS** municipal governments cannot sell territorial property to recover unpaid taxes against defaulting tenants and are forced to take other measures, including making court applications, to recover unpaid taxes and such actions often never allow a municipality to recoup the loss; and

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 125 of the *Constitution Act, 1867* but makes payments in lieu of property taxes to local governments; and

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada recognized that the term "grant" for the payments made in lieu of property taxes did not reflect the value of the services provided by municipal levels of government to federal properties and proceeded to amend the name of the act to "Payments in Lieu of Taxes"; and

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada recognized the difficulty encountered by municipal governments in recovering unpaid taxes against tenants of federal property and beginning in the 2000 tax year included a provision in the *Property in Lieu of Taxes Act* for municipalities to request a payment in lieu of taxes on federal property occupied by a defaulting tenant, after demonstrating that every reasonable attempt has been made to collect the taxes from the tenant without success;

**AND WHEREAS** 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 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;

**AND WHEREAS** there have been instances where municipal governments have not been able to collect unpaid property taxes from tenants of territorial property and have not received any grant in lieu of taxes; and

**AND WHEREAS** the purpose of the grants made in lieu of taxes is to deal equitably and fairly with municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider:

- (i) amending the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act* 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
- (ii) changing the name of the 'Grants-In-Lieu of Properties Policy' to the 'Payments-In-Lieu of Properties Policy' to emphasize the territorial government's responsibility as a property owner to share in the cost of local government, rather than its generosity in making a payment which it is not legally obliged to make.

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      CONCURRENCE**

**2025-19      Motion to Stop the Implementation of Option A and B**

**WHEREAS** Hamlet is recommending that both Option A and Option B be not implemented April 1, 2025

**AND WHEREAS** motion to stop the implementation of Option A and B for New proposed budget cuts on April 1, 2025.

Submitted by : The Hamlet of Sachs Harbour

**RECOMMEND:    CATEGORY B**

**NOTE:**                NWTAC recommends that the individual community reach out to MACA and address their concerns directly to the Department. There is no action recommended.

## 2025-20 Water and Waste Service Funding

**WHEREAS** The Minister of Municipal & Community Affairs is proposing to make changes to the MACA POLICY titled "Water and Waste Services Funding Policy" that will cause a negative effect on most communities and most community homeowners in ways that community governments will be forced to balance their water, sewage, and solid waste services.

**AND WHEREAS** The Minister of Municipal & Community Affairs is proposing changes to the methodology to use Capital Infrastructure Investment funding that will also have a negative effect on community governments in their ability to hire strong, educated, professional staff.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal and Community Affairs Minister rescind/repeal the Water and Waste Services Funding Policy and consider separating Waste Management Services from their Water Funding and concentrate on the following sections of the Policy:

- remove all references of *Waste Management/waste pickup and waste rates* from a rewritten *Water Funding Policy*.
- develop and approve a Waste Management Funding Policy, taking into consideration the requirements of each individual community water Licence.
- delete "estimated by the Average Personal Income from Statistics Canada" from the definition of Standard Revenue under paragraph 4. Definitions.
- delete "Standard Solid Waste Costs" from the definition of Standard Revenue under paragraph 4. Definitions.
- delete "funding is not intended to cover the capital costs associated with water or waste facilities" under paragraph 6. (1) Funding Eligibility.
- under paragraph 6. Provisions (2) The following are eligible expenses,
  - (b) allow Indirect costs of at least 15%.
- edit (4) Funding Calculations (a), (b) and (c) using plain language and fund according to operation needs.
- delete (Accounting and Reporting Requirements (c) (i) & (ii). Community Government audits already include this information

so there is no need to require additional reporting and there is already the requirement within the *(Hamlets Act) under s.105 (4) that "the financial statements must be submitted to the Minister no later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year."*

- Delete paragraph (6) Terms and Conditions, (b) (i) (iii) and (v).
- Delete paragraph (6) Terms and Conditions (d).
- Amend paragraph (6) Terms and Conditions, (e) (ii) and insert language that states buildings owned and/or operated by any government or government agency, including community government owned building shall be charged at full cost rates and include a definition of full-cost rates in paragraph (4) Definitions.
- Delete paragraph (6) Terms and Conditions, (e) (iv)

Submitted by: The Hamlet of Fort McPherson

**RECOMMEND: CATEGORY A      NON - CONCURRENCE**





**TAB 7  
NWTAC  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

2025 Prior Year Resolutions



Resolution Breakdown

**Re-affirm**

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

**Standing**

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

**Delete**

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

**Expired**

(EX) As per resolution 2020-15 Lifespan of a Resolution, every NWTAC resolution has a lifespan of 4 years. It can be brought back for action at another time.

**Internal**

(INT) Internal policies are administrative matters.  
NB. All active policies are reviewed on an annual basis for discussion / presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

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RA-25-23-01	Senior Citizen & Vulnerable People Emergency Services and Shelters	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> in the vast majority of the communities in the NWT there are significant gaps in the availability of and access to emergency services response for senior citizens and other vulnerable peoples who may find themselves homeless or requiring emergency assistance services to ensure there own wellbeing.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> although the Government of the NWT and the 19th Legislative Assembly identified this issue as one of its priorities, the level of access to services in communities is declining and, in many instances, support facilities and services are being curtailed or shuttered.</p> <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the 20th Legislative Assembly immediately take action to have the appropriate departments undertake a review of service levels and access to services for emergency services offered to senior citizens and vulnerable persons in all NWT communities and that this review will be completed by the end of the term of this government.</p>	MACA/ HSS	<p>In August 2023, HSS tabled the GNWT’s Seniors’ Strategic Framework that includes as one of its four pillars safety for senior citizens in their relationships, homes and communities.</p> <p>In addition, the NWT Homeless Strategy, released by HSS in March 2023, includes action items that require an assessment of programs and services in communities, as well as the establishment of functional zero targets for homelessness in each community.</p> <p>MACA continues to administer the NWT 9-1-1 program to enable all residents of the NWT to access emergency services via telephone when needed. The department continues to work to ensure that 9-1-1 is resourced appropriately and is committed to the ongoing improvement of 9-1-1. To this end, MACA has developed a program evaluation framework to ensure that quality of service is maintained going forward.</p> <p>MACA also released an updated NWT Emergency Plan in April 2024 that better clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the GNWT and community governments in responding to emergencies, including providing assistance to senior citizens and other vulnerable peoples. Specifically, Local Emergency Management Organizations, as the lead on local emergency planning, need to identify and incorporate planning for vulnerable populations into Community Emergency Plans. MACA continues to provide support as requested to community governments in preparing and planning for emergencies.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</b></p> <p><b>NWTAC provided comments on the proposed changes NWT Emergency Plan in particular expressing concern with the downloading of responsibility to communities. We still believe that Agencies responsible for Seniors and Vulnerable Persons do not get to abdicate their responsibilities just because of a declares emergency.</b></p>
RA-25-23-02	NWT Mental Health Issue Responses	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Minister of Health acknowledged that there is a Mental Health Crisis within the NWT that was further heightened by the Covid-19 pandemic shut-ins and by an extensive gap in counselling services throughout the communities across the NWT.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> in the majority of the cases and more specially in the communities, the initial response to mental health issue calls is by the RCMP or local bylaw enforcement officers whose</p>	HSS	<p>The GNWT commits to exploring this issue.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</b></p> <p><b>See release of the NWTAC study on the Business Case for the Investment in Mental Health and Addictions</b></p>

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		<p>only tool to respond to these complicated mental health issues is incarceration at the detachment or in larger communities' confinement at a health centre.</p> <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT prioritize the resources and funding solutions to allow for measured responses to mental health issues calls in accordance with new policies and practices such as ride-along by qualified social services/wellness workers and other innovative response tools.</p>		
RA-25-23-03	<b>Review of MTS</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Marine Transportation Services is responsible for the efficient delivery of fuel products and freight to Nunakput communities.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Nunakput communities are experiencing logistical issues that bring into question the performance of MTS.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> we request that the GNWT conduct a third- party management review of MTS by a firm experienced in the marine freight industry and that their terms of reference include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Suitability of vessels that are used for both river and sea navigation,</li><li>b) Scheduling</li><li>c) Financial consequence to MTS when timely delivery of freight is not carried out,</li><li>d) Communications to communities,</li><li>e) Review of senior management personnel particularly as it applies to marine experience and business acumen,</li></ul>	<b>INF</b>	<p>In September 2023, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) retained KPMG, an independent consultant with business advisory and marine industry experience, to conduct a governance and operational review of Marine Transportation Services (MTS).</p> <p>The purpose of the review is to compare the current operating and governance model of MTS against other model options, including the option of contracting the service to the private sector. The final report will include an assessment of MTS operations since its inception, including detailed analysis of MTS costs and revenues, recruitment and retention of skilled staff, and future operations and maintenance and capital requirements.</p> <p>The GNWT is confident the report, to be completed by the fall, will address the issues raised by NWTAC.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</b></p> <p><b>Further Update from MTS:</b> <b>We are currently undergoing an internal review. We will keep NWTAC apprised on the next steps and a path forward regarding MTS Governance review later this spring.</b></p>



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		<p>f) The potential for contracting out to private sector,</p> <p>g) Comparative analysis of using road transportation to Tuktoyaktuk for furtherance to Nunakput communities (Alaska Highway, Dempster Highway, Highway 10).</p>		
RA-25-23-04	Community Renewable Energy Cap	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of the NWT has committed to the 2030 Energy Strategy which outlines long-term secure and sustainable energy outcomes that reduces greenhouse gases allowing communities to reduce fossil fuel dependency realizing renewable energy sources.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the utilization of renewable energy sources is crucial for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating the impacts of climate change;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> net-metering allows individuals, businesses, and communities to contribute to the local power grid, enhancing the overall resilience and reliability of the electrical system;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> expanding the net-metering capacity will encourage widespread adoption of renewable energy technologies, fostering sustainable development and supporting local economies;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT along with the utilities have placed a cap of 20% on intermittent renewable generation out of grid stability concern,</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> most of the communities have reached that cap, and expressed this cap and associated conditions to be an impediment in</p>	INF	<p>Over the past few years, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has conducted extensive research to better understand the impact of intermittent renewables on the grids of communities where electricity is primarily produced by diesel or natural gas generators. This work is being undertaken to better understand how these impacts may be mitigated. Work includes the <a href="#">Microgrid Stability with Intermittent Renewables Study</a> and the <a href="#">Net Metering and Community Self-Generating Policy Study</a>, which both contain recommendations for the GNWT.</p> <p>In 2023, the GNWT engaged with partners, stakeholders, and the public to ask what changes, if any, should be made to the current approach to energy and climate mitigation issues. Changes to the territorial electricity systems overwhelmingly drew the most comment throughout the engagement, and we note this theme was largely covered in NWTAC’s own submission to the GNWT. Feedback largely pertained to the need to increase the existing cap on intermittent generation in remote communities, update rules for the net metering program, and establish a clear independent power production policy. Ultimately, any changes would be designed to support increased Indigenous and community ownership of clean electricity projects across the NWT.</p> <p>The GNWT summarized the findings from the engagement in a What We Heard Report that was released in March 2024. The GNWT will use this feedback to inform its review of the 2030 Energy Strategy and 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework, including any potential revision to the NWT emissions reduction target. Feedback will also be considered in decision-making around any changes to policy for community-based intermittent renewable electricity generation caps.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</b></p> <p><b>There has been no action from the GNWT to increase the cap on intermittent renewable generation above 20%. NWTAC continues to advocate</b></p>

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		<p>achieving their energy goals,</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT released early 2022 a 'Renewable Energy Penetration Analysis' report, whose first key finding is as follows: “Remote off-grid communities in the NWT can likely accept up to 45% intermittent renewable energy into their electricity grids without compromising their stability.”</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT 2022-2025 Energy Action Plan has an action item titled “Give policy direction to the PUB to address intermittent renewable generation community capacity limits”</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> this action item comes with associated funding as follow: 30k\$ for 22/23, none for 23/24, and none for 24/25,</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the availability of federal funding related to renewable energy deployment is time sensitive,</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the 20% cap is revised, according to the Analysis report and to the benefit of community energy autonomy, with no further delay nor further impediment.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT prioritize the 2030 Energy Strategy and ensure that there are no infrastructure shortfalls to prevent communities from implementing renewable energy sources.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT and the utilities collaborate with local governments, renewable energy organizations, and community stakeholders to identify and address any barriers or challenges hindering the widespread adoption</p>		<p>GNWT has embraced net zero as a target but has yet to bring forward an action plan as to how to achieve that and how it relates to the renewable cap.</p>

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		<p>of net- metering systems.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT allocate sufficient funding and incentives to support the installation of renewable energy systems and facilitate the expansion of net metering capacity.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT regularly review and update the net- metering program and renewable energy caps, ensuring its effectiveness and responsiveness to changing technological advancements and community needs.</p>		
RA-25-23-05	<b>Resources must be included with Increased Engagement and Responsibilities</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> it is heartening to see the increased engagement of community governments in the design of various strategies of the GNWT</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> many of these strategies recognize the importance of the participation of community governments in order to ensure the success of programs in their respective communities</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> community governments are best positioned to understand the needs of their communities</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> community governments are currently underfunded to the tune of 37%</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> assigning or downloading responsibilities in GNWT strategies must be accompanied with the resources to complete them.</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>MACA acknowledges the important role that community governments play in the lives of NWT residents and understands the concerns regarding funding as it pertains to increased engagement with the GNWT.</p> <p>MACA does not fund 100% of all community government costs; the purpose of the Community Government Funding policies is to ensure that community governments receive the funding necessary to provide core municipal services and deliver municipal programs.</p> <p>MACA encourages community governments to seek out partnerships and other funding sources with other GNWT and federal departments to fund non-core activities.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</b></p> <p><b>This deficiency is flagged over and over when in consultation with MACA and various other departments</b></p>



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RA- 25-22-01	Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home Program	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> approximately 31% of the population of Canada lives in communities of 30 thousand or less and yet the Rural and Remote funding allocation is about 6% of the overall Reaching Home annual budget; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> research from Canada and the US indicates that while homelessness is prevalent in rural and remote communities, it remains significantly underfunded; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> this chronic underfunding means that the infrastructure is not in place in rural communities to enable them to jump on capital opportunities such as the Rapid Housing Initiative; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the National Housing Strategy has five streams of funding under the Reaching Home program designated for communities with populations above 25k; therefore, be it</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the Federal Government increases the amount of the Rural and Remote stream of the Reaching Home program from its current level of \$11 million per year to \$50 million per year; and be it further</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the Federal Government gather data on rural housing and homelessness, including via the implementation of a national homelessness count for rural and remote communities; and be it further</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the Federal Government ensure that updates to the National Housing Strategy include measures to set aside meaningful funding for the provision of social and affordable housing in rural and remote communities.</p>	Housing NWT	N/A – Resolution was introduced in 2022.	<p>The GNWT supports the request for expanded federal funding, in the form of the rural and remote stream of the Reaching Home Program and continues to advocate for funding directed to benefit the whole of the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>Housing NWT is cognizant of the acute challenges and limited funding available to support members in remote, rural communities who are presently homeless or are at risk of homelessness and welcomes greater support from the federal government for our most vulnerable community members.</p>	<p>Advocacy for increased funding through the Rural and Remote Stream of the Reaching Home program continues by the GNWT. Housing NWT has been actively engaged in conversation with the Department of Infrastructure Canada presenting the challenges and limitations in funding to address homelessness in rural and remote communities in NWT.</p> <p>In Northwest Territories, a total of over \$24 million is available through Reaching Home regional streams for the first and second cycles of funding (from 2019 to 2028), to support communities in their efforts to prevent and reduce homelessness.</p> <p>Within the Northwest Territories, the City of Yellowknife is the Community Entity responsible for administering Reaching Home’s Territorial Homelessness (TH) funding in Yellowknife. Outside of the capital, this funding is administered by Infrastructure Canada through a shared delivery model that funds individual projects.</p>

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RA-25-21-02	<b>Property Tax Forgiveness When Property is Destroyed by Fire</b>	<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 THAT</b> the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider amending the</p>	<b>MACA/FIN</b>	<p>MACA is undertaking a review of the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and its corresponding policies and procedures in order to bring forward a Legislative Proposal during the 19th Legislative Assembly. A number of issues have long been identified with the Act, which have led to a lack of clarity, administrative challenges, inconsistent application and potential complaints. This issue was brought forward by the municipal taxation authorities. Senior Administrative Officers identified this during stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>A phased approach to amend the Act is planned, in order to prioritize some of the less complex administrative issues before other more complicated or technical areas of the legislation.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>MACA is using a phased approach to advance amendments to the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> (PATA).</p> <p>The first phase is addressing known administrative issues such as increasing the terms of appointments for members of both the Municipal and Territorial Boards of Revisions, while the second phase is intended to address more complex issues of property taxation and authorities such as the writing off property tax debt.</p> <p>Bill 66, <i>An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> addresses the first phase amendments, and was introduced and received First and Second Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 66 will receive Third Reading in the Winter session (February/March 2023).</p> <p>MACA has established a Working Group to advance phase 2 that includes the departments of</p>	<p>MACA amended the Property Assessment and Taxation Act (PATA) in the 19th Assembly to address known administrative and operational issues specific to the assessment side of PATA.</p> <p>Phase 2 of PATA is a GNWT priority for the 20th Assembly and will examine more complex issues of property taxation and authorities.</p> <p>As part of the review, the GNWT will engage with stakeholders, such as the NWTAC and the public to inform amendments.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – NWTAC has been contacted to begin review of amendments of the Act. City of Yellowknife recommends affirmation.</b></p>

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		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.		assessment which may require legislative or administrative solutions.  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.	Lands and Finance, Local Administrators of Government of the NWT and the NWT Association of Communities. Given the complexity of taxation law, MACA has contracted a lawyer with expertise in taxation law to conduct research on the identified issues and propose recommendations for legislative amendments.	
RA-25-21-03	Accessibility Legislation	<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>	MACA/INF	<p>The Standing Committee on Government Operations (SCOGO) Report on the Review of the 2018-19 Human Rights Commission Annual Report referred to the National Building Code concerning accessibility. The Commission is concerned about the lack of requirements set out in the National Building Code and what is considered an accessible space.</p> <p>SCOGO recommended that the GNWT investigate and take the necessary steps to solve the issues and remove the steps between the NBC and the <i>Human Rights Act</i>. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) worked with the Department of Infrastructure to develop a response to the SCOGO recommendation.</p> <p>The GNWT response to all the</p>	<p>MACA established a Working Group consisting of representatives from the Department of Infrastructure and Housing NWT to advance amendments to the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>. In May 2022, MACA released the <i>Fire Prevention Act Discussion Paper: Review of the Fire Prevention Act and Consideration of Building Standards Framework</i> and a ‘What We Heard Report’ following analysis of the engagement on the discussion paper in August 2022.</p> <p>This report was used to develop Bill 67, <i>An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act</i> that is before the Legislative Assembly for review. Bill 67 was introduced and received First and Second</p>	<p>The <i>Fire Prevention Act</i> does not directly address accessibility; however, the <i>Fire Prevention Regulations</i> adopt the National Model Construction Codes. The latest edition of the building code, the 2020 National Building Code of Canada (NBC 2020), incorporates several improvements for accessibility; requirements are updated to reduce barriers related to anthropometrics, plumbing facilities, signage, entrance and elevators.</p> <p>The GNWT plans on adopting NBC 2020 through an update to the <i>Fire Prevention Regulations</i> in June 2024.</p> <p>Additionally, the GNWT continues to show leadership on this topic through the planning,</p>

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		<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 THAT</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories establish comprehensive accessibility legislation that enables all persons to participate fully in society without barriers by providing clarity of requirements and standards to be met throughout the Northwest Territories.</p>		<p>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</p>	<p>Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 67 will receive Third Reading in the Winter sitting of the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly (February/March 2023).</p> <p>Although the Bill does not include specific amendments focused on accessibility, the GNWT anticipates adopting the 2020 Nation Building Code (NBC) via regulations in 2023. 2020 NBC makes several improvements with respect to accessibility.</p> <p>The accessibility of buildings is improved by revising the minimum dimensions of building elements to accommodate persons using various types of mobility devices and by increasing the visibility, detectability and ease of use of building elements by persons with reduced dexterity, vision or hearing. 2020 NBC introduces requirements for universal washrooms and shower rooms, for visible and audible feedback signals, and for tactile safety signage. More pedestrian entrances and floor levels are</p>	<p>design and construction of GNWT-owned infrastructure incorporating accessibility requirements.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – Above referenced review of the Fire Prevention Act did not include any amendments focused on accessibility.</b></p>

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				<p>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> <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>also required to be accessible.</p>	

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ST-25-20-06	Water and Sewage Policy	<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> <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>	MACA	<p>The Department routinely engages with community officials on all policies to review and address issues.</p> <p>As part of the 19th Assembly’s Mandate commitment to address the municipal funding gap, MACA will be updating the Community Government Funding Policies. The Department will continue to work with the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) and LGANT to discuss policy options and details and will engage before any final policy decisions are made.</p> <p>MACA engages the NWTAC to obtain feedback on 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>To date \$4.17 million has been approved, with the reminder pending the review of the 2023-24 Main Estimates.</p> <p>The GNWT is currently working with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to update the Community Government Funding policies and remains committed to amending these policies in 2022-23.</p>	<p>The GNWT worked with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to update the Water and Waste Services Funding Policy and amendments were approved in October 2023.</p> <p>The amendments are in line with the recommendations from the NWTAC and change the Water and Waste Services Funding Policy to provide funding equitably and fairly.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING - NWTAC will continue to monitor this issue.</b></p>

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ST-25-20-07	O & M Funding Levels	<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>	MACA	<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>MACA engages the NWTAC to obtain feedback on 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>To date \$4.17 million has been approved,</p>	<p>The GNWT worked with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to update the O&amp;M Funding Policy and amendments were approved in October 2023.</p> <p>The amendments are in line with the recommendations from the NWTAC and change the O&amp;M Funding Policy to provide funding equitably and fairly.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING - NWTAC will continue to monitor this issue.</b></p>



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				with the reminder pending the review of the 2023-24 Main Estimates.  The GNWT is currently working with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to update the Community Government Funding policies and remains committed to amending these policies in 2022-23.	
ST-25-20-09	Infrastructure Shortfall	<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”.</p> <p>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</i></p>	MACA	<p>The Department 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 has also 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 finding other ways</p>	<p>The GNWT worked with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to update the Community Government Funding policies and amendments to all three policies were approved in October 2023.</p> <p>The amendments are in line with the recommendations from the NWTAC and change MACA’s funding polices to provide funding equitably and fairly.</p> <p>The “gap” is the calculated difference between the funding that MACA provides and total territorial calculated costs.</p> <p>The gap is currently estimated at \$52 million:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$18 million – Operations and Maintenance</li><li>• \$19 million – Water and Waste</li></ul>

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		<p><i>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> <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>		<p>to either increase revenue generation or reduce operating costs.</p> <p>MACA engages the NWTAC to obtain feedback on 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>To date \$4.17 million has been approved, with the reminder pending the review of the 2023-24 Main Estimates.</p> <p>The GNWT is currently working with an Advisory Group comprised of members nominated by the NWTAC and LGANT to update the Community Government Funding policies and remains committed to amending these policies in 2022-23.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$15 million – Community Public Infrastructure</li></ul> <p>It is important to remember that the GNWT is not the only source of revenue for community governments, and the GNWT should not be the sole funder.</p> <p>The calculation of a “gap” is a planning tool that community governments should be using to determine how it can get other sources of funding or reduce its expenditures.</p> <p>The policy revisions are not intended to close any perceived gap – there is no new funding associated, however MACA continues to prioritize funding for community governments.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING - NWTAC will continue to monitor this issue.</b></p>

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ST-25-20-22	United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation	<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 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 Indigenous Governments within the calendar year 2020; and</p> <p>2. the Government of the Northwest Territories to work in consultation and collaboration with Indigenous Governments to: a. ensure that territorial laws, policies, mandates and measures comply with the Declaration; and</p>	EIA	<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>A legislative Framework to guide the drafting of legislation to implement the UN Declaration and a Memorandum of Understanding are expected to be reviewed and approved by NWT Council of Leaders by Winter 2023.</p>	<p>The <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act</i> is now in place and the GNWT is collaborating with Indigenous government through the action plan committee on an action plan as provided for in the legislation. The committee expects to meet the October 2025 deadline for the tabling of the action plan that will describe the measures to be taken to help advance the implementation of the UN Declaration in the NWT.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: NWTAC will continue to monitor this issue.</b></p>

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		b. co-develop and implement territorial action plans to achieve the objectives of the Declaration.			
ST-25-20-10	NWT Education Reform	<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 recognizing 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,</p> <p>"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><li>• GNWT has identified a desire to improve public education in the NWT via Education Renewal and “Early Childhood Framework;”</li></ul>	ECE	<p>In 2018-2019, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) conducted a Formative Evaluation of the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework (ERI Evaluation). During the same time, the Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) conducted a performance Audit (OAG Audit) of early childhood to Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 (JK-12) education in the Northwest Territories (NWT).</p> <p>ECE has created a revised Action Plan for ERI that follows ECE’s approach to improving student outcomes; first starting with actions that focus on quality early learning and child care, through to those actions that support a quality JK-12 education system.</p> <p>The actions are categorized into the following seven themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theme 1: Quality Early Learning and Child Care</li><li>• Theme 2: Workforce Development and Capacity Building</li><li>• Theme 3: Curriculum and Student Assessment</li><li>• Theme 4: Student Supports</li><li>• Theme 5: Training, Developing and Support for School Employees</li><li>• Theme 6: Governance</li><li>• Theme 7: Monitoring and Evaluation</li></ul>	<p><u>Action Plan to Improve JK-12 Student Outcomes</u></p> <p>The Action Plan to Improve JK-12 Student Outcomes includes actions that focus on quality early learning and child care, through to actions that support a quality JK-12 education system. Each identified action includes associated deliverables and timelines. This Action Plan has been the focus of ECE’s work over the last two years, with an online Action Tracker providing the real-time status of each action.</p> <p>Two key actions within the Action Plan include: modernization of the <i>Education Act</i> and renewal of JK-12 school curriculum.</p> <p><b>1. Education Act Modernization</b></p> <p>The approach to Education Act Modernization is collaborative and every effort is being made to be inclusive and responsive as changes to the legislation are considered. Based on what we heard through engagement with Indigenous governments, education bodies, stakeholders and the public, the Education Act Modernization Project is continuing as a two-phased project.</p> <p>Phase 1 will address technical challenges in the education system, clarifying authorities and enabling Ministerial access to education system information to evaluate student outcomes. This phase is committed to address issues that were</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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 centers.</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>For each of the relevant actions listed within these themes, the associated deliverables and timelines expected to complete those actions are included.</p> <p>Two key actions within the Action Plan are the modernization of the Education Act and the renewal of NWT JK-12 school curriculum.</p> <p>1. Education Act Modernization</p> <p>A modernized Education Act has the goal of increasing student education outcomes to the same level as the rest of Canada by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clarity about the Minister’s authority to ensure appropriate accountability for student outcomes through the education system;</li><li>Clarity about the education bodies’ accountability for improving student outcomes;</li><li>An appropriate governance structure for the JK-12 system that recognized the rights of Indigenous governments, and supports the future delivery of education programs by Indigenous governments;</li><li>A balance between coordinated education system requirements, and the need for communities to have a voice in the delivery of education programs;</li></ul>	<p>acknowledged as needing immediate attention or received no significant comments of concern during the engagement period, and that have been identified during past OAG audits as impeding the ability of the current education system to improve student outcomes. Amendments will be brought forward in 2023.</p> <p>Phase 2 will take more time and will continue into the 20th Legislative Assembly. Through the first round of engagement, it was clear that more conversation and collaboration is needed about how Indigenous governments and communities across the NWT can lead and participate in the governance of a system that will educate future generations.</p> <p><b>2. JK-12 Curriculum Renewal</b></p> <p>In December 2021, the NWT made the decision to transition to the use of the British Columbia’s curriculum and assessment tools.</p> <p>In October 2022, the timeline for Implementation was released to outline when the curriculum will be introduced to students over the subsequent five years, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.</p> <p>ECE staff have begun to form working groups with education body staff, including teachers where appropriate, to tackle the next steps in the renewal of the school curriculum.</p> <p>The focus of the work of Curriculum Renewal in the 2022-2023 school year is planning for</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>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structure, resources, and necessary flexibility for the provision of language and cultural programing.</li> </ul> <p>ECE has begun engagement with Indigenous Governments, other education partners, stakeholders and the public between mid-March and June 30, 2021 toward the development of a Legislative Proposal for a new or revised Education Act.</p> <p>2. JK-12 Curriculum Renewal</p> <p>The current JK-12 curriculum is becoming out of date and is in need of renewal. Currently, the NWT uses curriculum from a variety of western provinces, but the high school curriculum is predominantly from Alberta with ECE producing specific northern-based curriculum.</p> <p>With Alberta changing their direction in curriculum development, ECE has begun formal engagement with key NWT education partners, including Indigenous governments, education bodies, and the NWT Teachers’ Association (NWTTA), to gather feedback and input of the renewal of the NWT JK-12 school curriculum and the possibility of exploring a new provincial partnership.</p> <p>ECE remains cognizant that the development and implementation of this Action Plan is just one step toward improving student outcomes. If this Action Plan is to be successful, education bodies, Indigenous governments and organizations,</p>	<p>implementation and transition to the new curriculum.</p> <p>Key pieces of this work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum Graduation Requirements – to be completed by February 2023</li> <li>Teacher Training Plan – to be completed by March 31, 2023</li> <li>Adaptation of the BC curriculum – drafts for Grades 4-6, and 9 to be completed May 2023</li> <li>Student Assessment Renewal Plan - to be completed by June 2023</li> <li>Student Information Systems and Operations Updates – ongoing throughout the entirety of the project.</li> </ul> <p>ECE is currently engaging with key education partners and Indigenous Governments for their feedback on the implementation planning topics above, which are required to support a successful transition.</p> <p>A detailed communications plan has been developed to provide information territory-wide that coincides with the completion of key pieces of work, as well as targeted communications to provide important information specific to key education stakeholders as and when necessary.</p> <p>ECE remains cognizant that the development and implementation of this Action Plan is just one step toward improving student outcomes.</p>



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				communities, educators, families, and students themselves must have a role to play in improving student outcomes in the NWT.	<p>If this Action Plan is to be successful, education bodies, Indigenous governments and organizations, communities, educators, families, and students themselves must have a role to play in improving student outcomes.</p> <p><u>Post-COVID Support for JK-12 Education</u></p> <p>As education systems move from a state of emergency response to a lengthy period of recovery, the focus in the education system is shifting to helping students recover from disruptions to instruction that occurred during the pandemic. As with other Canadian jurisdictions, there are substantial data gaps in assessing COVID-19’s impact on NWT students, as attendance and attainment levels were hampered during the pandemic. The GNWT continues to assess and support the needs of educators and students, including needs directly related to the impacts of the pandemic.</p> <p>Since August 2022, ECE has been maintaining a COVID-19 Impact Indicators Report on the JK-12 Education System: a living document that provides a comprehensive assessment of the pandemic impact on the NWT JK-12 education system and guides the system’s shift to helping students recover from COVID-19-related disruptions. In the coming years, ECE anticipates that grades, test results, and graduation rates will be lower than in pre-pandemic years. Further research is required to provide a more comprehensive analysis of the</p>

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					<p>impact of the pandemic on the education system.</p> <p><b><i>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</i></b></p> <p><b>STANDING – 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 the highest level of education. Due to COVID the Action Plan of ECE changed everything.</b></p>
ST-25-19-06	<b>Carbon Pricing</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> fossil fuel use contributes to climate change inducing greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories is a signatory to the Pan- Canadian Framework for Clean Growth and Climate Change and is committed to meeting Federal benchmark for carbon pricing by 2019;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories has implemented Pan- Canadian Carbon Pricing in the Northwest Territories;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories has adopted a Carbon Tax as the preferred option for carbon pricing;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> communities in the NWT and their residents will see a direct increase in costs as a result of the carbon tax;</p>	<b>FIN</b>	<p>The GNWT’s proposed approach to recycling carbon tax revenue was approved in the 2019-20 Budget and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heating Fuel Rebate - for residents, governments and business entities with less than 50 kilotonnes of annual greenhouse gas emissions, heating fuel will be 100 per cent rebated at the point of purchase.</li><li>• Electrical Power Producers Rebate - Northwest Territories Power Corporation and other power producers will be provided with an annual rebate of carbon tax paid on non-motive diesel purchased for generating electricity for distribution. This rebate will insulate municipalities from increased electricity costs that would otherwise result from the carbon tax on diesel used to generate electricity.</li></ul>	<p>The NWT Carbon Tax and rebates were introduced September 1, 2019. Cost of Living Offset (COLO) payments were issued in October 2019 and April 2020. Each payment was \$52 for individuals and \$60 for each child.</p> <p>Starting in July 2020, annual COLO amounts will increase to \$156 for an individual and \$180 per child and payments will be issued quarterly. Single individuals in the NWT will receive their full annual payment in July, because their quarterly payments would be less than \$50.</p> <p>Rebates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heating Fuel Rebate – 100 % rebate for residents, governments and business entities</li><li>• Electrical Power Producers Rebate – 100% rebate of carbon tax paid for generating electricity for distribution. This rebate will</li></ul>



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		<p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Northwest Territories Association of Communities lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That 100% of the carbon tax revenue be recycled into the economy through transfers to households, business, industry and municipalities;</li><li>• That support regarding the implementation of the carbon tax is addressed to the satisfaction of the communities;</li><li>• That communities are proportionally funded to offset increased cost of municipal operations as a result of the carbon tax implementation;</li><li>• That it commits to the advancement of sustainable initiatives to reduce the reliance on non-renewable fuels; and</li><li>• That the implementation and reporting processes related to the carbon tax initiative are presented in a transparent manner.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost of Living Offset (COLO) – this tax-free benefit would be provided quarterly to all NWT residents. This benefit would increase annually as NWT carbon tax rates are increased.</li><li>• Large Emitters (50 kilotonnes or more annual greenhouse gas emissions) Offset in two parts:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o an annual rebate for 75 per cent of the carbon tax collected on non-motive diesel and heating fuel and</li><li>o 25 per cent of the carbon tax collected on non-motive diesel and heating fuel held in individualized trust accounts that will be able to be accessed for investments by each entity that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</li></ul></li><li>• The GNWT continues to prioritize investments in alternative energy options to provide reliable, affordable alternatives to carbon-intensive fuels for communities and businesses.</li></ul> <p>The Department of Finance intends to provide an annual report on carbon pricing: raised revenues, rebate expenditures, and the investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This report will also be included in the Climate Change Strategy action plan reporting requirements.</p>	<p>insulate municipalities from increased electricity costs that would otherwise result from the carbon tax on diesel used to generate electricity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large Emitters: 72% rebate of carbon tax paid and 12% in individual accounts for GHG reducing investments.</li><li>• The GNWT continues to prioritize investments in alternative energy options to provide reliable, affordable alternatives to carbon-intensive fuels for communities and businesses.</li><li>• The Department of Finance intends to provide an Annual Report on carbon pricing, including: raised revenues, rebate expenditures, and the investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This report will be included in the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan Report.</li></ul> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution.</b></p>
ST-25-19-10	Climate Change Adaptation	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;</p>	ECC	Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is a priority for the GNWT	Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is a priority for the GNWT and is reflected in the GNWT Mandate 2019-2023 as

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		<p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> The North is particularly vulnerable to climate change due to its reliance on temperature sensitive systems such as permafrost;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> All NWT 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><b>AND WHEREAS</b> We will see the best success by working collaboratively with our many partners;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> 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 is reflected in the GNWT Mandate 2019-2023.</p> <p>All GNWT departments are cooperating to implement the 2019-2023 Action Plan, which is in its third year of implementation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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, the 2030 Energy Strategy and the carbon tax. The 2020-21 annual report is expected to be available in fall 2021.</p>	<p>well as in the NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework.</p> <p>ENR is developing a territory-wide Climate Change Risks and Opportunities Assessment to build a shared understanding across the NWT of climate change adaptation priorities. Identification of these shared priorities should enable the GNWT and its partners to more effectively seek and secure climate change adaptation funding and resources and will inform the development of the GNWT’s next Climate Change Action Plan (2025-2029).</p> <p>ENR has started engagement activities to inform the Assessment, including the launch of a public survey, engagement at NWTAC AGM and LGANT AGM.</p> <p>All GNWT departments are cooperating to implement the 2019-2023 Climate Change Strategic Framework Action Plan, which is in its fourth year of implementation.</p> <p>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 hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NWT Climate Change Gathering on Oct 26-27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Dettah. The gathering focused on sharing updates on the on-going implementation of the NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and highlighting GNWT-led adaptation initiatives.</p>

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					<p>The Climate Change Resilience Award, funded by the GNWT, was awarded to Kakisa (Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation) for their proactive approach to overcoming climate change challenges.</p> <p>The 2021-2022 Climate Change Annual report presents key achievements to date on the <i>2019-2023 Climate Change Action Plan</i>. Of the 132 Action Items that comprise the Action Plan, 64 Actions have been completed and the other 68 are on track.</p> <p>The GNWT and its partners invested about \$73 million last year to implement the Action Plan.</p> <p>On July 2022, the carbon pricing regime was strengthened to \$50/tonne in compliance with federal requirements.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to contribute to the development of Standards Council of Canada's (SCC) Northern Infrastructure Standardization Initiative (NISI) Standards.</p> <p>ENR continues to serve on the Climate Change Adaptation Committee (CCAC) to represent the GNWT as an advisory member.</p> <p>In terms of advocacy, the <i>Pan-Northern Leaders' Statement on Climate Change</i> was released in May 2022 to reiterate that climate change is a top priority for the three territories, outline climate action priorities and call for more federal funding, with strong alignment with NWTAC resolutions.</p> <p>The GNWT also sent a submission to the federal government to inform the upcoming National</p>

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					Adaptation Strategy and ensure it acknowledges northern-specific considerations, reflecting northern values and themes.  <b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b>  <b>STANDING: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.</b>
ST-25-19-10-B	Permafrost	<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 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><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT provide adequate funding and resources to assist municipalities</p>	Housing NWT/MACA	<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> <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</p>	<p>The GNWT continues to advance initiatives under the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and Action Plan that address the impacts of climate change on communities and infrastructure. This includes ongoing efforts to support the Northern Infrastructure Standards Initiative (NISI) and promote awareness and education regarding impacts of permafrost loss. The GNWT has advocated for the importance of NISI to continue to create plain-language documents to accompany these standards.</p> <p>MACA is advocating for Infrastructure Canada and the federal government to develop and improve funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation, including funding for relocation of critical assets. MACA has also completed O&amp;M Drainage Manuals for communities considering northern climate change and drainage practices. Manuals were distributed</p>

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		<p>in completing and implementing Community Drainage Plans;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> 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 THAT</b> the GNWT develop requirements to ensure the consideration of permafrost thaw in all development and adaptation planning for NWT infrastructure.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> 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 THAT</b> the GNWT take a leadership role in conducting a vulnerability assessment of all community assets.</p>		<p>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 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 have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas to determine possible solutions when constructing or repairing NWTHC assets.</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>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>in September 2021.</p> <p>The Department has hired a Climate Change Coordinator and will continue to work with the NWTAC to improve information sharing for communities.</p> <p>Housing NWT continues to support the completion of community housing plans, for those communities who express an interest, and engages with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>Housing NWT also continues its collaboration 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 Housing NWT assets and to inform future planning.</p> <p>As part of its ongoing renewal, Housing NWT is improving the way that it engages with local and Indigenous Governments.</p> <p>Housing NWT provides notice of new construction and ensures the building and sitework, including drainage, complies with local bylaws, community zoning bylaws, building bylaws and general community plans. Housing NWT will continue to proactively engage communities as part of the delivery of all new construction projects, continues to implement new technologies and design in new construction projects, and supports the process</p>

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					<p>of adaptively managing potential impacts related to climate change.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution. NWTAC hired consultant to review buildings of 10 most vulnerable communities. Final step to explore what work can be done communally</b></p>
ST-25-19-10-C	Hazard Mapping	<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 THAT</b> the GNWT work with the NWTAC and other partners to ensure that hazard maps are developed by the GNWT in a timely and strategic manner.</p> <p><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 THAT</b> the NWT Association of Communities work with the GNWT and other partners to identify opportunities to support communities in</p>	ECC/ MACA	<p>As outlined in action items 3.12A of the 2019-2023 Action Plan, ENR is the lead for the design of a community hazard mapping program. NWTAC is a key partner along with MACA and other GNWT departments, community governments and the federal government.</p> <p>An advisory team is in place to guide the development of the hazard mapping program and the NWTAC’s participation on this advisory team is extremely valuable.</p>	<p>As severe weather events and climate change hazards (flooding, wildfire, permafrost thaw, coastal erosion, shortened ice road seasons, etc.) continue to occur in the NWT, the GNWT recognizes the need for Community Hazard Maps to support sound economic, social, and environmental decision-making.</p> <p>Several GNWT departments including MACA, ENR, Lands, ITI (NWT Geological Survey), and the NWT Centre for Geomatics, continue to collaborate on hazard mapping activities. NWTAC will be engaged as this work progresses.</p> <p>Northwest Territories Geological Survey (NTGS) and the Centre for Geomatics advanced surficial mapping (a key component</p>

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		participating in the development of hazard maps and their application to community planning by developing tools for outreach, communication, education and training.		<p>Securing funds to support this program is a priority for ENR. Federal funding will be pursued to support the capacity of the GNWT to better prepare the territory to adapt to climate change will enable the design of the community hazard mapping program.</p> <p>Although COVID-19 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> <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>needed for hazard mapping) in communities across the NWT. NTGS led a community geotechnical and geospatial libraries project that supported the compilation of geotechnical, permafrost and spatial datasets for seven communities in the NWT: Inuvik, Fort McPherson, Norman Wells, Tulita, Whatì, Behchokò and Yellowknife/Dettah.</p> <p>NTGS also completed a permafrost thaw sensitivity analysis in the surrounding areas of all NWT communities. Results were circulated, including during the NWTAC AGM.</p> <p>NRCan has developed a series of guidelines to help advance flood mapping activities across Canada. As a result of funding received through the Federal Hazard Identification and Mapping Program, ENR and the Centre for Geomatics are working with NRCan and Environment and Climate Change Canada to develop more specific flood mapping method guidelines that will be applicable in potentially data-poor locations prone to ice-jam flooding. These draft guidelines are to be completed by March 2023, and will facilitate the development of NWT-specific guidelines.</p> <p>Next steps include the development of flood inundation maps for NWT communities at risk of flooding.</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> <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>Federal funding continues to be pursued to support the capacity of the territory to better adapt to climate change.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.</b></p> <p><b>NWTAC has secured funding to do Hazard Mapping Gaps Analysis and Action Plan</b></p>
ST-25-19-10-F	Research	<b>WHEREAS</b> Most communities have not been involved in setting the research agendas in their communities;	<b>ECC</b>	The GNWT will engage with NWTAC on renewal of the Knowledge Agenda.	The renewal of the GNWT Knowledge Agenda began in 2022. As part of the renewal, the



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		<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 THAT</b> 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 supported when setting research agendas;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> communities engage the researchers who are already working in their communities to assist them in addressing their research needs.</p>		<p>Opportunities for NWTAC and communities to present research needs will occur over the next year including through:</p> <p>The GNWT /Wilfrid Laurier University partnership annual research planning session</p> <p>National Research Council’s Arctic Challenge Program developers, as they present new funding opportunities</p> <p>Polar Knowledge Canada, as they develop future calls for research proposals, and</p> <p>The GNWT annual research needs meeting in late 2021.</p> <p>The GNWT will share updated lists of departmental contacts who can provide information to communities on various areas of research supported by the GNWT.</p>	<p>NWTAC will be asked for input. In the longer term, the goal is to transition to an NWT Knowledge Agenda rather than a GNWT Agenda and this is the first step in that process.</p> <p>Many community-based programs monitor wildlife populations, country foods and water quality in the NWT. For instance, the NWT Community Based Monitoring Program (CBM) and Transboundary Rivers Monitoring programs were developed and continue to be delivered with Indigenous partners in many NWT communities. Data management improvements for the CBM are in progress.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING– more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution. 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.</b></p> <p><b>Theme at AGM towards research</b></p>
ST-25-19-10-G	<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>	<b>ECC/MACA</b>	<p>In November 2019, ENR and MACA co-delivered a climate change course through the School of Community Government for Indigenous and community government</p>	<p>The GNWT is aware of the capacity challenges communities face in general, and in relation to climate change. The GNWT is advancing initiatives under the 2030 NWT Climate Change</p>

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		<p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Lack of capacity was a recurring concern voiced by participants from every region at the 2018 Climate Change Forum and Charrette. Limited financial and human capacity, and difficulty accessing information, expertise and other resources is hampering progress to adapt to a changing climate.</p> <p><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 THAT</b> the GNWT allow for the creation of Sustainability Coordinators for every community government in the NWT and adequately resource these positions.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT the GNWT</b> 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 THAT</b> the GNWT provide funding and support to enable communities to participate in CCSF action plan development.</p>		<p>staff. The course can be delivered online or in person. SCG and ENR will collaborate to review and revise the online asynchronous course: <i>Integrating Climate Change Measures into Municipal Planning and Decision Making</i>.</p> <p>As follow-up to the federal budget, ENR is coordinating among GNWT department in order to pursue federal funding opportunities to address climate change. 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 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>Framework and continues to develop and prioritize tools, resources and initiatives that will build capacity to support communities with their climate change adaptation efforts.</p> <p>The GNWT has recently increased the number of dedicated staff working on climate change. For instance, in 2022, MACA filled the Climate Change Coordinator position and ENR filled the Climate Change Analyst position. The Consideration of potential climate change impacts on communities is increasingly factored into decision making and planning activities, such as development of community plans.</p> <p>These efforts will provide additional support to communities on climate adaptation and will increase GNWT capacity to look for funding opportunities and advocate the federal government for more funding.</p> <p>Efforts to communicate climate change funding priorities to the federal government are ongoing.</p> <p>The NWT Climate Change Council will be used to further guide capacity needs and implementation.</p> <p>GNWT’s feedback to the federal government on the upcoming National Adaptation Strategy highlights the need for the federal government “to develop funding programs that are designed for the North with a series of specific</p>

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					<p>recommendations to make funding stable and accessible to communities.”</p> <p>MACA continued offering three pre-recorded webinars: Climate Change for Councillors, Mainstreaming Climate Change for Community Planning, and Climate Change, along with the online course “Integrating Climate Change Measures into Municipal Planning and Decision Making”</p> <p>MACA is working with ENR to revise and refresh an existing climate change course. The material will be targeted to different audiences in NWT communities (i.e. Council, senior staff, junior staff).</p> <p>MACA will incorporate Climate Change into workshop and course material where appropriate.</p> <p>\$4.167 million has been added to Community Government Funding since 2020-21 to support the reduction in the funding gap to meet municipal core needs</p> <p>It is anticipated that community governments will put some of this funding towards infrastructure impacted by climate change. The federal Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund for Community governments continues to target community roads and solid waste sites.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p>

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					<b>STANDING – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</b>
ST-25-19-10-H	<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 THAT</b> GNWT allocate adequate funding and support to update emergency management plans to include climate change and provide resources to fully implement plans for every community in a timely and strategic manner.</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>The territorial <i>Emergency Management Act</i> requires communities to update their emergency plans annually. MACA supports 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 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 for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>The territorial <i>Emergency Management Act</i> requires communities to update their emergency plans annually.</p> <p>In recent years, the Emergency Management Organization (EMO) has had limited capacity to assist community governments to update their community emergency plans. Lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 and 2022 flood seasons have prompted some improvements to the EMO.</p> <p>Historically, MACA’s EMO has had limited capacity, with only two dedicated positions located at headquarters in Yellowknife and no dedicated staff in the regional offices.</p> <p>MACA has increased EMO capacity by establishing one Regional Emergency Management Coordinator position in each of its five regional offices.</p> <p>MACA is committed to assisting community governments to update community emergency plans and improve emergency capacity. Supports include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resumption of community emergency planning workshops which had been on hold given the COVID-19 pandemic and unprecedented flooding in 2021 and 2022. Community governments can reach out to</li></ul>

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				improved wildfire suppression planning and adoption of FireSmart principles in communities.	<p>the MACA Regional Office to request a workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renewed effort to support communities in validating emergency plans via table-top exercises. Community governments can reach out to the MACA Regional Office to request assistance with a tabletop exercise.</li><li>• Updating the Community Emergency Plan template and Instruction Manual to incorporate a process for a self-directed annual plan update and incorporation of an Essential Services Continuity Plan template.</li><li>• Currently updating community pandemic planning support materials including the Communicable Disease Plan template.</li><li>• Continued testing of the NWT public alerting system, development of wildfire and flood alert templates in partnership with communities and use of the system to issue broadcast intrusive alerts.</li><li>• Continued efforts to seek feedback and identify opportunities for improvements after emergency events.</li></ul> <p>MACA supports 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 anticipated impacts of climate change. Where available, MACA shares</p>

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					<p>predictive / forecasting information and tools with community governments.</p> <p>MACA continues to work with the federal government to encourage changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</b></p>
ST-25-19-10-I	Adaptation Plans	<b>WHEREAS</b> the development of Adaptation Plans is a critical element in ensuring the resiliency of communities;	ENR/MACA	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	The GNWT continues to support community adaptation planning, and integration of climate change considerations into emergency plans, asset management and operations and maintenance procedures. The GNWT works

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		<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 Communities both fiscally and from a resource basis as a priority within the Pan-Territorial Adaptation Strategy;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> 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 THAT</b> the GNWT assist communities to complete their Adaptation Planning and Hazard Mapping and Implementation;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT explore opportunities to assist communities through the development of various tools.</p>		<p>that support community climate change adaptation.</p> <p>The GNWT has worked with Environment and Climate Change Canada to develop community climate profiles, which are now available on NWTAC’s website.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to support hazard mapping through a Tuktoyaktuk hazard mapping pilot study and is exploring options to prioritize and advance climate change risk assessment(s) at various scales. Risk assessments will help to prioritize risks and strategically focus resources to build resilience and adapt to climate change.</p> <p>The GNWT also supports community governments that are developing projects to address specific climate changes risks.</p> <p>Federal, territorial, and other funding will continue to be pursued to support communities to plan for their climate change adaptation needs.</p>	<p>with the NWTAC and communities to develop tools and resources that support community climate change adaptation. As part of this, MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada and Infrastructure Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>MACA led a high-level climate change vulnerability assessment of impacts on public and community infrastructure within the boundaries of the 33 communities of the NWT. Risk maps were provided for every community to illustrate the spatial extent of hazards and the locations of infrastructure at risk, as well as a list of medium/high risks identified, proposed adaptation measures, and recommendations for future work to address identified data gaps. The findings of this assessment will support communities in making informed decisions about their existing and future infrastructure. The report: “Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Infrastructure in all NWT Communities” is available online.</p> <p>The NWT Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA) identifies risks, including climate change driven risk, that pose the greatest threat to the people, property,</p>

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					<p>environment, and economy of the NWT. In 2021-22, work to update HIRA included engagement with communities.</p> <p>The GNWT is supporting climate adaptation in community asset management procedures. Many GNWT departments supported the NWTAC Climate Change and Asset Management conference (November 2022) to ensure that collaboration and linkages between GNWT climate initiatives and community concerns are made on key climate risks.</p> <p>MACA also supports community governments while they plan their infrastructure priorities through the capital planning process, as well as with project implementation and applications for funding. Community governments continued to develop land use plans and strategic plans that consider climate-related risks and priorities, which influence the priorities that are represented on community government capital plans.</p> <p>The GNWT, in collaboration with the NWTAC, is working to enhance the integration of climate change considerations into land-use planning. Development of a Community Land-use Planning Guide is in the early stages of development. The GNWT is also advocating for</p>



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					<p>funding for planning for mitigation and adaptation to the impacts of climate change, including relocation of community assets.</p> <p>The GNWT supports adaptation planning to address climate health impacts. The Climate Change Health and Vulnerability Assessment for the NWT was completed in 2021. The final report is forthcoming and provides a baseline assessment of the current availability of essential health services and provides next steps for assessing the resilience of these services during extreme weather and climate-related events. In addition, the Cleaner Air Sheltering in the NWT report was completed in 2021-22. HSS, in collaboration with MACA, will provide guidance on resources and standards pertaining to indoor air quality.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</b></p>
ST-25-19-12	<b>Navigator for energy funding and involvement in funding discussions</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> it is difficult for the Arctic Energy Alliance to acquire data to report on community energy profiles, and some types of reporting is impossible due to formats and other restrictions on the data;	<b>ENR/ INF</b>	The 2030 Energy Strategy, the Energy Action Plan, and the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework were developed through extensive joint public engagements that included regional workshops with residents, communities, businesses, Indigenous	The 2030 Energy Strategy, the Energy Action Plan, and the 2030 NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework were developed through extensive joint public engagements that included regional workshops with residents, communities,

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		<p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> information on community energy use is a critical part of energy planning and supports efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> energy use data as it is currently received is generalized by company and region/territory;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Department of Finance is an important partner in the collection, interpretation and dissemination of information to support decision-making on energy for the GNWT and all NWT communities and residents;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the GNWT is collecting data for their carbon tax program and to support federal requirements to report on greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT modify the legislation necessary to allow for the collection and sharing of aggregated energy data to enable partners, including the Arctic Energy Alliance and community governments to fully participate in tracking and goal setting with respect to Energy.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT provide clarification on how data will be collected and shared for their carbon tax program and greenhouse gas emissions reporting.</p>		<p>governments and other stakeholders across the NWT.</p> <p>GNWT-led projects are primarily prioritized in the 2030 Energy Strategy in terms of cost effectiveness such as greenhouse gas reduced per dollar invested. There are other factors as well, and the GNWT has to balance competing and often shifting factors in its decision making. The GNWT also consider the following factors for GNWT-led projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community and Indigenous government engagement, participation, involvement and approval</li><li>• Energy security and reliability</li><li>• Energy affordability</li><li>• Project complexity and likelihood of success</li><li>• Stakeholder and community interests and needs</li></ul> <p>The GNWT will be annually updating its three-year Energy Action Plan based on changing circumstances to transparently inform the public. The GNWT will also report annually on progress to remain accountable. We welcome input from communities about their priorities and what they would like to see in the Energy Action Plan.</p> <p>The GNWT undertakes appropriate community engagement before major energy projects are advanced. GNWT will always attempt to accommodate a community's request to take part in a GNWT or utility led project.</p>	<p>businesses, Indigenous governments and other stakeholders across the NWT.</p> <p>GNWT-led projects are primarily prioritized in the 2030 Energy Strategy in terms of cost effectiveness such as greenhouse gas reduced per dollar invested. There are other factors as well, and the GNWT has to balance competing and often shifting factors in its decision making. The GNWT also consider the following factors for GNWT-led projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community and Indigenous government engagement, participation, involvement and approval</li><li>• Energy security and reliability</li><li>• Energy affordability</li><li>• Project complexity and likelihood of success</li><li>• Stakeholder and community interests and needs</li></ul> <p>The GNWT will be annually updating its three-year Energy Action Plan based on changing circumstances to transparently inform the public. The GNWT will also report annually on progress to remain accountable. We welcome input from communities about their priorities and what they would like to see in the Energy Action Plan.</p> <p>The GNWT undertakes appropriate community engagement before major energy projects are advanced. GNWT will always attempt to accommodate a community's request to take part in a GNWT or utility led project.</p>

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				<p>If communities wishes to lead their own energy projects, there is a significant amount of funding available through the GNWT’s Government GHG Grant Program, the Arctic Energy Alliance community funding, and through the Community Energy Efficiency Upgrades funded under federal Infrastructure programs administered through Municipal and Community Affairs, as well as through federal sources such as Natural Resources Canada and CanNor.</p> <p>The GNWT and the Arctic Energy Alliance currently take an active role in supporting communities in reaching their energy-related goals and objectives. If a community wishes to apply for GNWT and Arctic Energy Alliance funding, the community can ask for support and it will be provided, including advice on which fund would be most appropriate.</p> <p>Should a community wish to apply for federal funding, the GNWT and the AEA are available to provide advice on where to apply and letters of support, as well as some technical support as appropriate for both the application process and for project implementation.</p>	<p>If communities wishes to lead their own energy projects, there is a significant amount of funding available through the GNWT’s Government GHG Grant Program, the Arctic Energy Alliance community funding, and through the Community Energy Efficiency Upgrades funded under federal Infrastructure programs administered through Municipal and Community Affairs, as well as through federal sources such as Natural Resources Canada and CanNor.</p> <p>The GNWT and the Arctic Energy Alliance currently take an active role in supporting communities in reaching their energy-related goals and objectives. If a community wishes to apply for GNWT and Arctic Energy Alliance funding, the community can ask for support and it will be provided, including advice on which fund would be most appropriate.</p> <p>Should a community wish to apply for federal funding, the GNWT and the AEA are available to provide advice on where to apply and letters of support, as well as some technical support as appropriate for both the application process and for project implementation.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and review any changes that impact this resolution. NWTAC has secured funding for the Energy Community Liaison</b></p>

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ST-25-17-05	Shoreline Erosion	<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 THAT</b> the GNWT make it their priority to find funding, in particular with other stakeholders to remediate or mitigate these concerns.</p>	MACA/ ENR	<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 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</p>	<p>The GNWT will continue to work closely with community governments to address climate change impacts.</p> <p>Hazard mapping work being conducted by the GNWT in strong collaboration with communities on flood and permafrost thaw will contribute to advance this resolution.</p> <p>Coastal erosion models continue to be developed (and improved) using high-resolution satellite imagery, providing a baseline understanding of landscape changes taking place in the vicinity of archaeological sites and promoting an informed approach to site monitoring efforts. NRCan is doing this work.</p> <p>Several new coastal erosion risk assessments have been completed using the Long-Term Change Detection (LTCd) product and high-resolution satellite imagery. Furthermore, work is now underway to conduct a quantitative comparison of the LTCd results alongside historical models of shoreline change developed by the Cultural Places Program, to verify the utility of LTCd data in detecting coastal erosion at known archaeological sites.</p> <p>NWT EMO supports communities who require assistance in updating and reviewing their plans annually by providing a Community Emergency Planning Template and offering Community Emergency Planning Workshops. The EMO's Community Emergency Planning Template incorporates a method for communities to</p>

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				<p>facilitate local adaptation to climate change. Land use planning refers to the processes and instruments to manage the use of land and the physical development of a community.</p> <p>Shoreline Erosion issues can and should be taken into consideration when community governments update their community land use planning tools, including: community plans, zoning bylaws, development permits, and other development policies that may be used to minimize risks to communities in these areas experiencing erosion, landslides and other natural hazards.</p> <p>As the climate changes, so will the frequency and magnitude of climate- related hazards, posing a challenge for communities and residents on the NWT.</p> <p>For communities susceptible to flooding/erosion, MACA has annually shared information on any funding opportunities related to mitigation programs. MACA continues to work with Public Safety Canada by encouraging changes in funding programs that support planning efforts for disaster mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>In addition, in a broader planning context, the updating of community plans is gas tax fund eligible within the terms of the 2014-2023 Agreement. MACA also encourages the community to use their annual Capital</p>	<p>identify and rank hazards including climate change related hazards (e.g. floods, blizzards, wildland fires, permafrost thaw, coastal erosion).</p> <p>The GNWT is taking action by updating the Hazard Identification Risk Assessment and supporting hazard mapping in land use plans and community plans.</p> <p>The GNWT has also completed high-level reports for community infrastructure risk assessments and will support communities to develop sustainability and mitigation plans for their infrastructure most at risk.</p> <p>The GNWT is advocating for funding for planning for mitigation and adaptation to the impacts of climate change, including relocation of community assets. As a part of this, MACA will continue to ensure that community governments are aware of these funding opportunities, as well as new federal funding that may apply, and encourage communities to discuss these matters with the MACA Regional Offices.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to work on this resolution. Climate change is a priority of the NWTAC.</b></p>

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				<p>Planning</p> <p>Process and funding allocations to identify projects that will support the mitigation of shoreline erosion especially where it relates to protecting core community public infrastructure.</p> <p>MACA will continue to ensure that community governments are aware of these funding opportunities, as well as new federal funding that may apply, and encourage communities to discuss these matters with the MACA Regional Offices.</p> <p>Ground instability poses major risks to land use and development and reinforces the importance of integrating natural hazard management into land-use development and planning policies, particularly as there are few mitigation measures that can be implemented to address major ground movement events that can happen with little or no warning.</p>	
ST-25-17-12	<b>UNDRIP as a guide for NWT</b>	<p>WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples (UNDRIP) was passed by the United Nations general assembly on September 13,2017, and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Canadian government and the legislative assembly of the NWT also passed and endorsed the declaration that supports all indigenous Peoples, and</p> <p>WHEREAS lands, resources and community governments in the NWT are directly affected by self-government negotiations and agreements, and</p>	<b>EIA</b>	No response.	As described in the GNWT’s 2019-2023 Mandate, the GNWT is committed to further identifying, prioritizing and strengthening keys 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.

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		THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NWT Association of Communities hereby fully endorses and supports the UNDRIP as a guide in the negotiations with the indigenous peoples of the NWT			<b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b>  <b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b>
ST-25-17-25	<b>Decentralization of Jobs and Services</b>	<b>WHEREAS:</b> as long as the GNWT has a policy to support decentralization of government Services and positions; and  <b>WHEREAS</b> Communities rely on economic decentralization to support their local economies,  <b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT put greater emphasis on ensuring that GNWT positions are equitably distributed throughout the NWT Communities.	<b>EIA</b>	<p>The GNWT continues to reallocate positions to communities and looks to establish new positions in regional centers and other communities whenever it is appropriate to do so. Where it makes economic sense or the reallocation of a position can be justified in order to meet new service delivery requirements the GNWT will follow through with this commitment.</p> <p>An example of this process in action has been the establishment of 23 Government Service Officer positions at the community level in the NWT over the past several years.</p> <p>In 2016 the GNWT also introduced the Regional Recruitment Program, a training and development initiative that creates employment opportunities for potential employees by linking vacant regional positions with relevant on-the-job work experience.</p>	<p>The GNWT continues to reallocate positions to communities and looks to establish new positions in regional centers and other communities whenever it is appropriate to do so. Where it makes economic sense or the reallocation of a position can be justified in order to meet new service delivery requirements, the GNWT will follow through with this commitment.</p> <p>An example of this process in action has been the establishment of 23 Government Service Officer positions at the community level in the NWT over the past several years. In 2016 the GNWT also introduced the Regional Recruitment Program, a training and development initiative that creates employment opportunities for potential employees by linking vacant regional positions with relevant on-the-job work experience.</p> <b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b>  <b>The GNWT Has answered this resolution the same way for the past three years. The GNWT feels the intent of this resolution has been met. STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b>



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ST-25-09-08	Plumbing Inspections	<p>WHEREAS the GNWT provides for licensing, regulation and inspection services for gas and electrical installations, for the purpose of public safety and assurance of quality services; and,</p> <p>WHEREAS licensing, regulation and inspection services are not provided by the GNWT for the installation of plumbing services and fixtures; and,</p> <p>WHEREAS the lack of licensing, regulation and inspection services for plumbing is resulting in unnecessary maintenance and repair expenses for homeowners and others due to shoddy and substandard plumbing works; and,</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NWT Association of Communities urges the GNWT to immediately implement a licensing, regulation and inspection service for all new plumbing installations to a minimum standard of the National Plumbing Code of Canada, and that such services be provided to all NWT Communities by the GNWT, where appropriate.</p>	MACA	<p>The Government of the Northwest Territories does not have any legislation that could be used to regulate plumbing services. Municipal legislation provides municipal governments with the authority to pass bylaws to adopt in whole or in part, a code such as the National Plumbing Code or standard made or recommended by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada or a province.</p> <p>The City of Yellowknife, for example, requires plumbers and plumbing companies to get a Mechanical Permit when undertaking plumbing work within their municipal boundaries. When applying for the permit, the contractor has to provide sufficient information that the work will conform to Yellowknife’s by-laws, the National Building Code and the National Plumbing Code. Inspections are also required by the permit. Municipal governments, therefore, have all the legal authority they require to regulate plumbing work and they can do it by passing a by-law.</p>	<p>The Government of the Northwest Territories does not have any legislation that could be used to regulate plumbing services. Municipal legislation provides municipal governments with the authority to pass bylaws to adopt in whole or in part, a code such as the National Plumbing Code or standard made or recommended by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada or a province.</p> <p>The City of Yellowknife, for example, requires plumbers and plumbing companies to get a Mechanical Permit when undertaking plumbing work within their municipal boundaries. When applying for the permit, the contractor has to provide sufficient information that the work will conform to Yellowknife’s by-laws, the National Building Code and the National Plumbing Code. Inspections are also required by the permit. Municipal governments, therefore, have all the legal authority they require to regulate plumbing work and they can do it by passing a by-law.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b></p>
ST-25-01-07	Permanent Stationary Placement of a Community Registered Nurse	<p>WHEREAS remote communities in the Northwest Territories are experiencing the deepest impact from the national nurses shortage, often leaving the community with no experienced health care provider; and</p> <p>WHEREAS remote communities in the Northwest Territories already experience health standards far below</p>	HSS	<p>Several challenges arise when striving to provide healthcare services in small communities and these challenges are not unique to the Northwest Territories. In many of small, more remote NWT communities, there is concern not only with access to routine care, but particularly with the capacity to respond to</p>	<p>Several challenges arise when striving to provide healthcare services in small communities and these challenges are not unique to the Northwest Territories. In many of small, more remote NWT communities, there is concern not only with access to routine care, but particularly with the capacity to respond to a medical emergency</p>



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		<p>the national average, the impact of the nurse’s shortage has dramatically effected the overall situation in these communities.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Health &amp; Social Services and other relevant governmental bodies to assist in ensuring permanent stationary placement of a community Registered Nurse in all northern communities within the Northwest Territories.</p>		<p>a medical emergency when such an event occurs. Programs such as Med Response facilitate immediate, around-the-clock access to physician support and emergency services, including medevac services. Through referral processes and medical travel services, all residents of the NWT have access to specialist and allied health services in the larger regional centres.</p> <p>Healthcare is provided to residents in communities without a permanent nurse through nurse visits and also by the Community Health Representative, Community Health Worker and/or a Community Support Worker who reside in the community.</p> <p>There are additional initiatives to balance scopes of practice for healthcare providers in small communities. One such initiative is the Tsiigehtchic emergency services pilot project, which was organized in response to residents’ requests for full-time nursing staff. The Department, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA), members of the Beaufort Delta Region, and Tsiigehtchic leaders are have been working together to explore an approach to emergency health care in Tsiigehtchic that is uniquely suited to Tsiigehtchic. The goal is to develop a new approach to emergency care that is tailored to meet community needs for care and emergency services in communities without resident nurses. The proposed approach incorporates first responder education for community members. The Community Based Emergency Care (CBEC) project has been</p>	<p>when such an event occurs. Programs such as Med Response facilitate immediate, around-the-clock access to physician support and emergency services, including medevac services. Through referral processes and medical travel services, all residents of the NWT have access to specialist and allied health services in the larger regional centres.</p> <p>Healthcare is provided to residents in communities without a permanent nurse through nurse visits and also by the Community Health Representative, Community Health Worker and/or a Community Support Worker who reside in the community.</p> <p>There are additional initiatives to balance scopes of practice for healthcare providers in small communities. One such initiative is the Tsiigehtchic emergency services pilot project, which was organized in response to residents’ requests for full-time nursing staff. The Department, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA), members of the Beaufort Delta Region, and Tsiigehtchic leaders are have been working together to explore an approach to emergency health care in Tsiigehtchic that is uniquely suited to Tsiigehtchic. The goal is to develop a new approach to emergency care that is tailored to meet community needs for care and emergency services in communities without resident nurses. The proposed approach incorporates first responder education for community members. The Community Based Emergency Care (CBEC) project has been piloted in Tsiigehtchic to help</p>

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				<p>piloted in Tsiigehtchic to help the community better respond to emergency situations.</p> <p>Phase one of the CBEC project in Tsiigehtchic was completed on June 30, 2017, The working group members include the Department of Health and Social Services (Department), the NTHSSA, the Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic, the Gwichya Gwich'in Council, and Tsiigehtchic community members.</p> <p>The second phase of the project commenced in mid-October, 2018 and was completed at the end of March 2019. This phase of the project focused on capacity-building and planning.</p> <p>The Community Based Emergency Care training was delivered during the week of February 25th, 2019, 16 community members attended the training. Upon completion of the course participants received a custom Community Based Emergency Care certificate as well as a certificate in First Aid from the Canadian Red Cross.</p> <p>Target populations identified to participate in the training were members of the Rangers, municipal workers, councilors, and other community members. The community Working Group members worked within their community to identify course participants. The SAO coordinated registration for the course.</p> <p>From the program evaluation the participants expressed a high level of satisfaction with the course and felt it was quite valuable.</p> <p>The Department is anticipating a final program report that will contain the program</p>	<p>the community better respond to emergency situations.</p> <p>Phase one of the CBEC project in Tsiigehtchic was completed on June 30, 2017, The working group members include the Department of Health and Social Services (Department), the NTHSSA, the Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic, the Gwichya Gwich'in Council, and Tsiigehtchic community members.</p> <p>The second phase of the project commenced in mid-October, 2018 and was completed at the end of March 2019. This phase of the project focused on capacity-building and planning.</p> <p>The Community Based Emergency Care training was delivered during the week of February 25th, 2019, 16 community members attended the training. Upon completion of the course participants received a custom Community Based Emergency Care certificate as well as a certificate in First Aid from the Canadian Red Cross.</p> <p>Target populations identified to participate in the training were members of the Rangers, municipal workers, councilors, and other community members. The community Working Group members worked within their community to identify course participants. The SAO coordinated registration for the course.</p> <p>From the program evaluation the participants expressed a high level of satisfaction with the course and felt it was quite valuable.</p> <p>The Department is anticipating a final program report that will contain the program curriculum,</p>

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				curriculum, course evaluation and recommendations for future offerings.	course evaluation and recommendations for future offerings.  <b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b> <b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b>
ST-25-01-11	<b>Permanent Placement of a Community RCMP Officer</b>	<p>WHEREAS several remote municipalities have not had a permanent stationary police officer to effectively, monitor and enforce laws and various legislation; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the absences of proper police protection can sometimes put un-due stress on community residents.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Justice, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other relevant government bodies within all levels of government for a permanent Police Officer in all remote communities within the NWT.</p>	<b>DOJ</b>	The Department of Justice continues to be committed to working in partnership with the RCMP and community residents on policing services and local justice programming to enhance safety in communities. As a government, we are committed to ensuring each person has access to policing services, regardless of where they live. Although some of our smaller communities may not have permanent RCMP detachments, they receive policing services through regular patrols from adjacent communities, or by having members dedicated to the community who may spend several days per week in that community.	The Department of Justice continues to work with the RCMP and communities to provide policing services and local justice programming to each community in the NWT. The Department of Justice has been able to secure funding under the First Nations Policing Program to create 5 new RCMP positions across the NWT. These positions will not be physically located in small communities but will be posted to hub locations that will serve outlying communities. The RCMP remains committed to a strategic approach to patrolling small communities that promotes community safety and health.  <b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b> <b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution when this legislation is being addressed in the future.</b>

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ST-25-98-12	Limiting the Time Available to the Territorial Assessment Appeal Tribunal to Reach a Decision	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the current provisions of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act provide for the establishment of a Territorial Assessment Appeal Tribunal; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Tribunal has historically experienced some delays in hearing appeals on property assessments, thereby causing some delays in concluding taxation claims against properties subject to appeals; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> this uncertainty has continued in some instances for more than one year because of delays in hearing appeals.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the NWTAC petition the GNWT to amend the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> such that the Tribunal be granted a period of no more than six months from the time of the deadline of appeals during which it must rule on said appeals.</p>	MACA	<p>A legislative review of <i>the Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> 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. During this year’s NWT Association of Communities AGM, MACA did facilitate an interactive session with delegates to begin to gather input on legislation issues impacting community governments. This is the beginning of an engagement process that will contribute to establishing legislative priorities for the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>MACA is aware that the NWT Association of Communities has passed as many as eight (8) resolutions that may impact the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>. This is important feedback that will be considered, not only as we set priorities, but also once we begin the legislative review process.</p>	<p>Due in part to capacity, but also due to the number of Acts that MACA administers, it has become necessary for MACA to prioritize its legislative initiatives. The current <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> legislation and the corresponding policies and procedures that lead to confusion, administrative challenges, and potentially complaints.</p> <p>MACA has initiated preliminary research to identify issues related to assessment that may require legislative or administrative solutions. This research will support the basis of a Legislative Proposal later in the 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.</p> <p>MACA is also reviewing other property assessment legislation in Canada.</p> <p>MACA is aware that the NWT Association of Communities has historically passed as many as eight resolutions with considerations that may impact the <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i>.</p> <p>This is important feedback that will be considered, not only as we set priorities, but also once we begin the legislative review process.</p>

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DL-25-22-02	Canada Community-Building Fund (Gas Tax Fund) Renewal	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides \$2.2 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, cultural and recreational facilities; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> in Budget 2019 and Budget 2021 the federal government leveraged the CCBF as a proven mechanism to deliver infrastructure funding quickly by doubling the value of the fund in those years; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> each <i>Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund (2014-2024)</i> signed between</p> <p>The federal government and the provinces and territories is scheduled for renegotiation and renewal by April 1, 2024; Infrastructure Canada is leading a renewal engagement process with the aim of securing agreements in principle by September 2023; the scope of the CCBF renewal process includes decisions on signatories and program delivery partners, data collection and reporting and public communications, among other important program design considerations; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> reforms are needed to ensure that the Fund’s growth and volume maintain pace with Canada’s economic growth, the historic increase in construction prices, and the historic growth of federal sales tax revenues; and</p>	MACA	<p>N/A – Resolution was introduced in 2022.</p> <p>A permanent increase to the annual CCBF allocation for the territories is the most reliable and sustainable option to meaningfully address municipal needs in the north.</p> <p>The current Canada-NWT Administrative Agreement for the CCBF (formerly the Gas Tax Fund) expires on March 31, 2024. Canada has not yet initiated any discussions about renewal of the agreements.</p> <p>The GNWT has been engaging the Governments of Nunavut and Yukon to identify common pressures, themes and linkages to Canada’s Arctic and Northern Policy Framework to support strategic engagement and federal funding advocacy, including renewal of the CCBF.</p> <p>In renewal discussions, the GNWT will advocate for an ongoing funding increase for community governments in the NWT under the CCBF in the new agreement.</p>	<p>A permanent increase to the annual CCBF allocation for the territories is the most reliable and sustainable option to meaningfully address municipal needs in the north.</p> <p>The current Canada-NWT Administrative Agreement for the CCBF (formerly the Gas Tax Fund) expired on March 31, 2024. While the Federal Government has distributed a draft agreement for negotiation, there is no increase to the budget.</p> <p>Through negotiations of the draft agreement, the NWT continues to ask for flexible funding and reporting, while also advocating for more funding in the NWT. It is anticipated that a revised agreement will be in place in summer 2024.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to engage the Governments of Nunavut and Yukon to identify common pressures, themes and linkages to Canada’s Arctic and Northern Policy Framework to support strategic engagement and federal funding advocacy including renewal of the CCBF.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends DELETE.</b></p> <p><b>Renewed for 10 More Years.</b></p>

		<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada’s Arctic and Northern Policy Framework acknowledges longstanding inequalities in transportation, energy, communications, employment, community infrastructure, health and education continue to disadvantage people, especially Indigenous peoples, in Canada's Arctic and North; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Infrastructure Canada’s practice of applying the current 2 percent index at \$100 million increments has caused municipalities to receive less funding than allocated: and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Budget 2022 signalled the federal government’s intent to tie CCBF funding to actions by provinces, territories, and municipalities to increase housing supply where it makes sense to do so, marking an important new direction for the Fund; now, therefore, be it</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the federal government ensure that municipalities are meaningfully engaged in the development of the 2024-2034 Canada Community-BuildingFund agreements through FCM and provincial and territorial municipal associations; and be it further</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the 2024-2025 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements modernize this critical municipal funding program by increasing the indexation from 2 percent to 3.5 percent annually, by eliminating 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>			
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DL-25-18-12	<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 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>	<b>ECC / MACA / EIA</b>	<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 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. The value of land transferred from GNWT to community governments for nominal value is one way</p>	<p>The GNWT remains committed to supporting community governments access and manage lands within their boundaries.</p> <p>ECC is able to transfer land to community governments at minimal expense, which supports communities to realize economic opportunities and develop sustainably.</p> <p>ECC has been prioritizing land transfers to communities for housing when applications are received. These applications are subject to consultation. ECC contacted Municipal Taxation Authorities to gauge their interest in participating in bulk land transfers within their communities. However, this must also be done at the same time as considering ongoing land, resources, and self-government rights agreements, as well as any current or future land needs for the territorial and federal governments.</p> <p>ECC will continue to work with the City of Yellowknife on an MOU to support a bulk land transfer, including which lands would be subject to transfer.</p> <p>Should other communities require bulk transfers of land, the GNWT would consider these requests and follow similar processes for those communities. In the meantime, ECC will continue to review individual applications for land transfer from communities, even in absence of any overall agreement regarding bulk land transfers consistent with the process guide for transferring public lands to communities which was previously shared with NWTAC.</p> <p>MACA strongly encourages community governments to engage with Indigenous</p>
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			<p>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>The Department of Lands provides fee simple title to community governments that have an interest and a need to support their growth and future development. Land transfers to community governments can be done under the existing regulations and are not dependent on or linked to the regulations being developed under the Public Land Act.</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>Lands is currently working through an application from the City of Yellowknife for bulk land transfers of public land in fee simple. In addition, a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Department is expected to be completed in early 2023.</p> <p>In August 2022, Lands shared a process guide on transferring land within municipal boundaries with the NWT Association of Communities. The purpose of this guide is to make land transfer processes clearer for all communities.</p>	<p>governments and organizations throughout their community land use planning processes to ensure that community plan bylaws are developed in consideration of land requirements for municipal and public purposes (community public infrastructure and future growth areas) and these prospective land uses are shared with Aboriginal rights holders and any concerns that may be raised through engagement can be proactively addressed.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE: See new resolution 2025-07.</b></p>
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				<p>In 2021-22, 16 parcels were transferred to municipal governments, totaling 60.39 hectares of land, and valued at \$1,431,000.</p> <p>MACA continues to work with communities interested in acquiring land tenure under community public infrastructure or land required for future CPI and future growth areas to support the submission of land applications to the Department of Lands where required and the alignment to the administration of community governance tools (bylaws) related to land management.</p>	
DL-25-20-21	<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 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</p>	<b>INF</b>	<p>The GNWT is working with Canada to make investments into the NWT transportation system to address impact of climate change.</p> <p>Climate change considerations will also be made as the Department will be undertaking a review of the 25-year Transportation Strategy, which will include engagement with Indigenous governments, community governments, stakeholders and public.</p> <p>The GNWT continues 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>Initiatives include an INF-Transport Canada collaboration on a winter road portage road base and resiliency study. The study is complete for the first phase of investigations.</p> <p>The study placed temperature instruments</p>	<p>change to the NWT transportation system. We are also actively collaborating with other jurisdictions and academic institutions to address climate change challenges. Examples are our work with the Yukon and Alaska governments, and universities in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.</p> <p>Other initiatives include a Department of Infrastructure (INF)-Transport Canada collaborative study on winter road resiliency, and an INF vulnerability assessment of potential impacts of warmer weather, increased precipitation, and permafrost degradation on GNWT infrastructure, including on the NWT highway system. INF also coordinates its work and exchanges knowledge with other GNWT Departments, such as Environment and Climate Change and the NWT Geological Survey.</p>

	<p>network operational and viable.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the total costs of permafrost 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 measures a top priority;</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT take a strategic approach to research and planning that considers the vulnerability of communities.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> 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 THAT</b> the GNWT take a leadership role and work in partnership 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>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 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 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> <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. Increasingly, we are collaborating, and sharing information and experience, with many jurisdictions and academic institutions that are addressing this challenge. Examples are our work with the Yukon and Alaska governments, and Laval, Carleton, Toronto, and Alberta universities.</p>	<p>INF highways maintenance staff, contractors and industry continue to work collaboratively to make public roads as safe as possible and provide the level of service required by NWT residents and communities.</p> <p>All this work is helping the GNWT and Department of Infrastructure to better understand and mitigate the potential impacts of climate change in the short and long term.</p> <p>The GNWT will continue to share information and experiences in a transparent and collaborative manner.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE Replace with resolution 2025-10 Supply Chain Analysis</b></p>
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		<b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT to provide information to winter road dependent communities in a transparent and timely manner.			
DL-25-20-17	<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> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT work with relevant stakeholders, including community governments, to update legislation to have presumptive coverage for work-related psychological injury (including PTSD).</p>	<b>WSCC</b>	<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> <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> <p>In 2022, Policy 03.09 Psychiatric and Psychological Disorders was reviewed and will be going forward to the Governance Council in December for approval.</p>	<p>The WSCC has been directed by its Minister in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut to develop a legislative proposal to expand presumptive coverage for firefighters. This will include increasing the types of presumptive cancers and adding presumptive PTSD coverage for firefighters.</p> <p>The legislative proposal will be drafted in 2024.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>DELETE</b></p>

				<p>There are no anticipated changes in the policy in regards to coverage for work-related psychiatric or psychological disorders diagnosed through the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).</p> <p>Looking forward, the WSCC will be reviewing PTSD for firefighters as a part of its review of Firefighters’ Presumption Regulations.</p>	
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**TAB 8  
NWTAC  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

# NWTAC Information Tradeshow Directory

The NWTAC welcomes trade show exhibitors to our 2025 Annual General Meeting.

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

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The Territorial Agrifood Association (TAA) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization based in Hay River. It was formed in 2020 to represent members of the agri-food value chain across the territory and to advance the NWT agrifood sector as a whole. The TAA unites commercial food growers, processors, manufacturers, chefs, restaurants, individuals and communities in the agrifood sector in the NWT. We believe that strong relationships, partnerships, and projects are essential to combatting food insecurity, addressing food sovereignty and ensuring a thriving food sector.



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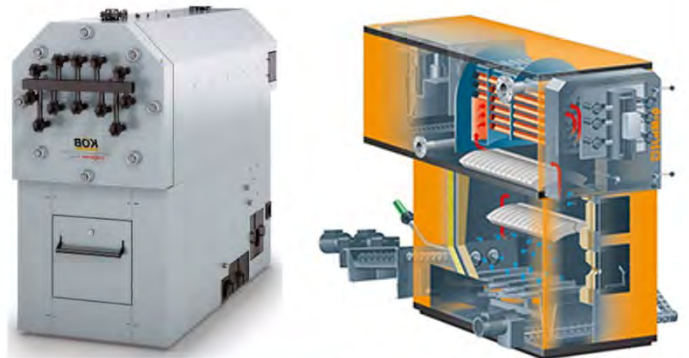


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