



NWT Association of Communities

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February 26th
to 28th, 2026

Yellowknife, NT
Chateau Nova

**NWT Association of Communities
Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, February 26th, 2026

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Sponsored By: Municipal & Community Affairs

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration (outside Caribou Room)
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Practices of Civility – Ian McCormack Civility in local governments has become more and more of a problem over the past few years. Understanding the problem and seeing what is behind this increasingly poor behaviour are key to being able to return civility to our councils and the public in our communities. This one-hour session is designed to provide an overview of what the problem is, why it's getting worse, and what we can do about it.
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Nutrition Break
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Northern Mosaic Network Hear how to foster a more inclusive workplace and culture to support 2SLGBTQIPA+
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Thebacha Leadership Council Hear the latest about the Leadership Council in Fort Smith: How to facilitate collaboration and Community Leadership Initiatives & Energy InSites Program (<i>Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources</i>).
11:30 am to 12:00 pm	Business Showcase Elevator Pitch
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	LUNCHEON – PARTNER: Dillon Consulting BUSINESS SHOWCASE: Visit with various Businesses over the Lunch hour in the Caribou Room Lobby
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Integrated Power Systems Planning Hear from Arctic Energy Alliance, NAKA Power Utilities, NTPC and the GNWT about planning for electricity in the NWT.

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Registration (outside Caribou Room)

Thursday Feb 26th - 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Thursday Feb 26th - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Friday Feb 27th – 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Thursday, February 26, 2026

AGM Official Business
(Caribou Room)

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Registration (outside Caribou Room)

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Nutrition Break (Caribou Room) **PARTNER: BMO**

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

AGM Official Business

- Opening Prayer – Yellowknives Dene Drummers
- Welcome from President Mayor Jameson
- Welcome from the Government of the Northwest Territories
- Welcome from the City of Yellowknife
- Welcome from Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Welcome and Remarks from Deputy Commissioner Abbie Crook

- Adoption of Agenda
- President's Report
- Adoption of the 2025 AGM Minutes
- Adoption of the 2024/2025 Financial Statements
- Presentation of the 2026/2027 Budget
- First Call for Nominations

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Opening Reception & Auction – Caribou Room

**PARTNER: Northern Communities
Insurance Program**

**Auction and Saturday Entertainment Sponsor:
Northern Communities
Insurance Program**

**Climate Change Resilience Award Sponsor:
Department of Environment and
Climate Change
Government of the Northwest Territories**

**Friday, February 27th, 2026
Morning Session**

Session Partner: AVIVA

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

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

9:15 am – 12 Noon **INTERACTIVE SESSIONS**

Marine Transportation Services – 2026 Operational Update

NWT Housing – Hybrid Housing Systems

Canadian Security Intelligence Service/NRCAN – Building partnerships with Federal Agencies

NWT Recreation and Parks – Cool Clean Air Shelters

Federation of Canadian Municipalities- Updates and Feedback / Green Municipal Fund

Local Government Administrators of the NWT - Updates

MACA – Multi-Sport Games

MACA – iGaming

RCMP – Emergency Response by RCMP in NWT Communities

NWT Chief Public Health Officer – Community conversations around Substance Use Toolkit

Environmental Health – What the division does and questions about Drinking Water

Health and Social Services - NWT Mental Health & Substance Use Services

Red Cross – Supporting you during Emergencies

ECC – Climate Change Library and Help Desk

10:30 am – 11:00 am **Nutrition Break PARTNER: Northwestel**

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Luncheon PARTNER: Laurin Adjusters Ltd**

**GO TO THE LYNX ROOM FOYER & CHECK OUT THE
ENERGY HUB**

Friday, February 27 from 9 am to 3 pm

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

Friday, February 27, 2026

Afternoon Session

Session Partner: NAKA Power

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Presentation by Minister Olszewski – Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Keynote Speaker – Jordin Tootoo

Tootoo openly shares his journey from rising star and fan favourite to losing it all, including his addiction and fight to claim sobriety. This is the story of family, mentors, and tragedy, and one man's journey to understand how his past struggles gave him the strength to find his own truth.

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Northern Communities Insurance Program Update
Presenter: Shirley Fontaine, Insurance Manager

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Nutrition Break PARTNER: STARR

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Municipal and Community Affairs Update

Presenters: Minister Vince McKay
Gary Brennan, Deputy Minister

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**Community Excellence Award Sponsor:
Department of
Municipal and Community Affairs
Government of the Northwest Territories**

Saturday, February 28th, 2026

Morning Session

Session Partner : NEBS

8:45 am – 9:00 am

Announcements/3rd call for Nominations

9:00 am – 11:30 am

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

NWTAC – Funding and Partnerships to address climate change risks

MACA – Community Transport Initiative

MACA – Emergency Management – Hosting Evacuated Communities/Eligible Costs

ECC – Forestry – Building Wildfire Resilience For Community Leaders: Programs + Approaches

Arctic Energy Alliance – How can AEA programs support you?

NAKA Power – Renewable Energy and Support for Communities

NTPC – Renewable Energy and Support for Communities

AON First Nations Program – Band Communities can ask questions of the Program

YK Community Foundation – Sharing how the Foundation can support your programs

BROWNLEE LLP – Ask questions of our lawyers

OCPHO – Training for Non-HSSA Community Health Workers

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Nutrition Break PARTNER: Loss Control Consultants Ltd

11:30 am – 12 noon

Election of Directors

12:00 pm -1:00 pm

Healthy Communities Luncheon

Partner: Health and Social Services

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

Saturday, February 28th , 2026

Afternoon Session

Session Partner: Avery Cooper & Co. Ltd.

- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm **NWTAC Prior Year Resolutions**
- 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm **2026 Resolution Session**
- 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm **NWTAC Annual Report**
Presenter: Sara Brown, CEO
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Nutrition Break Partner: FCM Green Municipal Fund**
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm **MP Rebecca Alty**
- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **Senator Dawn Anderson**
- 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm **Open Discussion with GNWT Cabinet**
- Minister Caroline Wawzonek (Deputy Premier, Finance, Infrastructure, NTPC)
Minister Lucy Kuptana (Housing NWT, Status of Women)
Minister Jay Macdonald (Environment & Climate Change, Justice)
Minister Vince McKay (Municipal and Community Affairs, WSCC, Public Utilities Board)
Minister Lesa Semmler (Health & Social Services)
John MacDonald (Secretary to the Cabinet)
DM James Fulford (Education, Culture & Employment)
ADM Melissa Cyr (Industry, Tourism & Investment)

5:00 pm **Closing Comments**

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm **BANQUET & AWARDS**
Including Comedian Dave Hemstad
(Caribou Room)

Banquet Sponsor: NT Power Corp

Community Builder Award Sponsor

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**Our next AGM is in Inuvik
Date in 2027 TBD**