

## 2026 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-26-25-02	<p><b>Create a Plan for the Future of the Northwest Territories</b></p> <p><a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> it is important for the GNWT and community governments to work together on a strong plan for the future that benefits everyone;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that this plan prioritize key issues related to Infrastructure, Environment and Climate</p>	EIA/ITI	<p>The GNWT operates under a consensus-based system of government, grounded in the Westminster tradition, where Ministers are accountable for the delivery of departmental mandates as guided by legislation and the collective priorities of the Legislative Assembly. This structure enables departments to lead on specific areas of responsibility, such as health, education, infrastructure, and climate change, while contributing to broader, cross-government goals.</p> <p>Through this approach, the GNWT can align departmental work under a shared direction, ensuring coordination across government and supporting long-term planning. It also allows for flexibility in responding to regional needs and encourages collaboration with Indigenous and community governments to ensure that decisions reflect the priorities and perspectives of residents across the Northwest Territories (NWT).</p> <p>The GNWT is committed to fulfilling its mandate and delivering on the priorities of the 20th Legislative Assembly through a transparent and accountable approach. This includes engaging with Indigenous and community governments, residents, and stakeholders to ensure decisions reflect the needs and aspirations of all Northerners.</p> <p>As part of the governments ‘Restoring Balance’ approach, the GNWT is working to stabilize the territory’s fiscal position while continuing to invest in critical programs and services that support community health and wellness, economic development, and overall well-being.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to engage in a variety of intergovernmental forums with Indigenous and community governments to support collaborative decision-making and shared planning efforts. Recognizing the value of a clear, long-term vision, the GNWT will continue to consider how to better align and coordinate existing strategic initiatives across departments in a way that reflects a sustainable path forward for the NWT.</p> <p>The GNWT, led by ITI, has identified the development of an Economic Vision for the Northwest Territories as a commitment in the 2023-2027 Mandate of the 20th Assembly. The intent behind the development of a</p>	<p>The NWTAC wants the GNWT to engage communities and provide regular updates on the Economic Vision and accompanying action plan to advance the vision.</p> <p>We also look forward to an update on the engagement process for the Vision as described in the Resolution response.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Keep as a Re-affirm Resolution</b></p>

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		Change, Education, Culture and Employment, Justice, and Health and Social Services and Executive and Indigenous Affairs with a focus on delivering equitable services to all, enhancing community health and wellness, and fostering economic growth that benefits all regions and individuals.	<p>Vision is twofold:</p> <p>Create a short visionary statement and accompanying set of universal measures that can guide the NWT as a whole towards an innovative future state where the following 20th Legislative Assembly’s priorities are considered achieved:</p> <p>Suitability, accessibility and affordability of housing;</p> <p>A strong economic foundation;</p> <p>Access to health care and addressing the effects of trauma; and</p> <p>Safe residents and communities.</p> <p>Once completed, the Vision is intended to be a unifying platform which governments and communities in the NWT can use to guide decisions and support common priorities.</p> <p>To achieve a Vision that the GNWT, Indigenous governments and communities all feel is representative of their priorities, the GNWT will need to undertake robust engagement that inspires an envisioning of a future state from the community, regional and territorial perspectives.</p> <p>To that end, ITI and the NWTAC are exploring a partnership arrangement to develop and deliver an inclusive engagement process that includes Indigenous and community governments, youth, and elders.</p>	
RA-26-25-05	<p><b>Land is Vital for Municipalities to Grow their Communities and Taxbase</b></p> <p><a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> access to land is vital for municipalities to grow their communities and taxbase;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Climate Change administers</p> <p>Commissioners Land and the land transfer process to municipalities.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> municipalities understand and support any required</p>	<p><b>ECC/MACA/FIN</b></p> <p>Supporting community governments with acquiring land requires support from multiple GNWT departments.</p> <p>MACA supports community governments to review their land management governance tools, including community plan bylaws, zoning bylaws and land administration bylaws, to support their identification of land needs and land acquisition.</p> <p>Community governments that have identified land requirements for future growth areas, such as housing or new community public infrastructure, as part of their community plans, are applying to ECC for land tenure and transfer.</p>	<p>NWT tax-based municipalities have limited land available for development. Within most municipalities there are significant amounts of vacant Commissioner’s Lands within municipal boundaries. These lands should be made available to municipalities so that local development based on respective Community Plans and zoning bylaws can proceed, all while respecting the Duty to Consult and Indigenous interests in areas where Indigenous Rights Agreements have not yet been settled.</p> <p>The traditional process of seeking to acquire lands</p>

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		<p>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.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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.</p>	<p>In the 19th Assembly, ECC developed and shared its Process Guide and information on the bulk land transfer process with all tax-based community governments, as well as the Northwest Territories Association of Communities. ECC continues to make itself available to meet with community governments interested in initiating this process. Survey requirements, community zoning and bylaw development, as well as consultation are necessary steps to make sure there are appropriate legal authorities, governance, and administration systems and practices in place to acquire and dispose of land, and for the land to be legally registered under the name of the community. These requirements work to provide legal clarity associated with legal transfers of land to municipalities and prevent administrative issues for municipal governments, such as land disputes, title issues, mortgage difficulties, etc.</p>	<p>parcel by parcel is not efficient or effective. GNWT has developed a Process Guide to outline a current process step by step. However, the Process Guide does not clarify or streamline this process in any way.</p> <p>Therefore, the Board is proposing that NWTAC host a workshop with MACA and ECC to clarify and resolve issues relating to the process for the transfer of lands to municipal governments.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution</b></p>	
RA-26-25-06	<b>Aurora College Community Learning Centre Closures</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Aurora College recently announced closures of Community Learning Centres in 19 communities</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> there are huge educational disparities in the NWT.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Remote communities depend on local learning centres for foundational education and skills development</p>	<b>Aurora College/ ECE</b>	<p>Under the Aurora College Act, the Aurora College Board of Governors is responsible for operational decisions of the College. Aurora College’s announcement in January 2025 that it will be closing the Community Learning Centres is an operational decision supported by the Board of Governors to facilitate the college’s plans to transition its delivery of Adult Literacy and Basic Education programs into a modern service delivery model which reaches all NWT communities.</p>	<p>The NWTAC looks forward to an update from GNWT ECE on the status of the former community learning centres for either alternative use or transfer to local/Indigenous governments.</p> <p>As well, we look forward to an update from Aurora College on the opportunities for learning in all NWT communities. While on-line learning is an important tool for learning, not everything can be done on line</p>

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	<a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Aurora College has since released data and made statements that the Community Learning Centres are an outdated and inefficient delivery method</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that Aurora College engage with the impacted communities to create alternative solutions that prioritize educational access</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that Aurora College needs to design the replacement program before the Community Learning Centres are closed if they proceed with said closures.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> indigenous, first nations and community governments have first right of refusal for the disposal of the building.</p>	Once ECE has determined which GNWT-owned facilities will be declared surplus, ECE will be in a position to hear from leadership and communities on ideas for future facility use prior to initiating the disposal process. Once that is completed, ECE will engage Indigenous and community governments further on their future use.	<p>and there is a need still for on-the-ground in-person learning to support online options.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>Reaffirm this Resolution</b></p>
RA-26-25-07	<p><b>Renewed NWT Energy Strategy</b></p> <p><a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a></p>		<p><b>INF/ ECC</b></p> <p>Energy affordability, reliability and sustainability has been the main focus of the 2030 Energy Strategy. This will continue to be the focus of the GNWT's new strategic approach to energy, with an added emphasis on sustainability to meet net-zero emissions by 2050. This is in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 7. The GNWT actively reports on initiatives undertaken to support energy affordability under the current 2030 Energy Strategy in its annual Energy Initiative Report and will continue to do so.</p> <p>The new strategic approach to energy will consider the realities of regions, communities, stakeholders, and energy sectors.</p> <p>As of 2023-24, GNWT actions and initiatives under the 2022-2025 Energy Action Plan have resulted in cumulative savings estimated at about \$17 million in 2024 through reduction of diesel use. We estimate those cumulative savings will be about \$28 million by 2028. GNWT investment to reduce energy costs for the Northwest Territories due to the Energy</p>	<p>The NWTAC looks forward to reviewing a draft of the renewed Energy Strategy before March 2026 and to engaging on the action plan that will follow.</p> <p>There will be opportunities to learn about the Energy Policy at the 2026 AGM</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution</b></p>

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			<p>Strategy is on track to achieve about \$150 million in savings between 2018 to 2028.</p> <p>The total GNWT investment made in the energy system under the 2030 Strategy from 2018 to 2024 was \$195 million. All of this helped keep energy more affordable, reliable, and sustainable in the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>The GNWT also provides significant energy subsidies to Northwest Territories’ residents – including \$17.3 million in 2023-24 for the Territorial Power Subsidy Program, the GNWT Rate Equalization program, and the Senior Home Heating Program and governments in Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) communities paying higher electricity rates to reduce rates to other clients.</p> <p>As well, the GNWT under the 2030 Strategy is providing as much as \$120 million to NTPC to keep its capital costs down, which directly benefits electricity rates.</p> <p>The GNWT has also provided one-off subsidies to NTPC to prevent significant hikes in electricity rates in the face of exceptional circumstances. For example, \$45 million has been provided in recent years to support diesel generation as the North Slave grid is experiencing an extreme low water event. Similarly, an additional \$48 million has been allocated to mitigate rate increases for electricity over the next four years.</p> <p>The net-zero objective is a driver that will support addressing our energy infrastructure deficit while advancing energy security and affordability.</p> <p>Working with Indigenous and community governments will also be central to the new energy strategy, as this is something we heard during the engagement conducted in 2023 and 2024.</p> <p>The GNWT will produce a costed action plan after the new energy strategy is released by March 2026.</p> <p>ECC supports INF with any work towards a renewed NWT Energy Strategy.</p>	

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RA -26-25-08	<b>Supply Chain Analysis</b>  <a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the GNWT have a Supply Chain Strategic Analysis completed for the entire territory including a risk assessment that includes among other things climate change and alternative routes.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that this analysis should also include recommendations to reduce this vulnerability</p>	<p><b>INF/ECC</b></p> <p>The GNWT recognizes the challenges affecting supply chains, including disruptions from evacuations, low water levels, mild winters, and infrastructure damage. These events highlight the vulnerability of supply chains due to climate change and disruptions to services provided by marine operators, air carriers and CN Rail.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to work with key stakeholders to understand supply chain vulnerabilities and improve resilience in both the short and long term. As part of recent changes to Ministerial portfolios, Strategic Initiatives, Energy, and Supply Chains (SIESC) have been established within the Department of INF to focus on major projects to advance economic growth, energy security, climate resilience and Arctic sovereignty. Minister Responsible for SIESC is former INF Minister Caroline Wawzonek. This realignment will enhance efforts to strengthen supply chain reliability, particularly through major infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Supply Chain Analysis may be a much longer-term action item for the GNWT. A key risk identified in the NWT Climate Change Risk and Opportunities Assessment is that "Supply chains in the NWT are being disrupted as the impacts of climate change intensify."</p> <p>ECC has identified a risk in the Climate Change Risk and Opportunities Assessment that Supply Chains in the NWT are being disrupted as the impacts of climate change intensify.</p> <p>This assessment has been developed to create a shared understanding of the most pressing climate risks that NWT residents and communities are facing. These results will enable both the GNWT and its partners to work together more effectively to seek and secure adaptation funding, resources and capacity building on shared priorities to address these risks.</p>	<p>The GNWT has established a Ministerial portfolio for Strategic Initiatives, Energy and Supply Chains. This appears to be a constructive response to seeking to manage the complex factors influencing supply chain across the NWT. It also sends a message to the many partners and stakeholders that the GNWT is working on this and will want them to act as well. We look forward to an update on the work undertaken within this portfolio.</p> <p>Assessing risk is a critical part of this process which is fully within the control – in doing so, GNWT can use this information to inform the next steps which includes actions and strategies to respond when needed. NWTAC wants to see the Climate Change Risk and Opportunities Assessment, and engaging with GNWT to confirm the shared priorities that are needed to address the risks.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution</b></p>
RA-26-25-09	<b>Pellet Supply Chain</b>  <a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT already facilitates oil and gas resupply to many communities and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT also has the fostering of biomass in their Energy Strategy</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> It needs to be established that</p>	<p><b>ITI/ INF/ECC</b></p> <p>The GNWT supports regional economic development projects aimed at fostering sustainability in communities, while also recognizing the supply chain challenges faced by remote areas. To address these issues, the GNWT actively supports local and regional initiatives to eliminate obstacles and has undertaken ongoing efforts to understand and resolve supply chain challenges for biomass products in NWT communities, particularly those situated in the High Arctic.</p>	<p><b>GNWT has confirmed that biomass is relatively cost effective across the NWT as compared to heating oil. While the private sector is instrumental in getting biomass to market in NWT communities, we look to the GNWT to support the expansion and stabilization of biomass through its own purchasing programs and</b></p>

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		<p>burn areas have the opportunity to be harvested</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> burn area harvesting will improve fire protection</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT foster and facilitate the delivery of pellets to communities and their subsequent delivery within communities</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> and analysis of burn area harvesting and its recommendations be implemented.</p>	<p>The GNWT worked with Inuvik-based Nihtat Energy Ltd to complete a biomass supply chain study in 2023. The study examined and outlined the conditions necessary for cost-effective supply of wood pellets by barge in 12 remote communities along – or in the vicinity of – the Mackenzie River.</p> <p>The study included the development of community heat load profiles, a review of logistical requirements to supply wood pellets in each community, as well as an assessment of the landed cost of wood pellets in each community, which were compared against the cost of traditional fuel. The study was conducted by a consultant and involved a workshop with key GNWT players in the Department of Infrastructure including its Energy, Design and Technical Services, Fuels Service Division, and Marine Transportation Services divisions.</p> <p>The study found wood pellets to be a cost-effective alternative to heating oil in most communities included in the study. It also found that private investments were quite successful at creating supply chains in the Sahtu and the Dehcho, with limited or no public funding – though the GNWT is one main customer. The study also identified challenges to using more biomass in remote communities include a lack of supply options and storage, as well as climate change, which can hamper the reliability of transporting biomass products like wood pellets.</p> <p>The GNWT supports the recently announced addition of wood pellet bulk storage and handling capacity in Inuvik, to serve several communities in the Beaufort-Delta.</p> <p>Forest Management Agreements (FMA) are enabled under the <i>Forest Management Act</i> for harvesting wood from defined areas by forest industry development, including for burnt areas. Several FMAs exist in the South Slave region of the NWT.</p> <p>A wood pellet mill in the Enterprise area has been examined for the past 10 years by AWP Industries.</p> <p>The GNWT supports tree harvesting in burned areas. The number of Free Timber Cutting in burned areas along the highway system has been high in recent years. Commercial harvesting is also supported in recently</p>	<p>utilization. The NWTAC looks forward to an update. <b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution; review the GNWT’s January 2026 Report</b></p>

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			burned areas.	
RA-26-25-10	<b>Emergency Plan Working Group</b>  <a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> in recent years, there has been an increase in the number of emergencies that have activated municipal and Territorial emergency plans;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> with each activation, there have been lessons learned but there has not been a comprehensive opportunity to work together to address the lessons learned;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT form a working group comprised of at least representatives from the NWTAC and LGANT to review and update the Emergency Management Act; the NWT Emergency Plan; and emergency management processes.</p>	<p>MACA met with officials from NWTAC and LGANT in March 2025 to initiate discussions on forming a working group at which MACA confirmed its commitment to establishing the working group, which will review the <i>Emergency Management Act</i>, guided by recommendations from the 2023 After Action Review report.</p>	<p>Three meetings of the emergency management Working Group (MACA, NWTAC and LGANT) have happened – in September 2025, November 2025 and January 2026. Meetings did not start constructively but have improved and we are hopeful that real progress can be made.</p> <p>MACA agreed to engage with the NWTAC on reviewing the EMA only (i.e., not to including the NWT Emergency Plan and emergency management processes). However, information presentations on the process and overall NWT plan were made in November 2025 to the WG. In January, the WG started looking at specific recommendations to amend the EMA.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution</b></p>

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RA-26-25-12 RA-25-21-02	<b>Property Tax Forgiveness When Property is Destroyed by Fire</b>  <a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<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 <i>Property Assessment and Taxation Act</i> 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 Property Assessment and Taxation Act to enable the Senior Administrative Officer of a municipal taxing authority to approve, upon application by</p>	MACA/FIN	<p>MACA is using a phased approach to advance amendments to the Property Assessment and Taxation Act (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, An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act addresses the first phase amendments, and was introduced and received First and Second Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19th 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</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>This issue is scheduled to be addressed during the Phase II update of PATA.</p>	<p>Dept of Finance has initiated public engagement for PATA Phase II amendments. NWTAC can monitor to ensure this is included.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>RE-AFFIRM – NWTAC has been contacted to begin the second phase of amendments of PATA</b></p>

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		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.		phase 2 that includes the departments of 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-26-25-13 Original 20-16	<b>Building Code Act</b>  <a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<b>WHEREAS</b> 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.  <b>WHEREAS</b> 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	<b>INF/MACA</b>	In May 2022, MACA released the Fire Prevention Act (FPA) Discussion Paper: Review of the FPA and Consideration of Building Standards Framework and a 'What We Heard Report' was released in August 2022 following analysis of the engagement on the discussion paper.  MACA recognizes that updates to the FPA do not fully address the need for a building standards framework, and there is strong support from the 'What We Heard Report' to	Advancing development of a Building Standards Framework for the Northwest Territories is a large, multi-departmental initiative requiring dedicated funding, resources, coordination and a substantive engagement process. The Departments of Infrastructure Municipal and Community Affairs, and Housing NWT will continue to work together to develop the scope, resource plan and a schedule in 2024-25.	A working group consisting of the Departments of Infrastructure, Municipal and Community Affairs, and Housing NWT was commissioned in 2024 and met regularly to review options in developing an NWT Building Standards Framework.  This working group is in the process of acquiring resources to further develop options and perform meaningful stakeholder engagement.  The development of a Building Standards Framework is a complicated	Significant progress has not been made on this important issue.  <b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution.</b>

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		<p>responsibilities and interconnection between the function of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and tax based municipalities.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> individuals and developers are often frustrated because they need to deal with multiple regulatory offices for building plans, electrical permits, construction, inspections and occupancy. By having a Building Code Act, the clarity on who is the ultimate authority and how regulatory requirements are interpreted would improve the terms for development considerably.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) establish a comprehensive building regime for the purpose of providing regulatory clarity throughout the Northwest Territories.</p>		<p>advance building standards legislation as a legislative priority for the 20th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>Further research and engagement with industry stakeholders and community governments, as well as a discussion on the GNWT's mandate related to building standards legislation, will be needed before advancing this work.</p> <p>The GNWT will form a working group to determine whether building standards and inspections legislation can be introduced in the 20th Legislative Assembly.</p>		<p>multi-year process that will require careful consideration of funding, logistics, and impacts to development in the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>The establishment of building standards legislation will require a thorough review of stakeholder and industry implications, legal and existing legislation considerations, risks and liabilities, funding requirements, and staffing needs to properly support inspection and enforcement across the territory.</p>	
RA-26-25-14 Original 20-20	<b>REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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;</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>The Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act has not been comprehensively reviewed since it was enacted and it needs to be updated to address identified concerns.</p> <p>Resource constraints due to COVID-19 and flooding</p>	<p>The Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act has not been comprehensively reviewed since it was enacted and it needs to be updated to address identified concerns.</p> <p>Resource constraints due to COVID-19, flooding in 2021 and 2022 and wildfires in</p>	<p>The <i>Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act</i> has not been comprehensively reviewed since it was enacted and it needs to be updated to address identified concerns.</p> <p>MACA intends to advance amendments to the Act as a legislative priority in the</p>	<p>This legislation needs to be updated and MACA needs to proceed with a Legislative Proposal if any changes are to be seen in the life of the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p>

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	<p><b>ACT, R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.50(Su pp.), as amended</b></p> <p><a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the vagueness of this definition can create confusion and misunderstanding;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> this confusion and misunderstanding may inhibit fair and consistent application of the tax relief provisions;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act determines eligibility strictly on the basis of age and/or disability;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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;</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:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(ii) Amending the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act to allow municipalities to define and</p>		<p>in 2021 and 2022 led MACA to defer this legislative review. MACA intends to advance the Act as a legislative priority in the next Assembly.</p>	<p>2023 led MACA to defer this legislative review. MACA intends to advance the Act as a legislative priority in the 20th Legislative Assembly.</p>	<p>20th Legislative Assembly.</p>	<b>Reaffirm this Resolution</b>

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		apply a financial means test to ensure that property tax relief is directed at property owners who need it.					
RA-26-25-16 Original 18-03	<b>Wildfires</b>  <a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Localized drought conditions seem to cause more and more severe fire seasons;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> Many NWT communities are surrounded by old-growth coniferous forests that are ready to burn;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> That the GNWT's departments of Municipal and Community Affairs and Environment and Climate Change 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.</p>	<b>MACA/ECC</b>	<p>ENR continues to provide advice and recommendations to communities to assist to reduce risk from wildfire. All 29 forested communities in the NWT have updated their community wildland fire protection plans, and recommendations are being implemented in communities as part of ENR's standard business operations.</p> <p>Thanks to a strong collaboration between ENR and NWTAC, over \$20 million of federal funding was secured to create fire breaks and implement fire fuel reduction strategies for over 1,200 hectares of land across the 29 NWT communities exposed to wildfire. The development work done by the ENR with community governments to produce Community Wildfire Protection Plans</p>	<p>ECC, MACA, and communities continue to monitor and update the status of wildfire risk and occurrence to support emergency management organizations' planning and preparedness activities.</p> <p>MACA continues to help community governments improve community emergency management capacity, through emergency planning workshops and tabletop exercises, which consider hazards relating to wildfires. This also includes an online Emergency Management Organizations Portal available to community governments and local Emergency Management Organizations, where information, resources and templates are available for emergency planning purposes.</p> <p>Over this past winter, ECC staff conducted</p>	<p>MACA continues to help community governments strengthen their emergency management capacity through emergency planning workshops and tabletop exercises, which include consideration of hazards such as wildfires.</p> <p>This ongoing support also includes access to an online Emergency Management Organizations Portal, available to community governments and Local Emergency Management Organizations. The portal provides information, resources, and templates to support effective emergency planning and preparedness.</p> <p>ECC accepted all of the recommendations in the 2023 Wildfire Response Review conducted by MNP, and is working with other departments, communities, Indigenous governments and other partners to implement the</p>	<p>Wildfires are top of mind for NWT communities and the GNWT every year now.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution.</b></p>

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				<p>was the needed background work.</p> <p>ENR completed a wildfire landscape analysis. This community-centric landscape analysis provided information on the likelihood of a fire to occur and spread in the medium term.</p> <p>ENR, MACA and communities continue to update the status of wildfire risk and occurrence to support emergency management organizations' planning and preparedness activities.</p> <p>MACA continues to help community governments improve community emergency management capacity, through emergency planning workshops and tabletop exercises, which consider hazards relating to wildfires.</p>	<p>engagement meetings with local Indigenous and community governments to review the 2023 wildfire season, update Community Wildfire Protection Plans and carry out local planning for the 2024 wildfire season. By the end of April 2024, ECC will have completed engagement with all forested communities in the NWT.</p>	<p>recommendations.</p> <p>ECC has been working with local communities and Indigenous governments to review the 2024 wildfire season, and prepare for the 2025 wildfire season. This includes sharing a weather outlook for the 2025 season and updates on wildfire management preparedness activities.</p> <p>A Wildfire Prevention and Resiliency Strategy for the NWT will soon be released, with an emphasis on mitigating the risk to communities from wildfire.</p>	
RA-26-25-17 Original 18-10	<b>Highway Rescue and Ambulance Services</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> municipalities operate a full-time fire and ambulance service through the City of Yellowknife Fire Division;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> municipalities also respond to calls for</p>	<b>MACA/HSS</b>	<p>A full review of the Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue Services policy is anticipated in the 20th Legislative Assembly, which</p>	<p>MACA provides \$185,000 of annual funding for communities that provide Ground Ambulance or Highway Rescue Services. In</p>	<p>Health and Social Services (HSS) and MACA are in regular communication regarding options for an appropriate regulatory and</p>	<p>This continues to be an issue. While the GNWT has taken the interim action of providing a total of \$185K in funding for all highway</p>

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	<a href="#"><u>Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</u></a>	<p>service outside of the municipal boundary;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has initiated a review of highway rescue and ground ambulance services within the territory;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> community governments across the territory must prioritize their services with the funding available to them;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the cost recovery for emergency services provided outside of municipal boundaries may be difficult for a number of NWT community governments;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that until such time as the GNWT has reviewed the strategy for Highway Rescue Services (RA-17-13-05) and conducted a feasibility study towards a Territorial Ground Ambulance Service (RA-17-15-03), that the GNWT should adequately fund those communities conducting ground ambulance or highway rescue services outside of their respective community boundaries.</p>		<p>will contribute to a whole-of-government funding approach for these services.</p> <p>The GNWT working group on Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue has been re-engaged and will be working to determine the appropriate framework for ambulance services in the NWT, both within and outside of municipal boundaries.</p>	<p>2023-24, an additional \$400,000 one-time funding was allocated for special projects as identified by the communities providing these services.</p> <p>The GNWT working group on Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue continues to work to determine an appropriate framework for ambulance services in the NWT, both within and outside of municipal boundaries.</p>	<p>operational framework for ambulance services in the NWT. These discussions remain ongoing.</p> <p>MACA and HSS are currently collecting data on current ambulance and patient transport services in the NWT. This data will inform options on standardizing or extending these services.</p> <p>MACA continues to provide \$185,000 of annual funding for communities that provide Ground Ambulance or Highway Rescue Services.</p>	<p>communities, a long term resolution is needed.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution.</b></p>
RA-26-25-18 Original 13-02	<b>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-</b>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Commissioner are not liable to taxation pursuant to Section 73(2) of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS the Government</b> 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</p>	<b>MACA/FIN</b>	<p>MACA is using a phased approach to advance amendments to the Property Assessment and Taxation Act (PATA).</p> <p>The first phase is intended to address known administrative issues such as increasing the terms of appointments for members of both the Municipal and</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</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>Dept of Finance has initiated public engagement for PATA Phase II amendments. NWTAC will monitor to ensure this is included.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution and monitor to see</b></p>

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	<p><b>Lieu of Property Taxes Policy 21.09</b></p> <p><a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of the Northwest Territories does not pay Grants-In-Lieu of Property Taxes on property it leases to third parties; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> municipal governments cannot sell territorial property to recover unpaid taxes against defaulting tenants and are forced to take other measures, including making court applications, to recover unpaid taxes and such actions often never allow a municipality to recoup the loss; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Government of Canada recognized that the term "grant" for the payments made in lieu of property taxes did not reflect the value of the services provided by municipal levels of government to federal properties and proceeded to amend the name of the act to "Payments in Lieu of Taxes"; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> 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</p>		<p>Territorial Boards of Revision, while the second phase is intended to address more complex issues of property taxation and authorities such as the writing off of property tax debt.</p> <p>Bill 66, An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act, which implements the first phase amendments, was introduced and received First and Second Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19th Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 66 will receive Third Reading in the Winter sitting of the 19th Assembly (February/March 2023).</p> <p>MACA has established a Working Group to advance the second phase consisting of members from the departments of Lands and Finance as well as Local Administrators of Government of the NWT and the NWT Association of Communities. The</p>	<p>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>In addition, substantive review of the Grants-in-Lieu Policy has been identified as a priority during the 20th Assembly.</p>	<p>In addition, substantive review of the Grants-in-Lieu Policy has been identified as a priority during the 20th Assembly.</p>	<p><b>progress on PATA Phase 2, along with GIL Policy.</b></p> <p>Policies are within the purview of Departments so amending GIL Policy should be doable in the life of the 20<sup>th</sup> LA.</p>

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		<p>taxes from the tenant without success;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> various provincial governments have recognized the difficulty encountered by municipal governments in recovering unpaid taxes against tenants of provincial property and have included provisions in the applicable legislation to allow municipal governments to request a payment in lieu of taxes if all reasonable attempts to collect the outstanding taxes have not been successful;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> there have been instances where municipal governments have not been able to collect unpaid property taxes from tenants of territorial property and have not received any grant in lieu of taxes; and</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the purpose of the grants made in lieu of taxes is to deal equitably and fairly with municipalities;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Northwest Territories Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(ii) changing the name of the 'Grants-In-</p>		<p>feedback from this Working Group will be incorporated into the development of a legislative proposal and the Bill.</p> <p>Given the complexity of taxation law, MACA has contracted a lawyer to conduct research on the identified issues and propose recommendations for legislative amendments.</p> <p>Engagement with community governments, identified stakeholders, and the public is expected to occur in April 2023. MACA anticipates introducing a Bill early in the 20th Assembly.</p>			

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		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.					
RA-26-25-25 Original 19-03	<b>Alternative Voting Methods</b>  <a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Section 52.1.(1) of the Local Authorities Elections Act authorizes a local authority, that is a municipality, to pass a by-law to provide for voting by way of mail-in- ballot or the casting of ballots at the office of the returning officer;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> other jurisdictions within Canada allow for Alternative Voting Methods such as telephone voting and internet voting;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the acceptance of digital technology in society is increasing exponentially;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the use of technology can improve accessibility, enhance voter privacy and convenience, reduce ballot errors and increase efficiency of elections;</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Northwest Territories Association of Communities lobby the Government of the Northwest Territories to amend the Local Authorities Elections Act to incorporate technological advancements and alternative voting methods such as, but not limited to telephone voting and internet voting.</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>The Local Authorities Elections Act (LAEA) was last amended in 2015. It is not identified as a priority for the 19th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>MACA is moving its legislative agenda forward in line with current commitments of the 19th Legislative Assembly and has begun work on identifying legislative priorities for the 20th Legislative Assembly</p> <p>The LAEA currently allows community governments to provide various alternative voting options leading up to an election day, including advance voting, mail-ballots, voting in the office of the returning officer, proxy voting, and mobile voting.</p>	<p>The Local Authorities Elections Act (LAEA) was last amended in 2015. It is not identified as a priority for the 20th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>The LAEA currently allows community governments to provide various alternative voting options leading up to an election day, including advance voting, mail-ballots, voting in the office of the returning officer, proxy voting, and mobile voting.</p> <p>To conduct elections through other means such as mail-ballots, community governments first need to have passed a bylaw allowing them to do so.</p> <p>The GNWT recognizes that safe and accessible digital voting options support the</p>	<p>The <i>Local Authorities Elections Act</i> (LAEA) was last amended in 2015. It is not identified as a priority for the 20th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>Research work is ongoing to identify this and other issues that would be addressed when the LAEA is prioritized for inclusion in MACA's legislative agenda.</p> <p>During the 2025 NWTAC Annual General Meeting interactive sessions, MACA had a session discussing this topic and sought feedback on this and other LAEA issues.</p> <p>Due to the number and complexity of Acts it administers, MACA needs to be selective when setting its legislative and policy agenda.</p>	<p>MACA has stated that amending the LAEA to include alternate voting methods is not a priority at this time, given competing legislative needs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution.</b> Raise the profile after the 21st Legislative Assembly is elected to get it on the legislative agenda.</p>

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				<p>To conduct elections through other means such as mail-ballots, community governments first need to have passed a bylaw allowing them to do so.</p> <p>The GNWT recognizes that safe and accessible digital voting options support the participation of all citizens in democratic processes. When the LAEA is identified as a legislative priority, a review of the legislation will include consideration of digital voting options, and consultation considerations with the NWTAC will be coordinated with the review process.</p>	<p>participation of all citizens in democratic processes. When the LAEA is identified as a legislative priority, a review of the legislation will include consideration of digital voting options, and consultation considerations with the NWTAC will be coordinated with the review process.</p>		
RA-26-23-01	<b>Senior Citizen &amp; Vulnerable People Emergency Services and Shelters</b>	<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 their 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</p>	<b>MACA/HSS</b>	N/A – Resolution was introduced in 2024.	<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</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</p>	<p>This continues to be an issue and will be until roles and responsibilities are clearly articulated for local authorities and the GNWT during an emergency.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution.</b></p>

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	<a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p>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>			<p>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</p>	<p>this end, MACA has developed a program evaluation framework to ensure that quality of service is maintained going forward.</p> <p>Under the NWT Emergency Plan, during an emergency event, all GNWT departments and agencies retain responsibility for all activities ordinarily within their mandate.</p> <p>Local authorities are responsible to coordinate community emergency management activities and lead community emergency responses. This includes providing support for all residents.</p> <p>Local authorities are encouraged to include non-government organizations, Indigenous governments and essential businesses on their Local Emergency Management Organizations and involve them in the development of the Community Emergency Plan (CEP). Local authorities can</p>	

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					<p>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</b></p>	include Annexes in their CEPs that outline what roles and responsibilities these parties will assume during an emergency event.	

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RA-26-23-02	<b>NWT Mental Health Issue Responses</b>  <a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<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 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>	HSS	N/A – Resolution was introduced in 2024.	<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>	The GNWT commits to exploring this issue.	<p>This continues to be an issue.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution.</b></p>
RA-26-22-01	<b>Expand the Rural and Remote Stream of Reaching Home Program</b>	<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</p>	Housing NWT	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.	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	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	<p>Housing and homelessness continue to be issues in the NWT.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution.</b></p>

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	<a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p>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>		<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>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>	<p>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> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</p>	
RA-26-21-03	<b>Accessibility Legislation</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> accessibility in Canada is about creating communities, workplaces and services	<b>MACA/INF</b>	MACA established a Working Group consisting	The Fire Prevention Act does not directly address	Through the Community Planning and Development	This continues to be an issue.

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	<a href="#">Back to Reaffirmed Resolutions</a>	<p>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>WHEREAS the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Northwest Territories Human Rights Act prohibits the discrimination or harassment of people on a number of grounds, including disability.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia and Manitoba have provincial accessibility legislation and British Columbia has introduced provincial accessibility legislation;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Accessible Canada Act 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) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 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 National Building Code is not always adequate for</p>	<p>of representatives from the Department of Infrastructure and Housing NWT to advance amendments to the Fire Prevention Act. In May 2022, MACA released the Fire Prevention Act Discussion Paper: Review of the Fire Prevention Act and Consideration of Building Standards Framework 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, An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act that is before the Legislative Assembly for review. Bill 67 was introduced and received First and Second Reading in the Fall sitting of the 19th Legislative Assembly (November 2022). MACA anticipates that Bill 67 will receive Third Reading in the Winter sitting of the 19th Assembly (February/March 2023).</p>	<p>accessibility; however, the Fire Prevention Regulations 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 Fire Prevention Regulations in June 2024.</p> <p>Additionally, the GNWT continues to show leadership on this topic through the planning, design and construction of GNWT-owned infrastructure incorporating accessibility requirements.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: RE-AFFIRM – Above</b></p>	<p>Framework, a guide that outlines accessibility considerations and how to incorporate them into the community plan and zoning bylaws has been developed.</p> <p>The Framework and associated guides will be released in 2025.</p> <p>MACA has adopted the 2020 National Building Code and 2020 National Fire Code via an update to the Fire Prevention Regulations, which came into force on October 1, 2024. In the new building code, accessibility requirements are updated to reduce barriers related to anthropometrics, plumbing facilities, signage, entrances and elevators.</p>	<p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Reaffirm this Resolution.</b></p>	

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		<p>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>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 also required to be accessible.</p>	<p><b>referenced review of the Fire Prevention Act did not include any amendments focused on accessibility.</b></p>		

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ST-26-25-01	<b>Air Transportation</b>  <a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Air Transportation services is responsible for the efficient delivery of passenger flights, freight to the isolated communities.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Remote Isolated Communities are experiencing logistical issues that bring into question of the services performed by Air transportation to the remotely isolated communities.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Scheduled flights</li> <li>b) Medical travel passenger seat availability</li> <li>c) Financial cost to airfare and cargo rates</li> <li>d) Travel to community-to-community routes</li> </ul>	INF		<p>Air transportation is a critical service for the Northwest Territories' remote and isolated communities. The GNWT recognizes the importance of having safe, efficient and reliable air transportation for residents and communities.</p> <p>Air service is provided by privately owned air carriers that operate their businesses, setting rates, availability, routing, and scheduling through business planning and market forces.</p> <p>The GNWT (INF) owns, operates and maintains public airports in the NWT, and Transport Canada regulates all public airports and air carriers.</p> <p>The GNWT supports safe, efficient and reliable air transportation in the Northwest Territories through actions such as:</p> <p>INF regularly reviewing airport infrastructure to meet and maintain regulatory compliance, safety, operational requirements, and life-cycle replacement of assets;</p> <p>INF regularly meeting with federal, provincial and territorial partners on aviation matters to promote northern interests in regulatory matters and funding programs; and</p>	<p>There are a wide range of partners involved in ensuring safe and accessible air transportation in the NWT, particularly for those communities that rely primarily on this mode of transport.</p> <p>NWTAC understands that GNWT INF does not control the context and free market decisions play an important role. However, we look to the GNWT as a partner and regulator to ensure that all communities are reasonably served, given the critical importance of air transportation for our territory.</p> <p>We are awaiting an update from INF on the status of their discussions with NATA and northern air carriers on the options to</p>

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					<p>INF exploring opportunities with the Northern Air Transport Association and northern air carriers' opportunities to enhance regional connectivity and improve infrastructure.</p> <p>Northern air carriers have an important role to play in the efficient delivery of air transportation services to remote and isolated communities in the Northwest Territories.</p> <p>Infrastructure and services available at airports are published in the Canadian Flight Supplement to allow pilots to complete their flight planning and for air carrier operations.</p>	<p>enhance regional connectivity and improve infrastructure.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Keep as a Standing Resolution</b></p>
ST-26-25-03	<p><b>NTPC Governance Model Reform</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Northwest Territories Power Corporation has continued to demonstrate that under their current crown corporation model, their inability to provide affordable and reliable</p>	INF/ NTPC		<p>The GNWT recognizes the need to review the Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) and NT Hydro's governance and accountability structures.</p> <p>This is a large and complex effort and the GNWT will scope this in 2025 to determine the work required to reform the governance model, including how much time it will take, the tasks and resources needed to complete the work.</p> <p>The GNWT has initiated a process to appoint a public board of directors for the NTPC Hydro, to replace the current board which includes six GNWT deputy ministers. The expression of interest for public board members was launched April</p>	<p>We are very pleased to see that the GNWT has worked to re-establish the Board of Directors for NTPC and NT Hydro, separate from the GNWT. This is a critical step in bringing external expertise in energy policy and ensuring strategic thinking, including policies that encourage renewable power.</p> <p><b>NWTAC looks forward to an update about the strategic directions that</b></p>

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		<p>electricity services to customers in a cost-effective manner through-out the NWT.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> 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.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the Auditor General of Canada be asked to conduct an audit of NTPC.</p>			<p>1, 2025.</p> <p>The GNWT will be seeking candidates with sufficient skills and experience, and whose demographics broadly represent the people of the Northwest Territories, including Indigenous and regional representation.</p>	<p>the Board is laying out to ensure stability, sustainability and affordability for power in all NWT communities.</p> <p>We also look forward to an update on the status of the review of operational efficiency and the pending changes from that review.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Keep as a Standing Resolution</b></p>
ST-26-23-05	<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>	<b>MACA</b>	<p>In 2023/2024</p> <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</p>	<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 Community Government Funding Policies allocate funding based on core municipal programs and services.</p>	<p>This is a value statement of the NWTAC and all NWT community governments.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Make this a Standing Resolution.</b></p>

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	<a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<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>		<p>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>	<p>The Policy upholds the decision-making authority of elected community councils, allowing them to prioritize the needs of residents.</p> <p>Funding sustainable communities is a shared responsibility across all levels of government. MACA remains committed to advocating for increased funding to ensure local governments have the necessary resources for core municipal services.</p> <p>Each community government must make its own decisions about what services to provide and how fund any costs beyond what is covered by MACA’s core services funding.</p>	
ST-26-20-06	<p><b>Water and Sewage Policy</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<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>	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</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>The implementation of revised Community Government Funding Policies continues to roll out gradually and as such is a standing issue.</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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		<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>		<p>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>		
ST-26-20-07	<p><b>O&amp;M Funding Levels</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT MACA has been reviewing its funding formula;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> there is still a wide gap between funding needs and funding levels;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> most, if not all, municipal governments have been struggling with less than adequate funding from the GNWT;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> that GNWT MACA arrange for full consultation and disclosure of its progress in finalizing the review of its funding formula;</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose the results of the review of its funding formula.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities immediately petition the GNWT Department of MACA to fully disclose its</p>	<b>MACA</b>	<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</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>This continues to be an important theme.</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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		intentions to immediately increase O&M funding to all NWT municipal governments.		<p>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, 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>		
ST-26-20-09	<p><b>Infrastructure Shortfall</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<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</i></p>	<b>MACA</b>	<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</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>This continues to be an important theme.</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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		<p><i>part of individual dignity and self-confidence. When we make decisions about GNWT policies, programs and services, we will choose those options that give people and communities the support they need to develop their own capacity and skills to choose and direct their own futures.</i></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs identified a \$39.2 million Community Infrastructure Funding shortfall in 2014, and more recently for the 2019 fiscal year end, identified the gap to be about \$30 million;</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the 18th Legislative Assembly tabled the 2020/2021 Capital Estimates, Aug 2019 – TD-511-18(3) 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</p>		<p>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 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>	<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> <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>	

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		provide the members of the 19th Legislative Assembly with updated reporting that identifies the underfunding of critical infrastructure funding for municipalities.				
ST-26-19-10-B	<b>United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation</b>  <a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. the Government of the Northwest Territories to work in consultation and collaboration with</li> </ol>	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>This continues to be an important theme.</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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		Indigenous Governments to: a. ensure that territorial laws, policies, mandates and measures comply with the Declaration; and  b. co-develop and implement territorial action plans to achieve the objectives of the Declaration.				
ST-26-20-10-C	<b>NWT Education Reform</b>  <a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<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> </ul>	<b>ECE</b>	<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> </ul>	<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 Education Act and renewal of JK-12 school curriculum.</p> <p>1. Education Act Modernization</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</p>	<p>This continues to be an important theme.</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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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GNWT has identified a desire to improve public education in the NWT via Education Renewal and “Early Childhood Framework;”</li> <li>• Many residents of the NWT may lack the capacity to succeed at education, that the GNWT look at alternate programming;</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 significant investments in new infrastructure for educational program delivery.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>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> </ul>	<p>system information to evaluate student outcomes. This phase is committed to address issues that were 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>2. JK-12 Curriculum Renewal</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</p>	

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		<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>•A balance between coordinated education system requirements, and the need for communities to have a voice in the delivery of education programs;</li> <li>•Structure, resources, and necessary flexibility for the provision of language and cultural programming.</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>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 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</p>	

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				<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, communities, educators, families, and students themselves must have a role to play in improving student outcomes in the NWT.</p>	<p>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> <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>Post-COVID Support for JK-12 Education</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</p>	

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					<p>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 impact of the pandemic on the education system.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION: 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-26-19-10	<p><b>Climate Change Adaption</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> Climate Change is occurring in the North at more than twice the rate of the rest of Canada;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> The North is particularly 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>	ECC	<p>Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is a priority for the GNWT 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</p>	<p>Building resilience and adapting to a changing climate is a priority for the GNWT and is reflected in the GNWT Mandate 2019-2023 as well as in the NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework.</p> <p>ECC 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>This continues to be an important theme.</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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		<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>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 NWT Climate Change Action Plan: Annual Report 2019/20 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>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 ECC continues to work closely with the NWTAC on climate change adaptation actions.</p> <p>ENR hosted the 2nd Annual NWT Climate Change Gathering on Oct 26-27th, 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. 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 2019-2023 Climate Change Action Plan. 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</p>	

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					<p>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 Pan-Northern Leaders' Statement on Climate Change 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 Adaptation Strategy and ensure it acknowledges northern-specific considerations, reflecting northern values and themes.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.</b></p>	

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ST-26-19-10-B	Permafrost  <a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<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>AND WHEREAS 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 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>	Housing NWT/MAC A	<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 material.</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with the NWTAC to improve information for communities.</p> <p>As the NWTAC is completing each of the community housing plans, the NWTAC is engaging with community proponents on their knowledge of known areas of soil erosion or permafrost degradation.</p> <p>The NWTAC also continues to work with other GNWT departments as well as scientific agencies that may have information on known erosion or permafrost degradation areas to determine</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 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</p>	<p>This continues to be an important theme.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.</b></p>

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		<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>possible solutions when constructing or repairing NWT assets.</p> <p>The NWT 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 NWT utilizes where appropriate, adjustable foundation designs such as space frames, pads and wedges and screw jack systems.</p>	<p>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 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</b></p>	

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ST-26-19-10-C	<b>Hazard Mapping</b>  <a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<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 participating in the development of hazard maps and their application to community planning by developing tools for outreach, communication, education and training.</p>	<b>ECC/MACA</b>	<p>As outlined in action items 3.12A of the 2019-2023 Action Plan, ENR is the lead for the design of a community hazard mapping program. NWTAC is a key partner along with MACA and other GNWT departments, community governments and the federal government.</p> <p>An advisory team is in place to guide the development of the hazard mapping program and the NWTAC's participation on this advisory team is extremely valuable.</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 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, Behchoko' and Yellowknife/Dettah.</p> <p>NTGS also completed a permafrost thaw sensitivity analysis in the surrounding areas of all NWT communities. Results were</p>	<p>This continues to be an important theme that requires action within the context of climate change and emergency response themes.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING - NWTAC will continue to monitor this issue and work with the GNWT.</b></p> <p>Hazard Mapping Gaps Analysis and Action Plan work is in process by NWTAC</p>

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					<p>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>Federal funding continues to be pursued to support the capacity of the territory to better adapt to climate change.</p> <p>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>STANDING: NWTAC will continue to work with GNWT on this resolution.</p> <p>NWTAC has secured funding to do Hazard Mapping Gaps Analysis and Action Plan</p>	
ST-26-19-10-F	<b>Research</b>	<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. Opportunities for NWTAC and communities	The renewal of the GNWT Knowledge Agenda began in 2022. As part of the renewal, the NWTAC will be asked for input. In the longer term, the goal is to transition	This continues to be an important theme.

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	<a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<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>to present research needs will occur over the next year including through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The GNWT /Wilfrid Laurier University partnership annual research planning session</li> <li>•National Research Council’s Arctic Challenge Program developers, as they present new funding opportunities</li> <li>•Polar Knowledge Canada, as they develop future calls for research proposals, and</li> <li>•The GNWT annual research needs meeting in late 2021.</li> </ul> <p>The GNWT will share updated lists of departmental contacts who can provide information to communities on various areas of research supported by the GNWT.</p>	<p>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>	<p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING - NWTAC will continue to monitor this issue given more work needs to be done in this area.</b></p>
ST-26-19-10-G	<p><b>Bridging the Community Capacity Gap</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> NWT communities are chronically underfunded by 37% and this funding shortfall limits their ability to be resilient in the face of climate change.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> Lack of capacity was a recurring concern voiced by participants from every region at the 2018 Climate Change Forum and Charrette. Limited financial and human capacity, and difficulty accessing information, expertise and other</p>	<b>MACA/ ECC</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 staff. The course can be delivered online or in person. SCG and ENR will collaborate to review and revise the online asynchronous course: Integrating Climate Chante</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 Framework and continues to develop and prioritize tools, resources and initiatives that will build capacity to support communities with their climate</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</b></p>

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		<p>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</b> the GNWT to create and adequately resource Pathfinder positions at a regional level to mobilize resources and support community and regional climate change adaptation efforts.</p> <p><b>AND FURTHER THAT</b> the GNWT provide funding and support to enable communities to participate in CCSF action plan development.</p>		<p>Measures into Municipal Planning and Decision Making.</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 2019-2023 Climate Change Action Plan, 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>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 recommendations to make funding stable and accessible to communities."</p> <p>MACA continued offering three pre-recorded webinars: Climate Change for</p>	<p>resolution.</p>

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					<p>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> <p><b>STANDING – more work is needed on this resolution. NWTAC will work with the GNWT to further action on this resolution.</b></p>	

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ST-26-19-10-H	<b>Emergency Management Plans</b>  <a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<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>	MACA	<p>The territorial Emergency Management Act 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 improved wildfire suppression planning and adoption of FireSmart principles in communities.</p>	<p>The territorial Emergency Management Act 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 the MACA Regional Office to request a workshop.</li> <li>• Renewed effort to support communities in validating emergency plans via table-top</li> </ul>	<p>This continues to be an important theme that ties into the work of the EMWG and the amendments to the <i>Emergency Management Act (EMA)</i></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 on this resolution. Moving forward on this is key to the roles and responsibilities component of the EMA revisions.</b></p>

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					<p>exercises. Community governments can reach out to the MACA Regional Office to request assistance with a tabletop exercise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 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</p>	

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					<p>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-26-19-10-I	<p><b>Adaptation Plans</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS the development of Adaptation Plans is a critical element in ensuring the resiliency of communities;</b></p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> securing funding to develop and implement Community Adaptation Plans is critical to their completion;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the GNWT identified Supporting 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</p>	ECC/MACA	<p>The GNWT is working to integrate climate change adaptation into community planning, emergency plans, and operations and maintenance procedures to bring adaptation planning into implementation by working with partners to develop tools and resources that support community climate change adaptation.</p> <p>The GNWT has worked with Environment and Climate Change Canada to develop community climate profiles, which are now available on NWTAC’s website.</p>	<p>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 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</p>	<p>This continues to be an important theme.</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>

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		<p>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>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>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, 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</p>	

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					<p>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 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-</p>	

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					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.	
ST-26-19-12	<b>Navigator for Energy Funding and Involvement in Funding Discussions</b>  <a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<p><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;</p> <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>	ECC/MACA	<p>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 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> </ul>	<p>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 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> </ul>	<p>This continues to be an important theme, especially as we await the release of the Climate Change and Energy Strategy in 2026.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING - NWTAC will continue to monitor this issue and review any changes that impact this resolution.</b></p>

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		<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>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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. 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-</p>	

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				<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>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>	
ST-26-17-05	<p><b>Shoreline Erosion</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<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/ECC	<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</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</p>	<p>This continues to be an important theme. However, funding alone is not enough.</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>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 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-</p>	<p>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 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</p>	

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				<p>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 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</p>	<p>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>	

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				are few mitigation measures that can be implemented to address major ground movement events that can happen with little or no warning.		
ST-25-17-25	<b>Decentralization of Jobs and Services</b>  <a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<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.	EIA	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.  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.	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.  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.	<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.</b>  <b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution.</b>
ST-26-01-07	<b>Permanent Stationary Placement of a Community Registered Nurse</b>	<b>WHEREAS</b> 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  <b>WHEREAS</b> remote communities in the Northwest Territories already experience health standards far below the national average, the impact of the	HSS	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 when such an event occurs.	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 when such an event occurs.	<b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b>  <b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution and bring forward this resolution</b>

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	<a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a>	<p>nurse's shortage has dramatically effected the overall situation in these communities.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> 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>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</p>	<p>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</p>	when this legislation is being addressed in the future.

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				<p>community members. The Community Based Emergency Care (CBEC) project has been 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, councillors, and other community members. The community Working Group members worked within their community to identify</p>	<p>community members. The Community Based Emergency Care (CBEC) project has been 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, councillors, and other community members. The community Working Group members worked within their community to identify</p>	

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				<p>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, course evaluation and recommendations for future offerings.</p>	<p>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, course evaluation and recommendations for future offerings.</p>	

ST-26-01-11	<p><b>Permanent Placement of a Community RCMP Officer</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> several remote municipalities have not had a permanent stationary police officer to effectively, monitor and enforce laws and various legislation; and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the absences of proper police protection can sometimes put un-due stress on community residents.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> 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>	DoJ	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</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-26-98-12	<p><b>Limiting the Time Available to the Territorial Assessment Appeal Tribunal to Reach a Decision</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Standing Resolutions</a></p>	<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 Property Assessment and Taxation Act 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 the Property Assessment and Taxation Act has not been identified as a priority during the 18th Legislative Assembly and has not been put on MACA’s list of legislative priorities.</p> <p>Due in part to capacity, but also due to the number of Acts that MACA administers, it has become necessary for MACA to prioritize its legislative initiatives. 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 19th 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 Property Assessment and Taxation Act. This is important feedback that will be</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 Property Assessment and Taxation Act was enacted in 1988 and has not had a comprehensive review since coming into force.</p> <p>MACA has identified some issues with the Property Assessment and Taxation Act 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 19th Assembly.</p>	<p>This continues to be an important issue and should be raised as part of the Phase II revisions to PATA.</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>

				<p>considered, not only as we set priorities, but also once we begin the legislative review process.</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 Property Assessment and Taxation Act.</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-26-25-11 Original 21-02	<b>Amendment to Disaster Assistance Policy – Solid Waste Management Facility Fires</b>  <a href="#">Return to Deleted Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> NWT communities that are responsible for operation and management of a municipal solid waste management facility will not have adequate financial resources to support the cost of extraordinary, emergency firefighting and associated environmental protection related activities during a community solid waste management facility fire.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the cost of firefighting and environmental protection activities associated with a solid waste management facility fire will not be adequately covered through Northern Communities Insurance Program.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> increasing environmental regulations are equating to significant costs associated with emergency firefighting and associated air quality and water quality monitoring and mitigation.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT has recently ruled that a disaster classification requires proof of</p>	MACA	<p>The GNWT remains committed to developing policies that ensure that decisions are consistent and fair, while taking into account the needs of residents and community governments. It is important that the GNWT follow its own policies when decisions are made.</p> <p>The Disaster Assistance Policy has been in place since 1981 and was updated in 2022 to help the GNWT better meet the intent of the Policy, which remains unchanged.</p> <p>Amendments to the “Definitions” section align with the Policy’s principles and provide clarification as to what</p>	<p>The GNWT remains committed to developing policies that ensure that decisions are consistent and fair, while taking into account the needs of residents and community governments. It is important that the GNWT follow its own policies when decisions are made.</p> <p>The GNWT will be updating the Disaster Assistance Policy alongside the update to the federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements anticipated by March 2025. It is expected that the policy principles will remain the same with regards to excluding costs that are insurable/insured and excluding emergencies that affect a single sector or property, such as</p>	<p>The GNWT remains committed to developing policies that ensure that decisions are consistent and fair, while taking into account the needs of residents and community governments. It is important that the GNWT follow its own policies when decisions are made.</p> <p>The GNWT continues to recommend that community governments take a proactive approach to identify and address issues within their solid waste facilities to reduce the likelihood of future incidents occurring.</p> <p>Solid waste facility fires remain ineligible under the updated federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA),</p>	<p>GNWT stated it is amending its own DAP to align with the new 2025 parameters for federal DFAA funding, which does not include SWF fires.</p> <p>GNWT recommends proactive planning by communities to avoid SWF fires.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Delete this resolution.</b></p>

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		<p>widespread damage that affects a significant number of people's properties.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the GNWT has recently ruled that environmental contaminants resulting from a significant solid waste management facility fire do not represent a risk to the health, safety and welfare of residents.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the NWT Association of Communities urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to recognize extraordinary, emergency fires at solid waste management facilities as a potential Energy Capdisaster that can lead to significant municipal property destruction, significant environmental damage, and put peoples' health, safety and welfare at risk.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy be updated to include the specific indication that extraordinary, emergency solid waste management facility fires can</p>		<p>constitutes an eligible emergency and what is excluded. They exclude emergencies that affect a single sector or property; as such solid waste management facility fires are not eligible under the DAP.</p> <p>Community governments should take appropriate and reasonable measures to plan for, and to prevent and minimize damage.</p> <p>It is recommended that communities take a proactive approach to identify and address issues within their solid waste facilities to reduce the likelihood of future incidents occurring. Most recently</p>	<p>solid waste management facility fires.</p> <p>It is recommended that communities take a proactive approach to identify and address issues within their solid waste facilities to reduce the likelihood of future incidents occurring. Most recently, through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, 28 communities are receiving funding to improve their solid waste facilities and incorporate best practices for solid waste management.</p> <p>MACA also continues to support community governments by providing training on solid waste management, though specialized expertise, and is available to work with community governments upon</p>	<p>which came into effect on April 1, 2025.</p> <p>The GNWT is updating its Disaster Assistance Policy (DAP) to align with the modernized DFAA to maximize opportunities to access funding under the DFAA for disaster response, recovery and mitigation.</p>	
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		<p>be considered a disaster.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy's maximum assistance payable be increased from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000 to more appropriately cover the costs associated with or prevention of a community disaster.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the fiscal status of the community should have no bearing on the eligibility or amount of coverage under the GNWT Disaster Assistance Policy.</p>		<p>through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program 28 communities are receiving funding to improve their solid waste facilities and incorporate best practices for solid waste management.</p> <p>MACA also continues to support community governments by providing training on solid waste management and can provide specialized expertise and is available to work with community governments upon request. MACA encourages community governments to participate in other training and educational opportunities such as those offered</p>	<p>request. MACA encourages community governments to participate in other training and educational opportunities such as those offered through the Solid Waste Association of North America's Northern Lights Chapter (e.g. Landfill Fire Training).</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with community governments to explore opportunities to support their ongoing solid waste program needs and proactively find solutions for preventing future solid waste site incidents.</p>		
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				<p>through the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)'s Northern Lights Chapter (e.g. Landfill Fire Training).</p> <p>MACA will continue to work with community governments to explore opportunities to support their ongoing solid waste program needs and proactively find solutions for preventing future solid waste site incidents.</p>			
DL-26-23-03	<p><b>Review of MTS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Deleted Resolutions</a></p>	<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>	<b>INF</b>	N/A – Resolution was introduced in 2024	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	The GNWT received the governance and operational review from KPMG in August 2024. The KPMG report determined that based on the analysis of governance model options, transitioning to a Crown Corporation model appears to	<p>GNWT completed the third party review and has opted to go with the Crown Corporation model. GNWT provided its rationale to the NWTAC in its 2025 response.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p>

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		<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, f)</li> </ul> <p>The potential for contracting out to private sector,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g) Comparative analysis of using road transportation to Tuktoyaktuk for furtherance to Nunakput communities (Alaska Highway, Dempster Highway, Highway 10).</li> </ul>		<p>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-</b></p>	<p>offer the best solution to support safe, reliable and fiscally sustainable delivery of fuel and cargo to NWT communities.</p> <p>There were several reasons why the report concluded that a Crown Corporation model is the best solution, including:</p> <p>The Crown Corporation model provides GNWT with greater control and certainty to deliver, particularly in challenging and extenuating environmental events.</p> <p>The Crown Corporation model allows for the management of operations and assets together in one entity, which is easier to achieve compared to other models.</p> <p>Financially, the Crown Corporation model has an edge over the</p>	<p><b>Delete this Resolution.</b></p>	

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					<p><b>AFFIRM.</b></p> <p><b>Further Update from MTS: We are currently undergoing an internal review. We will keep NWTAC appraised on the next steps and a path forward regarding MTS Governance review later this spring.</b></p>	<p>private-sector operator model in terms of future funding required from the GNWT, and a significantly larger advantage compared to the status quo model. The relatively recent bankruptcy of the private sector operator that ran what is now MTS adds to the instability within the organization and could potentially hinder plans to move operations to a private-sector operator model.</p> <p>The Crown Corporation model offers the GNWT the flexibility to evaluate and potentially expand the scope of services, including pursuing joint ventures if appropriate. The model also allows GNWT to maintain a certain level of</p>	
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						<p>influence over the strategic direction and service delivery mandate to ensure communities continue to be offered affordable and accessible services.</p> <p>The GNWT has developed an implementation plan for transitioning MTS to a Crown Corporation. As part of the transition, a project team and working groups will be struck to provide input on policy development, legislative drafting and operational planning.</p> <p>The GNWT expects the transition to a Crown Corporation to take effect April 1, 2027.</p>	
DL-25-23-04	<b>Community Renewable Energy Cap</b>	<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	<b>INF</b>	N/A Resolution was introduced in 2024	Over the past few years, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has conducted extensive	In April 2025, the GNWT provided policy direction to the Public Utilities Board (PUB) to address various issues related to non-	<b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation: Delete this resolution</b>

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	<a href="#">Return to Deleted Resolutions</a>	<p>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>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 Microgrid Stability with Intermittent Renewables Study and the Net Metering and Community Self-Generating Policy Study, 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.</p>	<p>utility renewable electricity generation, as well as a number of other issues.</p> <p>One of those policy directives is to direct the PUB to increase community intermittent renewable generation capacity limits for thermal communities to 30 percent from the current 20 percent cap. Communities with a battery energy storage system installed can exceed the 30% limit, pending a proper study is conducted and the utility agrees.</p> <p>Related to this, the GNWT also directed the PUB to implement an independent power producer program that will allow communities to exceed the new cap if they use something like a community scale battery system.</p> <p>Thermal communities</p>	
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		<p><b>WHEREAS</b> most of the communities have reached that cap, and expressed this cap and associated conditions to be an impediment in 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</p>		<p>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</p>	<p>are ones where electricity is generated by fossil fuels.</p> <p>The study that the GNWT commissioned to understand the impact of intermittent renewables on the grids of thermal communities did determine that the cap might be able to be increased to 45 percent. However, the GNWT prefers a more gradual approach to increasing the cap as results of a study may not fully represent the real-world situation in the NWT.</p> <p>As part of this suite of policy directives, the GNWT is also proposing to expand the net metering program and adjust the net metering compensation rate to limit rate impact.</p> <p>It’s important to note that the PUB will determine if the intermittent</p>		

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		<p>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 of net- metering systems.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the GNWT allocate</p>			<p>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>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommends RE-AFFIRM.</p> <p>There has been no action from the GNWT to increase the cap on intermittent renewable generation above 20%. NWTAC continues to advocate</p>	<p>renewable generation capacity limits will be increased and what level they will be increased to, as well implement any expansion of the net metering program and changes to the net metering compensation rate.</p>	
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		<p>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>			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.		
DL-26-19-06	<p><b>Carbon Pricing</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Deleted Resolutions</a></p>	<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>	<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> </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</p>	<p>This is no longer an issue given by the actions of the Carney government.</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>Delete this Resolution.</b></p>

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		<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> <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> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>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 insulate municipalities from increased</li> <li>• electricity costs that would</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the implementation and reporting processes related to the carbon tax initiative are presented in a transparent manner.</li> </ul>		<p>carbon tax collected on non-motive diesel and heating fuel and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <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</p>	<p>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</li> </ul>		

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					in the Climate Change Strategy action plan reporting requirements.	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.	
						<p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>STANDING – NWTAC will continue to monitor this resolution.</b></p>	

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DL-26-17-12	<p><b>UNDRIP as a Guide for NWT</b></p> <p><a href="#">Return to Deleted Resolutions</a></p>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> the Canadian government and the legislative assembly of the NWT also passed and endorsed the declaration that supports all indigenous Peoples, and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> lands, resources and community governments in the NWT are directly affected by self-government negotiations and agreements, and</p> <p><b>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b> 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</p>				<p>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.</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>	<p>This continues to be an important theme. However, another Standing Resolution addresses UNDRIP in general. Does NWTAC need to continue to press the GNWT to use it as they negotiate Indigenous Rights Agreements?</p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Delete this Resolution.</b></p>

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DL-25-09-08	<b>Plumbing Inspections</b>  <a href="#">Return to Deleted Resolutions</a>	<p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>WHEREAS</b> licensing, regulation and inspection services are not provided by the GNWT for the installation of plumbing services and fixtures; and,</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> 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><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> 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</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</p>	<p><b>This continues to be an important theme. This is also related to the overall Building Act that is recommended for GNWT to adopt.</b></p> <p><b>NWTAC Resolution Committee Recommendation:</b></p> <p><b>Delete covered in Building Code Resolution.</b></p>

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