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NWTAC - NEWS AND UPDATES

Save the Dates!

NWTAC's 61st Annual General Meeting

February 25 - 27, 2027 · Inuvik

Mayors & Chiefs Bootcamp

February 24, 2027 · Inuvik

JOIN US IN INUVIK AS WE COME TOGETHER TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES COMMUNITIES!



The NWTAC's 61st Annual General Meeting will be held in Inuvik on February 25-27, 2027. The Mayors & Chiefs Bootcamp will be held in Inuvik on February 24, 2027.

[Click here for hotel, airline and registration information.](#)

More information about the 61st AGM will be posted on the [NWTAC's 2027 AGM webpage](#) as it becomes available. So be sure to check the website often!

HOUSING NWT LAUNCHES TECHNICAL TEAM PILOT FOR HOUSING MAINTENANCE

Housing NWT is launching a new Technical Team Pilot project in the Beaufort Delta, Sahtu, and Nahendeh districts to support preventative maintenance activities and improve the delivery of repairs.

The pilot project will address ongoing challenges in completing maintenance and repair work in smaller and more remote communities, where access to skilled trades services can be limited, contributing to repair delays and backlogs.

The pilot project will be evaluated over a two-year period based on its ability to improve the cost-effectiveness of maintenance work, reduce maintenance backlogs, shorten repair turnaround times, and decrease the number of vacant housing units and length of time they are unoccupied.

[Click here for the complete GNWT news release.](#)



FCM, CANADA ANNOUNCE \$34.2M INVESTMENT IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECTS

The Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have announced a \$34.2 million investment to support 141 community climate adaptation projects across the country. This includes \$70,000 for the Hamlet of Ulukhaktok to update its 2025 Climate Adaptation Plan.

This investment, made through the Green Municipal Fund's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA) initiative, will support projects that bolster community readiness and resilience.

Funding will empower local governments as they future-proof their communities to the realities of a changing climate. With wildfires, flooding, coastal erosion, heat domes, and other extreme weather events becoming more common, municipalities are finding themselves on the front lines.

[Click here to read the full news release on FCM's website.](#)

PARKS CANADA SEEKS NWT REPRESENTATIVE FOR CDN HISTORIC SITES & MONUMENTS BOARD



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Parks Canada is looking for candidates to serve as the Northwest Territories representative for the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. Applications are being accepted until September 23.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada provides advice to the Government of Canada on designating national historic sites, persons, and events. The Board includes a representative from each province and territory.

Parks Canada is looking for a member who:

- Lives in the Northwest Territories (this is non-negotiable);
- Has a good understanding of Northwest Territories heritage and culture;
- Is a knowledge holder in their community and/or has experience and education related to heritage;
- Can travel to at least two meetings a year where the Board reviews new proposals for national historic persons, places and events;
- Is able to review a number of lengthy background reports to prepare for Board meetings; and,
- Can take on this role for a term of five years.

People interested in this opportunity should submit a cover letter and their resume by September 23, 2026.

[Click here to learn more about the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.](#)

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Please contact Anne-Julie D'Amico, A/Advisor, Heritage Designations at anne-julie.damico@pc.gc.ca if you have any questions.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LGANT



Occupational Therapist

Where: Délı̨nę, NT

Closes: Open Until Filled

The Délı̨nę Got'ı̨nę Government is seeking an Occupational Therapist to provide assessment, therapy, and support for children and youth with high support needs. Reporting to the Director of Education, this role works with families, educators, and community partners to help children develop the skills needed for success at school, at home, and in the community.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Check for more job openings (with and without closing dates) with various NWT municipalities on the LGANT website. Positions are available with many communities.

[Click here to see current employment and proposal openings.](#)

TOOLKITS, GUIDES & FACT SHEETS

SMART MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TOOLKIT

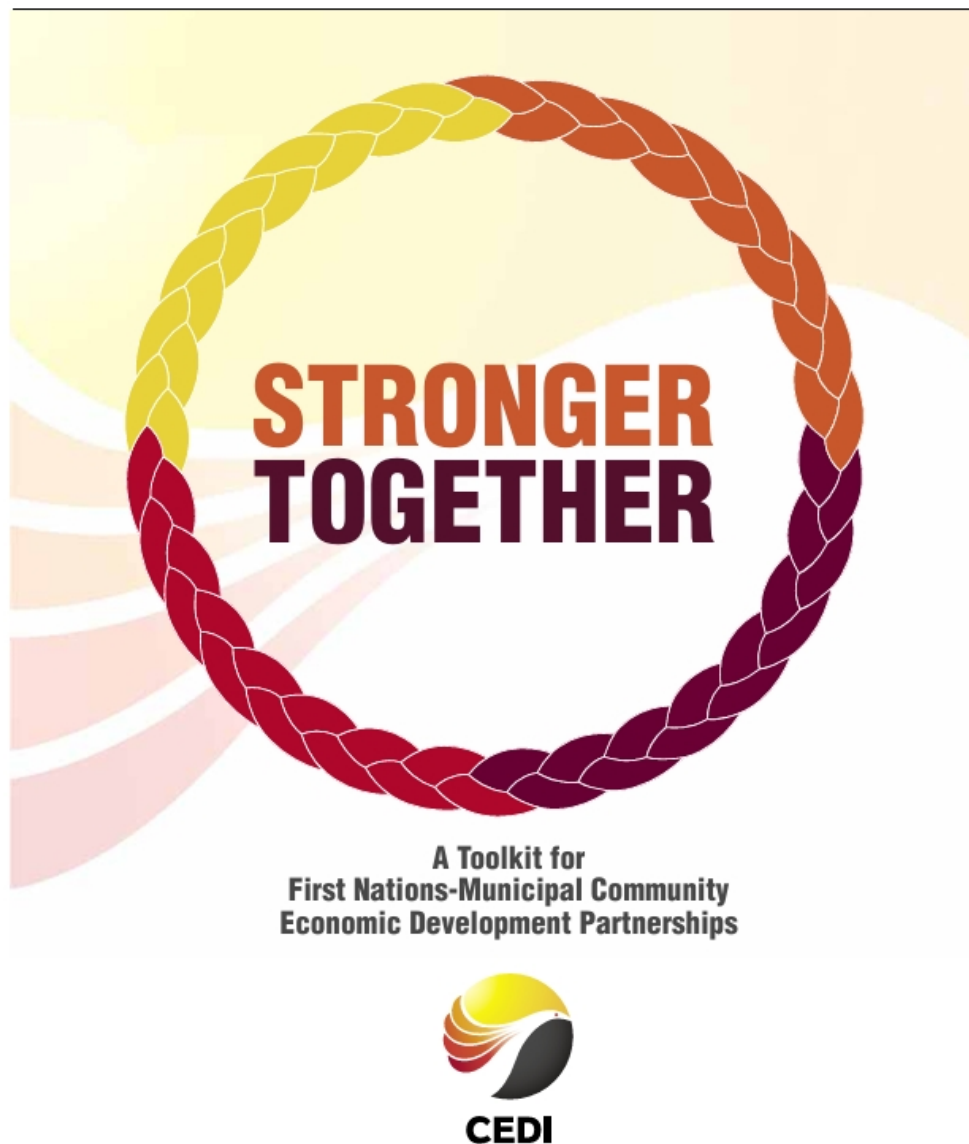


Check out the NWTAC's Smart Management Practices Toolkit — it's your guide to Smart Management Practices in your community!

This toolkit contains materials on subjects including Adaptation Smart Management Practices, Energy, Asset Management, Loss Prevention and a General Section that includes information on topics such as Progress Reporting, Informed and Engaged Communities, Transparency and Public Engagement, and more.

[Click here to access the NWTAC's Smart Management Practices Toolkit.](#)

STRONGER TOGETHER TOOLKIT



Many municipalities and First Nations want to collaborate but do not know where to start. There may be big differences in the communities' legal rights, economic conditions, demographics, cultures, and how they govern themselves.

The Stronger Together Toolkit offers step-by-step suggestions on how to bridge differences so partners can find new ways to work together for mutual prosperity.

[Click here for more information and to download the Stronger Together Toolkit.](#)

BE READY FOR EMERGENCIES



Be Ready! For Emergencies

Are you prepared for an emergency? Do you have an emergency plan and kit prepared and ready to go — or will you be scrambling when an emergency arises?

The GNWT's Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has a wealth of information on preparing for emergencies including floods, forest fires and severe storms on its website.

Check out MACA's [Be Ready for Emergencies](#) webpages.

WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

LEVERAGING COMMUNITY BONDS TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS



For affordable housing providers in Canada, community bonds can be a useful way to finance socially and environmentally impactful projects. They allow investors from the community to put their money toward meaningful projects, while also earning a financial return.

Join FCM's Green Municipal Fund on Thursday, September 3, at 2 p.m. ET for a webinar about how community-based financing can support energy-efficient

and low-carbon retrofits. This free session will feature expert advice from Tapestry Community Capital and a real-world case study from a Canadian housing provider.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

RECORDED WEBINAR: PATRIOTIC PURCHASES



Municipalities have a vital role to play in strengthening Canada's economy by prioritizing domestic procurement—particularly in sectors directly affected by trade tensions. Municipalities purchase more goods and services than the federal government every year, including more than \$35 billion annually from international markets, and collectively represent one of the largest public procurement vehicles in the country.

Local governments across Canada have been introducing procurement policies to support Canadian suppliers, but challenges in fully embracing a Buy Canadian approach remain — including legal obligations in trade agreements and domestic shortages for key products. It is important to assess what a national Buy Canadian policy means for local purchasing decisions, and what the federal government can do to address barriers.

This FCM Collective webinar uncovers the economic and legal implications for municipalities with the adoption of a new federal Buy Canadian policy. Join FCM to assess how to best move forward with a Buy Canadian approach and harness the tools to leverage it for your local economy.

[Click here for more information and to watch this recorded webinar.](#)

GRANTS & FUNDING

NWT CUMULATIVE IMPACT MONITORING PROGRAM



The NWT Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (NWT CIMP) provides annual funding for Science and Traditional Knowledge projects that improve understanding of cumulative impacts on the Northwest Territories environment. Projects must examine the combined effects of at least two human activities and/or natural stressors and produce information that can help decision-makers protect land and water, with a focus on caribou, water, and fish.

Deadline:

- Letter of Intent deadline: October 6, 2026.
- Successful applicants will be invited to submit full proposals in mid-November 2026, with proposals due January 5, 2027.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

TAKE A KID TRAPPING FUNDING



Apply for Take a Kid Trapping Funding

This funding program is designed to introduce school age youth in the Northwest Territories to the traditional harvesting practices of hunting, trapping, fishing and outdoor survival.

The program is delivered through schools and Indigenous organizations. Instructors incorporate visits to trap lines and hands-on experience setting traps, snares and fishnets. These activities teach traditional life skills, conservation and best practices in the preparation of pelts for market.

Take a Kid Trapping provides an ideal foundation to prepare youth for other trapper training programs.

Deadline: October 31, 2026, or until available funding has been fully allocated.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

TELUS INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES FUND



The TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund offers grants for Indigenous-led social, health and community programs.

Eligible Applicants

- Indigenous-led organizations such as Band Councils, Indigenous governments or representative groups, community groups and non-profits
- Non-Indigenous-led organizations can apply if they demonstrate a clear and tangible relationship with an Indigenous organization and have documented support from an Indigenous-led organization or community
- Eligible organizations can apply once per calendar year

Eligible Projects

- Your organization, community group or project supports Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) within Canada
- Your organization has not received funding from TELUS or the Indigenous Communities Fund in the last two years
- You clearly address a pressing social or well-being need and create measurable community outcomes such as, but not limited to:
 - Accomplishing individual and community wellness and healing
 - Reviving cultural strength, knowledge and skills
 - Helping overcome geographical and economic barriers
 - Increasing social connections to help foster community engagement.

Funding

\$5,000 - \$25,000 grants are available

Deadline

From September 10 to October 7, 2025, or until the first 200 applicants are received.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

SENIORS HOME REPAIR PROGRAM



The Seniors Home Repair program helps eligible senior homeowners in the Northwest Territories complete essential health and safety repairs that improve housing conditions and extend the life of their homes. The program provides forgivable loans to support repairs that enable seniors to remain safely in their homes.

Applications are accepted from April 1 to October 31, 2026.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION GRANT



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant focuses on environmental education and green space enhancement. Funding is available for projects that

promote environmental stewardship, improve public green spaces, and engage communities in hands-on conservation activities.

Deadline: Applications are accepted from April 1 to October 31, 2026.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

CAPITAL PROJECTS: SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL & COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Capital project: Construction of new sustainable municipal and community buildings

This Green Municipal Fund program provides combined grant and loan funding to help municipalities construct new, high-efficiency, low-carbon municipal buildings. The program supports projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy performance, and incorporate sustainable design features while delivering long-term environmental and community benefits.

Eligible Projects

- Construction of new municipally owned, low-carbon buildings, including:
- City and town halls.
- Administrative buildings.
- Public libraries.
- Community and recreation centres.
- Indoor sports facilities, arenas, and swimming pools.
- Arts and cultural facilities.
- Multi-purpose municipal buildings.

Deadline: Applications are accepted year-round, subject to available funding. Projects may no longer be accepted once program funding has been fully allocated.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

To receive our full weekly grants listing, email info@nwtac.com for more info!

GOVERNANCE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - HAVE YOUR SAY

HAVE YOUR SAY!

This list is frequently updated. Check the [Have Your Say](#) page for changes.

[Early Learning and Child Care Regulations Updates](#)

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment is seeking feedback from Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) stakeholders and the public on updates to the [Early Learning and Child Care Regulations](#).

The Government of the Northwest Territories is seeking your feedback on the ELCC Regulations to support future regulatory changes.

[Click here to learn more and to take the survey.](#)

This engagement closes August 21, 2026.

[Business Readiness](#)

Northwest Territories businesses are invited to participate and share information that will help the Government of the Northwest Territories better understand trade activity, business readiness, and opportunities for growth across the territory.

The [survey](#) seeks feedback on business readiness for emerging economic opportunities associated with major infrastructure, defence, and economic development projects expected in the Northwest Territories.

Information gathered will help inform programs, services, and policy development that support Northwest Territories businesses. This [survey](#) will close on August 30, 2026.

[GNWT Services in French - Ongoing](#)

The GNWT continually accepts feedback on services in French, as such, there is no formal end date for this engagement.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PUBLIC SITTINGS



COMMITTEE EVENTS AND BRIEFINGS

The Legislative Assembly of the NWT will next be in Session from Tuesday, October 20, 2026 until Friday, November 6, 2026.

[Click here for the NWT Legislative Assembly's Sessional Calendar.](#)

Public meetings on [Bill 49: Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods \(SCAN\) Act](#) will be held in:

- Fort Good Hope (Community Hall) on August 31, 2026 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Fort McPherson (Chief Julius School Gym) on September 1, 2026 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Tsiigehtchic (Chief Paul Niditchie School Gym) on September 2, 2026 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Gameti (Community Hall) on September 4, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Each meeting will include a public supper.

People can share their views on the legislation by attending the public meetings or by sending in a written submission to

Committees@ntassembly.ca.

[Click here for a plain language summary of Bill 49.](#)

The Legislative Assembly Calendar is frequently updated. Please check it for current updates on Upcoming Events, including Public Meetings, Briefings, and Reviews.

[Legislative Assembly Events Calendar](#)

SPOTLIGHT 60TH AGM PHOTO



The Hamlet of Paulatuk was presented with the Energy Excellence Award during the NWTAC's 60th AGM closing banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday, February 28, 2026. This award celebrates NWT communities that demonstrate leadership in improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Hamlet of Paulatuk was honoured for its ambitious Community Energy Plan and efforts by the Paulatuk Energy Working Group to one day become carbon neutral.

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