



E-BRIEF for NWT local community governments

Local Authorities Elections Act Discussion Paper Invites Input from Community Government Managers

December 19, 2008

Community Government Managers are invited to review the [Discussion Paper](#) and provide input to:



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LGANT Website Undergoing Redevelopment

An Expression of Interest was recently sent to website developers in the Northwest Territories on December 11, 2008. We anticipate receiving proposals in the coming weeks and will begin development of the new website in late January 2009. Members are reminded that they can provide any thoughts and ideas for the new website by emailing briand@lgant.com.

Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk Signs MOU

On Wednesday December the 3rd, the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GNWT Highways to construct an all weather road to a gravel pit 22 km southeast of Tuktoyaktuk.



Photo: Left to right: Councilors who supported the signing of the MOU, Jean Gruben, Deputy Mayor

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Photo: Left to right: Councilors who supported the signing of the MOU, Jean Gruben, Deputy Mayor Lena Kotokak, Georgina Jacobson-Masazumi, Maureen Gruben, and Annie Felix.

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NWT Association of Communities

www.nwtac.com

Letter to MACA Deputy Minister, Jeff Polakoff

LGANT President Tom Matus wrote Mr. Polakoff regarding participation in providing input to MACA as they develop a new strategy for the Department. [Read More](#)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

On behalf of the LGANT Board of Directors and staff, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The LGANT Office will be closed for the holidays starting at noon, December 24. The office will re-open at 8:30am on January 5, 2009.



Tom Matus
President
LGANT

Quick Links for NWT Community Government Managers

[Building Canada Fund](#)

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[Integrated Community Sustainability Plans](#)

[Community Emergency Plans Template Now Available](#)

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NEW!**

Classifieds for local Community Governments in the NWT.

Are you wanting to sell and/or buy equipment or other items of interest?



Use this section of the E-Brief's and website to advertise. Absolutely free for members!

Contact: briand@lgant.com

Advertise your community job on LGANT's [website](#).



NEWS FROM THE NWT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(*click on the subject lines for more information):



[Mediation between the Northwest Territories' Medical Association and the Government of the Northwest Territories](#)

R(16)125 - Thursday, December 18, 2008

[Ice spraying in Beaufort Delta will reduce cost of living in Inuvik Region](#)

R(16)124 - Tuesday, December 16, 2008

[ITI to Respond to Recommendations of Independent Panel](#)

R(16)123 - Monday, December 15, 2008

[New DVD Promotes the Use of Alternative Energy Technologies in the NWT](#)

R(16)122 - Thursday, December 11, 2008

School of Community of Government Upcoming Training

NWT Fire Service Instructor and Evaluator Training (Call Ed Hardy 873-7919)
NFA 1041 Level 1, Part 2 January 12-16, 2009 Hay River

Land Administration
Contracts & Property Law February 26–March 4, 2009 Hay River Reserve

Infrastructure Maintenance (Call Ralph Sanquez 874-5078)
Works Supervision & Main Mgmt. January 20-26, 2009 Norman Wells

Airports (Call Ralph Sanquez 874-5078)
Airport Winter Maintenance February 7-16, 2009 Hay River

Management & Finances (Call Carol Beck 920-6167)
SAO Essentials Workshop January 27-29, 2009 Yellowknife
Capital Planning Workshop March 2-6, 2008 Fort Smith

Recreation Facility Operations (Call Ed Hardy 873-7919)
Pools Level 1 February 10-11, 2009 Fort Smith

Waste & Water
Class II Water Treatment February 16-20, 2009 Norman Wells

[Full 2008-2009 School of Community Government Calendar](#)

NEWS FROM MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Local Authorities Elections Act Discussion Paper

The current *Local Authorities Elections Act* (LAEA) was separated from the *Municipal Act* in the 1960s but, since that time, only minor revisions have been made. Over the last several years, a number of suggestions for improvements and modernization have been received by MACA. These recommendations, received from the Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC), Returning Officers, and Chief Municipal Electoral Officers have been combined with research into modernization efforts of other jurisdictions in Canada to develop a set of recommended changes to the LAEA. These recommended changes have been considered by a working group consisting of representatives from the NWTAC, the Local Government Administrators of the Northwest Territories, MACA and the Department of Education, Culture and Employment. This group prioritized the recommendations to develop this discussion paper. Local Authorities Elections (Municipal and District Education Authorities) are of interest to all residents of the Northwest Territories. We invite you to read the [Discussion Paper](#) and [send us your comments and ideas](#) on possible changes to the LAEA by February 28, 2009.

Community Government Human Resource Development System

Community governments are taking on extended powers and accountabilities through self-government, land claim agreements and community and economic development. In light of these challenges, the need for building and strengthening human resource capacity is now greater than ever. To assist community governments in building their human resource capacity needs the School of Community Government as developed the Community Government Human Resource Development System (CGHRDS). The system focuses on the planning, hiring, training and development of quality local staff. Through the implementation of this system, community governments will have a better chance of finding, hiring and training local residents.

If you have any comments or questions about the CGHRDS please contact your Regional Officer or the School of Community Government.

[CGHRDS Manual](#) 5.52 MB

New Emergency Planning Tool for Communities

[Template](#)

[Appendices](#)

[Instruction Manual](#)

For more information, please contact your [MACA Regional Office](#)

Training Services Fund for Community Governments Policy

<http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/resources/policies>

2008 NWT Alberta Centennial Scholarship: Support for Community Government Occupational Certification

[Read more...](#)

Municipal and Community Affairs Fall Update 2008

www.maca.gov.nt.ca/resources/MACAUpdate_Fall2008.pdf

Territorial Granular Resource Forecast Update—October 2008

www.pws.gov.nt.ca/pdf/publications/TGRF%20Summary%20Update%20October%202008.pdf

OTHER NEWS FOR YOU

Hay River hosts first Strategic Planning workshop

The South Slave region hosted MACA's first Regional Strategic Planning Workshop this week in the Town of Hay River. The workshop was jointly facilitated by NWTAC's Susan Coyne, Sabrina Broad-head of MACA, and Dave McGarva of Acton Consulting. Senior Administrative Officers, Councilors, and other community support staff from all South Slave communities attended the workshop and had an opportunity to learn about Strategic Planning as one of the required components of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. As mandated under the signed Federal Gas Tax Agreement all 33 community governments are required to complete an ICSP comprised of a Strategic Plan, Capital Investment Plan, Community Energy Plan, and a Human Resource Plan by March 31, 2010. While the workshop focused pre-dominately on Strategic Planning and the newly acquired software tool for Strategic Planning, participants were also provided with a Community Energy Planning presentation delivered by Dean Green of the Arctic Energy Alliance. The newly acquired software tool for Strategic Planning, ICSP Toolkit, was presented as a useful and practical tool for community governments to use while developing their ICSP. As participants worked through the training on the ICSP Toolkit, they had the ability to work through the software as though they were inputting actual community information that would typically be gathered during a Strategic Planning session with the community and council. Overall, the workshop evaluations indicated the workshops increased the knowledge of ICSPs and was informative for SAOs and councilors on the ICSP Toolkit and how it can be used in the development of their ICSP. The Regional Strategic Planning Workshops will be provided in all regions continuing in January through February of 2009. For more information on Regional Strategic Planning Workshops please contact your regional MACA Training and Development Coordinator through the regional office.



January 13-14	Inuvik
January 20-21	Fort Simpson
January 27-28	Sahtu
February 3-4	Yellowknife

[NWTAC Community E-News Flash for December 19, 2008](#)

Arctic Energy Alliance—E-News, December 10, 2008

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Standards for New Houses and Buildings

The Arctic Energy Alliance has just released a plain language version of a toolkit for community governments on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Standards for New Houses and Buildings. This toolkit contains information about how communities can use standards so that new houses and other buildings use less energy. It offers some basic information on: what standards are and why they're important; existing energy efficiency standards for buildings; existing standards for appliances and equipment; renewable energy standards, and how communities can use energy efficiency and renewable energy standards. The toolkit is posted in the *What's New* section of our web site as well as under the *Community Energy Planning* section of our online *Resource Library*. [Go To Toolkit](#)

UPCOMING 2009 EVENTS

- May 21-24** NWT Association of Communities AGM & Conference (Inuvik, NT)
www.nwtac.com
- June 1-3** Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference
(Whistler, BC) www.camacam.ca
- June 5-8** Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference & Municipal
Expo (Whistler, BC) www.fcm.ca

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Industry, Tourism & Investment Seed Funding—Planting Seeds for Small Business and Small Community Development — The SEED Policy contains programs that are geared to provide basic contributions for starting out your business or improving capacity or skills or helping small communities to economically expand. The SEED Program has five categories, and multiple elements to each.

GNWT Grants and Contributions Guide—Grants and Contributions Guide 2007 (April 2007). A guide to a compilation of information for ongoing grants and contributions offered by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

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stration in the Northwest Territories through education and career development programs and to create awareness of the Community Officer's role in the community.

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