



## E-BRIEF for NWT local community governments

### LGANT Website Undergoing Redevelopment

December 9, 2008

At this time, the LGANT is seeking a professional website designer to create a new website. A "Expression of Interest" for the redevelopment of LGANT's website at [www.lgant.com](http://www.lgant.com) is being completed. Members are encouraged to provide any comments, suggestions, ideas, new features etc. for the new website. The new website will have improved appearance, greater functionality, ease of navigation and maintenance in both the public and Members Login Areas, the addition of a "best practices framework" for Northern communities, and member communities information and services (i.e. Town Hall), and much more.



### 2008 LGANT AGM & Professional Development Conference, October 28–30, Yellowknife

[Evaluation Form](#) - Your participation in evaluating the conference is appreciated, please return the form when completed and be entered in a draw for one (1) free registration for the 2009 AGM!

[Presentations](#) from the conference are now available on LGANT's website for download including:

- [Federal & Territorial Programs Update](#)
- [School of Community Government Update](#)
- [Local Authority Elections Act Review Update](#)
- [PSAB Reporting Requirements Presentation](#)
- [Implementing TCA Reporting Presentation](#)
- [GNWT MACA Final Emergency Plan Template Instruction Manual 20Nov08](#)
- [GNWT MACA Final Emergency Plan Template 20Nov08](#)
- [GNWT MACA Final Emergency Plan Template Appendices 20Nov08](#)

### LGANT Website Members Area—Recent uploads in the "documents library"

- Community Emergency Plan Template (Includes Template, Instruction Manual, and Appendices)
- AEA Community Energy Planning Toolkit

Contact Brian for your Username & Password:  
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### LGANT WEBSITE FEATURES

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Visit [www.lgant.com](http://www.lgant.com)

### Partner Websites:

Municipal & Community Affairs  
[www.maca.gov.nt.ca](http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca)

School of Community Government  
[08-09 Program](#)  
[Calendar](#)

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### Member to Member Request

Communities are requested to send the LGANT office a copy of their "scope of work", policy and/or contractual template used for auditor services for year end financials. This information will be shared with other communities in the members login area of LGANT's Website.

### Executive Director Joins ICSP Committee

Executive Director, Brian Desjardins recently joined the ICSP Capacity Building Technical Committee as an observer. Brian will join Tom Matus (SAO, Ft. Simpson), John McKee (SAO, Ft. Liard), Jeff Humble (Director of Planning & Development, Yellowknife), and Ian Freeman (SAO, Norman Wells) who are also on the committee. The group is working on ICSP tools including a Human Resources Plan for communities.

### Letter to MACA Minister, Robert C. McLeod

LGANT President Tom Matus wrote Mr. McLeod thanking him and Deputy Minister Jeff Polakoff for attending the recent LGANT AGM and Professional Development Conference.

[Read More](#)

### [Calendar](#)

### NWT Association of Communities

[www.nwtac.com](http://www.nwtac.com)

### Quick Links for NWT Community Government Managers

[Building Canada Fund](#)

[PSAB Compliance Guidelines](#)

[Community Government Toolkit](#)

[Integrated Community Sustainability Plans Contact](#)

[Community Emergency Plans Template Now Available](#)

**CLASSIFIEDS  
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](mailto: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):

### [Discussion Paper on Electricity Regulation, Rates and Subsidy Programs Released](#)

**R(16)116** - Thursday, December 04, 2008

Northwest Territories (NWT) Residents, Aboriginal Governments and key stakeholders are being asked to provide input into a NWT-wide discussion on electricity regulation, rates and subsidy programs.

### [Finance Minister Provides Economic and Fiscal Update](#)

**R(16)118** - Thursday, December 04, 2008

The Honourable Michael Miltenberger, Minister of Finance, provided an update on the Northwest Territories (NWT) economy and fiscal outlook today. Minister Miltenberger also released the results of his revenue options consultations.



## School of Community of Government Upcoming Training

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### NWT Fire Service Instructor and Evaluator Training (Call Ed Hardy 873-7919)

NFPA 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](#)

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## NEWS FROM MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

### New Emergency Planning Tool for Communities

An effective community emergency response is important to ensure the protection of people, property and the environment and the restoration of community operations. To help communities achieve this state of preparedness, MACA has introduced a new Community Emergency Response Plan Template that will help Community Governments develop a plan to respond to an emergency. The Template is designed to help create a plan that will define the roles and responsibilities of agencies during an emergency and establish provisions for a timely coordinated response.

[Template](#)

[Appendices](#)

[Instruction Manual](#)

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

### Training Services Fund for Community Governments Policy

Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) is pleased to introduce its new Training Services Fund for Community Governments Policy that provides funding, on a reimbursement basis, to community governments who have authorized the involvement of experienced community staff in course delivery. The Policy will assist in engaging experienced and qualified employees of community governments in the instruction and delivery of community based training events and courses offered through MACA's School of Community Government. The Policy represents a positive method with which to build skill and capacity of key community government staff in the Northwest Territories communities. For more information, please contact Mr. Dan Schofield, Director, School of Community Government (867) 873-7755.

A copy of the Policy is available on our website at:

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

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

To assist communities in meeting the challenges of building local capacity, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), in cooperation with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), provides community government staff with opportunities for occupational certification. Under the NWT Alberta

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partment of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), provides community government staff with opportunities for occupational certification. Under the NWT Alberta Centennial Scholarship Program, ECE will award twenty-five \$2,005.00 scholarships to those currently registered in a trade or a designated occupation and meet the conditions of the eligibility. Students pursuing community government occupational certification through MACA's School of Community Government, are eligible to apply. [Read more...](#)

## Municipal and Community Affairs Fall Update 2008

[www.maca.gov.nt.ca/resources/MACAUUpdate\\_Fall2008.pdf](http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/resources/MACAUUpdate_Fall2008.pdf)

### OTHER NEW FOR YOU

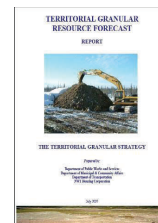
#### Arctic Energy Alliance—[E-News, November 26, 2008](#)

#### 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](#)

#### Territorial Granular Resource Forecast Update—October 2008

[www.pws.gov.nt.ca/pdf/publications/TGRF%20Summary%20Update%20October%202008.pdf](http://www.pws.gov.nt.ca/pdf/publications/TGRF%20Summary%20Update%20October%202008.pdf)



### UPCOMING 2009 EVENTS

#### Board Governance Workshop, Yellowknife, NT, December 12, 2008

A half-day governance seminar to help boards of directors improve their organizational oversight.

When: Friday, December 12, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Where: Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, NWT

Agenda: A dynamic lecture and discussion covering:

- the Board's role and accountabilities
- the Board/Management dynamic
- effective meetings & decision-making
- practical application of governance theory
- overcoming common board challenges
- key board success factors & processes

Recommended participants: Board members, Board Chairs, Executive Directors & Chief Executive Officers, Senior Staff/Management, Board support staff

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#### Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) 3rd Annual National New Professionals Conference (Halifax, NS), October 26-28, 2009

The conference will provide an opportunity for new professionals in the public sector

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The conference will provide an opportunity for new professionals in the public sector to learn how they can be creative and innovative, use new ways to engage the public in government and democratic processes, bring new technologies to government processes and services, and make the public more environmentally sustainable. It will also be an opportunity to meet both fellow new public sector professionals and experienced public sector professionals from across Canada. The Conference will see up to 500 new and experienced public sector professionals as well as university and college students interested in careers in the public sector from across Canada come to Halifax.

[www.ipac.ca/newprofessionalsconferencehalifax09](http://www.ipac.ca/newprofessionalsconferencehalifax09)

**May 21-24** NWT Association of Communities AGM & Conference (Inuvik, NT)  
[www.nwtac.com](http://www.nwtac.com)

**June 1-3** Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference  
(Whistler, BC) [www.camacam.ca](http://www.camacam.ca)

**June 5-8** Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference & Municipal  
Expo (Whistler, BC) [www.fcm.ca](http://www.fcm.ca)

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## 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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The Local Government Administrators of the Northwest Territories (LGANT) is a professional organization comprised of senior administrative staff of community governments in the Northwest Territories. The Mission of LGANT is to strive for and promote excellence and professionalism in the field of local government administration 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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