



E-BRIEF for local community government managers in the NWT

Farewell to LGANT President, Tom Matus

Local Government Administrators of the NWT is announcing Tom Matus's resignation as President of the Association.

The Board of Directors and staff would like to wish Tom Matus a warm farewell as he and his family relocate to Spirit River, Alberta. Tom will be resigning as SAO from the Village of Ft. Simpson on February 19 and will be moving on to the Municipal District of Spirit River as their new Chief Administrative Officer.

Tom contributed greatly to the Association and has been instrumental in raising the profile of the SAO's role for community governments in the NWT. He has been a long-standing and dedicated member of the Board for over twelve years. The Board would like to acknowledge Tom's commitment to working for community governments in the NWT as he leaves the North after 23 years of service. Tom had also held the SAO position for the community government of Whati for over ten years before moving to Fort Simpson in 2006.

John McKee (SAO, Ft. Liard), will be acting President for the Association until the next Annual General Meeting in October 2009.

LGANT Update:

Website Redevelopment

In the near future, LGANT's website will be undergoing redevelopment. The primary objective on the new website is to further promote sharing of information amongst community managers. Many new features are planned for the new website such as a user-friendly members area, board area, all-inclusive library of by-laws and policies, and community sub-sites. The *community sub-sites* will allow member communities who do not currently have websites the ability to post their own information on staff, recreation services, public services, tourism services, employment, photos, documents and other important information that will connect them on-line to residents. Members will continue to be consulted to suggest any other features for the website.

Public Service Capacity

As part of the recent GNWT Budget Address, \$2.3 million was earmarked for human resource issues in the NWT.

February 17, 2009



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ment Toolkit](#)

As part of the recent GNWT budget address, \$2.5 million was earmarked for human resource issues in the NWT. Due to various pressures, local community governments and the GNWT Departments are experiencing difficulties in attracting and retaining qualified staff. The Local Government Administrators of the NWT, NWT Association of Communities, Municipal and Community Affairs, and the Department of Human Resources have formed a steering committee to address these issues and will be developing potential solutions in this area. LGANT will be forwarding to the MACA Minister, Robert C. McLeod, a recent survey on local community governments wages and benefits that was completed in 2007 by the Association.

LGANT Community Awards Program

Currently, there are no awards that celebrate and recognize local community governments and/or staff in the NWT. Research across Canada has been completed with respect to awards programs offered by sister associations. The Board of Directors is considering two awards including recognition of “long service” community government manager and a community government that demonstrates “best practices” in supporting and providing professional development and training opportunities for staff. The awards program and criteria are nearing completion and will be presented at the 2009 AGM.

CAMA Assistance Program

The CAMA annual national conference is an annual event that allows municipal administrators from across Canada to enhance their professional knowledge, skills and experience. This event allows administrators to keep on top of innovations and changes in their field and learn about what others in the national community are doing. The three day conference includes workshops, panels and seminars aimed to provide delegates with the knowledge, skills and experience needed to stay at the leading edge of municipal administration. LGANT is considering a nominal travel assistance program for members to attend the CAMA Conference. The program was suggested by members at the 2008 AGM. At this time, LGANT is requesting interest from those members who are considering attending. The 2009 CAMA Conference which will be held in Whistler, BC, June 1-3. For more information on the conference, please visit: www.camacam.ca/conference.asp

Next LGANT Board Meeting

The next face-to-face LGANT Board Meeting is being planned for the week of March 9, 2009, in Yellowknife.

2009-2010 LGANT Membership Renewal

Members will be receiving in March information on renewing their memberships. Renewal fees are \$250.00 per community.

Contact Brian Desjardins (Executive Director) at 765-5630 or briand@lgant.com if you have any questions regarding the updates.

**Welcome New Member – Ms. Grace C. Angel,
Tlicho Community Government of Wekweeti**

[ment Toolkit](#)

[Integrated Community Sustainability Plans](#)

[Community Emergency Plans Template Now Available](#)

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



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LGANT's [website](#).



Tlicho Community Government of Wekweeti

LGANT Board and staff would like to welcome our newest member to the Association, Ms. Grace C. Angel, SAO for the Tlicho Community Government of Wekweeti.

LGANT is now represented by 30 out of 33 communities in the NWT, and an Affiliate member—City of Iqaluit.



Strategy Planning (ICSP) Workshop in Fort Simpson

LGANT Director, SAO Ruby Jumbo (Saamba K'e Dene Band) and Executive Director, Brian Desjardins, recently participated in an "integrated community sustainability planning" and Strategy Planning workshop. The workshop was hosted in Fort Simpson on February 10 & 11, for the Deh Cho communities and organized in partnership

by NWTAC and MACA. The workshop was an opportunity to learn more about a software tool that will be available to communities to assist them with developing their ICSP's by March 31, 2010. A requirement under the Federal Government's Gas Tax Agreement with the Territorial Government. For more information on the ICSP tool and workshop, please visit www.nwtac.com or contact Susan Coyne, Sustainability Coordinator for the NWTAC at 867-873-8359 or susan@nwtac.com.

NEWS FROM THE NWT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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



[Alberta and the Northwest Territories meet to discuss the economy, energy and the environment](#)

R(16)146 - Friday, February 13, 2009

Northwest Territories (NWT) Minister of Finance, the Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger, and Alberta Minister of Finance and Enterprise, the Honourable Iris Evans, met in Yellowknife today to discuss the present economic situation and its effect on the two jurisdictions. The governments discussed matters related to the environment, transportation, energy and natural resources.

[2009-10 NWT BUDGET LAYS OUT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES](#)

R(16)144 - Thursday, February 05, 2009

The Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) 2009-10 Budget was presented in the Legislative Assembly today by Finance Minister J. Michael Miltenberger.

[GNWT and NWTMA Announce New Four-Year Contract for NWT Physicians](#)

R(16)143 - Tuesday, February 03, 2009

The Government of the Northwest Territories and the Northwest Territories Medical Association (NWTMA) have reached an agreement on a new four-year contract for physicians in the Northwest Territories (NWT).

[Supplementary Health Benefits Program Review](#)

R(16)142 - Monday, February 02, 2009

Implementation of the new Supplementary Health Benefits Program and the Catastrophic Drug Costs Program will be delayed until September 1, 2009, the Minister of Health and Social Services, the Honourable Sandy Lee, announced today.

[Tri-Territorial Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Housing](#)

R(16)141 - Friday, January 30, 2009

More federal money toward social housing in the North is an important investment in the territories amid uncertain economic times. Territorial Ministers responsible for Housing met today in Iqaluit to discuss the challenges they face to improve housing conditions in the North.

[GNWT Working Group to Review ATCO Proposal](#)

R(16)140 - Thursday, January 29, 2009

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R(16)140 - Thursday, January 29, 2009

The Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC), the Honourable Floyd K. Roland, announced today the formation of a working group to review an unsolicited proposal received from the ATCO Group of Companies. The proposal relates to a partnership arrangement for the development and delivery of power in the Northwest Territories.

[GNWT Seeks Input on Proposed Changes to Procurement Policy](#)

R(16)138 - Thursday, January 29, 2009

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is seeking the input of Aboriginal and business stakeholders on proposed changes to its Business Incentive Policy (BIP).

[Minister Releases Consultation Material for Board Reform Initiative](#)

R(16)137 - Thursday, January 29, 2009

An information package describing the proposed approach to regional service boards has been released by the Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger, lead Minister for the Refocusing Government Strategic Initiative Committee. This information will be the basis of consultation and the development of detailed implementation plans.

School of Community of Government Upcoming Training

Land Administration (Call Glenda Padillo 867-587-7107)

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

Management & Finances (Call Ron Hardisty, 867-695-7223)

Capital Planning Workshop March 2-6, 2008 Fort Smith

Fire Protection & Public Safety (Call Annette Hastie 867-777-7253)

Airports (Call Ralph Sanquez 867-874-5078)

Recreation Facility Operations (Call Glenda Padillo 867-587-7107)

Infrastructure Maintenance (Call Ralph Sanquez 867-874-5078)

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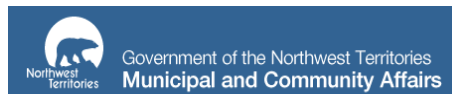
Governance (Call Penny Johnson 867-920-6121)

Community governance workshops are available upon request; please contact your Regional Superintendent. Council Roles and Responsibilities; Council Land Responsibilities; Managing Community Infrastructure; Exercising Our Authority; Strategic Planning; Involving Community in Council Activity; Governance and the Law; Risk Management; Developing Community Governance Bylaws; Capital Planning for Councils; Financial Awareness; *Under development:* Council Code of Conduct ; Council Code of Ethics

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

For more information e-mail the [Director](#) Dan Schofield of the School of Community Government or phone (867) 920-3159.

NEWS FROM MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



Public Notice - General Property Re-Assessment

Take notice that the Certified Assessment Roll, First Revision, for the 2008 Assessment Year/2009 Taxation Year for the General Taxation Area of the Northwest Territories (NWT) has been produced. [Read more...](#)

Local Authorities Elections Act Discussion Paper—*The deadline for submissions is February 28, 2009.*

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Starts 13 February 28, 2009.

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 have been considered by a working group consisting of representatives from the Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC), the Local Government Administrators of the Northwest Territories, MACA and the Department of Education, Culture and Employment. 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.

2009 NWT Outstanding Volunteer Awards Nominations—*The deadline for nominations is Monday, March 2, 2009.*

YELLOWKNIFE (January 9, 2009) - The opening of the nomination process for the 2009 Northwest Territories (NWT) Outstanding Volunteer Awards was announced today by the Honourable Robert C. McLeod, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA). [Read more...](#)

NEWS FROM NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES



Directors meet, applaud budget, welcome government stability

For the first time in 2009, the NWTAC's board of directors met face to face in Yellowknife from Feb. 4-5.

It was an opportunity to discuss a range of issues facing community governments, from changes to the Business Incentive Program (BIP) to electrical issues, progress of resolutions, and met with Robert C. McLeod, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and senior officials from the department.

The two days were also filled with high drama as Members of the Legislative Assembly were gripped in a non-confidence debate that would have brought down the government and then dealt with a new budget from Finance Minister Michael Miltenberger.

The NWTAC board wrote a letter to all MLAs urging them to carefully consider the consequences of removing the Premier and Cabinet and encouraging them to work toward a resolution without destabilizing the government. [Read more...](#)

[NWTAC Community E-News Flash for February 12, 2009](#)

UPCOMING 2009 EVENTS

2009 Strength in Numbers Conference, Yellowknife, February 19, 2009

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Bootcamp for Sustainability, February 26-28, Cochrane, AB

www.cochranesustainability.ca

10th Annual Administrative Professionals Conference, April 19-22, Toronto, ON

www.apccanada.com

"Electricity Workshop for the NWT" & Conference, March 30-31, Yellowknife, NT

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www.nwtac.com or contact Terry Kruger at terry@nwtac.com

NWT Association of Communities AGM & Conference, May 21-24, Inuvik, NT
www.nwtac.com

Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference, June 1-3, Whistler, BC
www.camacam.ca

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference & Municipal Expo, June 5-8, Whistler, BC
www.fcm.ca

14th Annual International Congress on Circumpolar Health - Securing the IPY Legacy: From Research to Action, July 11–16, Yellowknife, NT
www.icch2009.com

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) 3rd National New Professionals Conference, October 26-28, 2009, Halifax
More information can be found by visiting the conference web site at www.ipac.ca/newprofessionalsconferencehalifax09.

OTHER NEWS FOR YOU

Executive Report on Training Needs for Recreation Leaders in the NWT—

NWT Recreation and Parks Association recently undertook a review of training needs for recreation leaders in the NWT. Community managers were able to provide feedback to NWTRPA during a session at the 2008 LGANT AGM. An executive summary of the report is nearing completion and will be forwarded to the communities. If you have any questions, please contact NWTRPA at:

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Government Seeking Input on Changes to BIP—The deadline for submissions is March 27, 2009

The Government of the Northwest Territories is seeking feedback on changes it is proposing to its Business Incentive Program. Changes will ensure economic opportunities and benefits can continue to be maximized for NWT businesses and communities and improve competition on major infrastructure projects in the Northwest Territories.

[Read news release](#)
[More about BIP](#)
[More about this public consultation](#)
[Download details of Proposed Changes](#)

Arctic Energy Alliance—[E-News, February 4, 2009](#)

In this issue:

- Antarctica is warming - not cooling, study shows
- Aurora College students take on winterization pilot program
- Town of Hay River to create a Community Energy Plan
- Yukon's Energy Strategy covers wide range of sources

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Energy Action Awards

The AEA invites anyone interested in efficient, renewable and carbon neutral energy practices to attend the 2008 Energy Action Awards presentation ceremony on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

[INVITATION & EVENT DETAILS](#)

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's Energy Efficiency Incentive Program—The EcoAUTO rebate was phased out by the federal government as of December 31, 2008. The Government of the NWT's Energy Efficiency Incentive Program (EEIP) will continue to match the federal government rebate on qualifying 2008 model year vehicles purchased on or before December 31, 2008 - but applications must be received by March 31, 2009.

[Go To EEIP Guidelines & Application Form](#)
[Go To EcoAUTO Web Site](#)

GNWT's Health Promotion Strategy Fund— As part of an on-going commitment to community-based health promotion initiatives, the Department has created a Health Promotion Strategy Fund. This fund is meant to assist communities working on tobacco harm reduction and cessation, active living, healthy pregnancies and injury prevention. Non-profit organizations who have health promotion ideas are encouraged to apply. More details on this fund, including the application form and funding requirements are available by [clicking here](#) or by contacting: www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca/english/services/health_promotion/health_promotion_strategy_fund.htm

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