



E-BRIEF for NWT local community governments

LGANT Website Redevelopment Proposals Received

January 22, 2009

An Expression of Interest was sent to website developers in early December 2008. Proposals were received on January 16, 2009 and will be reviewed for decision making. Members are invited to suggest any features for the new website by emailing briand@lgant.com.



LGANT Board Meeting

An LGANT Board Meeting is being planned for early February, 2009. If you have any issues or concerns that you would like addressed at the meeting, please feel free to contact me at 765-5630 or briand@lgant.com.

February 28, 2009 Deadline Approaching for Local Authorities Elections Act Discussion Paper

The deadline for providing comments on the Discussion Paper is fast approaching. The GNWT invites all community governments to read the [Discussion Paper](#) and [send them your comments and ideas](#) on possible changes to the LAEA by February 28, 2009.



The "Igloo Church" —one of many attractions in Inuvik.

2009 NWTAC AGM, Inuvik, May 21-24

Inuvik will be hosting the 2009 NWT Association of Communities AGM and Conference. In past years the conference has been very well attended by Senior Administrative Officers from many NWT community governments. It is a great opportunity for managers to meet and greet and network.

If you plan on attending the this years event with your elected officials, please let us know by contacting LGANT at 765-5630 or by emailing briand@lgant.com.

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Classifieds for local Community Governments in the NWT.

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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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NEWS FROM THE NWT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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



[Premier Roland responds to U.S. arctic policy, says Canadian action needed now](#)

R(16)132 - Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Premier Roland has forcefully responded to a new United States Presidential Directive regarding the Arctic, saying that the Canadian federal government must take immediate action to develop Canada's North and assert Canadian sovereignty over arctic lands and resources.

[Premier Roland to tell PM: North holds key to Canada's economic future](#)

R(16)133 - Tuesday, January 13, 2009

At this week's First Ministers' Meeting on the Canadian economy, Premier Floyd Roland will press for major federal investment in Northern projects, arguing that the North holds the key to Canada's economic future.

School of Community of Government Upcoming Training

Governance—Workshops Available Upon Request (Call Penny Johnson 920-6121)

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

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

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

Airports (Call Ralph Sanquez 874-5078)

Airport Winter Maintenance February 7-16, 2009 Hay River

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

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

Thank You Edna Tobac

Edna Tobac was the project coordinator for the construction of the new office complex in



the construction of the new office complex in Fort Good Hope. As a long time resident of the community, Edna was a valuable asset during the project with her strong understanding of the community's needs and challenges. [Read more...](#)

Fort Simpson Fire Hall Grand Opening and Service Awards

Fort Simpson held the grand opening of the expanded fire hall, and presented fifteen past and current firefighters with service awards, on the evening of January 10th, 2009. [Read more...](#)

2009 NWT Outstanding Volunteer Awards Nominations

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...](#)

2009 Get Active NWT Campaign Launched

YELLOWKNIFE (January 7, 2009) - The launch of the 2009 Get Active Northwest Territories (NWT) Campaign, was announced today by the Honourable Robert C. McLeod, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. [Read more...](#)

NEWS FROM NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

Inuvik AGM will be a highlight of busy 2009

Association staff are gearing up for a busy year ahead, with planning underway for our Annual General Meeting in Inuvik from May 21-24 and plenty of other work on the books. Sr. Financial Officer/ Executive Assistant Yvonne Fleming is leading the way on preparations for the AGM, with letters ready to go out to potential sponsors. We're also hoping to hold an Information Show for Member Communities and will be inviting government agencies, businesses and organizations to purchase a booth to update delegates on changes and introduce them to a variety of services that would help community governments. She has arranged a flight deal with the North's two major airlines and we're awaiting word on hotel rates. Next week, a call will go out to communities as we look for Resolutions to present to member delegates. Be sure to watch the Association for AGM updates.

If you have any questions, -mail Yvonne. There's plenty of other action ahead this year, too. The Federal Budget is going to be delivered January 27 and we're waiting to see if our call for accelerated spending on community infrastructure is heard and acted upon. Around the NWT, the Territorial Government is looking at consultations on the supply of electricity. The NWTAC is considering how we can play a role and make sure community voices are heard. Read more by clicking on the Link below.



[NWTAC Community E-News Flash for January 15, 2009](#)

Regional Strategic Planning Workshops

Overall, the workshop evaluations indicated the workshops increased the knowledge of ICSPs and was informative for SAO's 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.

February 3-4	Yellowknife
February 10-11	Fort Simpson

UPCOMING 2009 EVENTS

SAO Essentials Workshop, January 27-29, 2009, Yellowknife

The School of Community Government (SCG), is delivering the 3 day **SAO Essentials Workshop** from January 27-29, 2009 in Yellowknife. John McKee, SAO, Fort Liard and Annette Hastie, Training and Development Coordinator, Inuvik, School of Community Government will be delivering this workshop. **This workshop has been designed to provide an overview of the role of the Senior Administrative Officer in the NWT, in addition to discussions regarding Best Practices.**

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

Statistics Canada is pleased to present the 2009 Strength in Numbers, a free one-day conference series featuring a panel of experts who will use data from the 2006 Census, the 2006 Aboriginal Children's Survey, the 2006 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, and other data sources to highlight demographic and socio-economic trends within the Aboriginal population. The goal of Strength in Numbers is to increase understanding and awareness of Aboriginal data and to provide an opportunity to explore the implications of this data for the future. While the 2008 Strength in Numbers series highlighted Aboriginal data for the western provinces, the 2009 Strength in Numbers conference series will focus on Aboriginal data for the territories. Information on a variety of topics will be presented, including age and sex, children and families, ancestry and identity, language use and trends, housing conditions, mobility and migration, education and labour market conditions. Each one-day conference will feature national as well as regional information and analysis for the territory in which it is being held. Who should attend? Strength in Numbers will benefit those looking for recent and comprehensive Aboriginal information that is available at the national and territorial level. This conference is ideal for Aboriginal leaders, policy makers, community planners, program developers, managers, researchers, and others who want first hand, relevant information. Attached please find the information/ registration form for the Yellowknife Strength in Numbers which is being held Thursday, February 19, 2009, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at The Explorer Hotel Yellowknife, 4825 49th Avenue. To register, please complete the registration form and fax back to me at 780-495-5318 or email me your registration information. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. The registration deadline for the Yellowknife Strength in Numbers is February 12, 2009. Please note that the Yellowknife Strength in Numbers is a free event and lunch is provided; however, participants are responsible for their own accommodation and other travel expenses. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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4th Northern Aboriginal Housing Conference - Share a New Vision, February 17-19, 2009, Whitehorse

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CMHC, Yukon Housing Corporation and NAC are pleased to host the 4th Northern Aboriginal Housing Conference - Share a New Vision. Join us February 17-19, 2009 in Whitehorse Yukon for a two day event that will provide Chiefs, Councillors, Executive Directors and Housing Staff from First Nation communities with a strong background in Community and Land-Use Planning, Land Development and Home ownership on First Nation Lands. Who Should Attend: The Share a New Vision conference will benefit anyone who is involved in First Nation and Aboriginal Housing: Chiefs, Councillors, Housing Committee Members, Executive Directors, Housing and Capital Managers, Land Managers, First Nation Construction/Project Managers, First Nation Financial Managers, Housing Staff.

www.northernfnhousingconference.ca

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

www.apccanada.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

Register Online Now for This Year's CAMA Conference. Registrations are now being accepted for CAMA's 2009 Annual Conference to be held in Whistler, BC from June 1-3, 2009. The conference theme is "*Embracing Sustainability: Rising to the Challenge through Leadership.*" In keeping with that theme, for the first time, CAMA members will be able to register online for the conference. Simply visit the CAMA website at www.camacam.ca and look for the Annual Conference link. (Direct link: http://www.camacam.ca/conference_2009.asp.)

www.camacam.ca

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference & Municipal Expo, June 5-8, Whistler, BC

www.fcm.ca

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

Arctic Energy Alliance—[E-News, January 21, 2009](#)

In this issue: • Arctic coastal communities worried by changes to permafrost • Northern Property Real Estate Investment Trust leads the way • Yukon Energy cranks up search for geothermal heat source • New Brunswick TV series shows homeowners how to save energy

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NWT Arts Council Arts Funding Deadline is January 31, 2009

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment, in partnership with the NWT Arts Council would like to inform Northerners that the **closing date for applications for NWT Arts Council Arts Funding is January 31, 2009**. Money is available for artists and registered territorial organizations who are producing a specific artistic work, project or event in a recognized discipline. For more information, or to request an application, please call 920-6370.

Website: www.nwtartscouncil.ca

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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.hltss.gov.nt.ca/english/services/health_promotion/health_promotion_strategy_fund.htm

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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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