



E-BRIEF for NWT local community governments

2008 LGANT Annual General Meeting & Professional Development Update

July 23, 2008

Date Confirmed!

October 28–30, 2008, Yellowknife



Mark your calendars!

The 2008 LGANT AGM & Professional Development will take place in Yellowknife **October 28–30**. Members will be receiving full information including registration, travel, accommodations in September. As well, updates will be posted on the website on a continuous basis at www.lgant.com—Click on 2008 AGM.

Still accepting professional development suggestions!

At this time the Board is requesting from communities ideas for professional development training and/or workshops to be hosted as part of the AGM. Remember, this is your AGM!

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LGANT Board Meeting, July 16, 2008

New Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs Meets with Board



Top left to right: Jeff Polakoff (DM, MACA), John McKee (SAO, Fort Liard), Tom Matus (SAO, Fort Simpson), Ruby Jumbo (SAO, Smbaa K'e Dene Band), Dan Moore (SAO, Whati), Yvette Gonzalez (CEO, NWTAC). Bottom left to right: Shelia Bassi-Kellett (ADM, MACA), Laura Gareau (Director Corporate Affairs, MACA), Eleanor Young (Director Community Operations, MACA).

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Municipal & Community Affairs

The Board had a full agenda including a meeting with Municipal and Community Affairs Senior Officials who provided updates on MACA's Budget (changes effecting community governments), highway rescue/ground ambulance work, reorganization of the School of Community Government, Building Canada Fund, and community emergency management issues.

As part of the recent meeting, the Board of Directors also had an opportunity to meet with the new Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Jeff Polakoff. Former Deputy Minister of MACA, Debbie Delancey is the new Deputy Minister of Human Resources.

The new Minister for MACA is the Honourable Minister Norman Yakeleya replacing the Honourable Michael McLeod. Mr. McLeod has started his new portfolio as the Minister of Public Works and Services.

Discussion also took place regarding LGANT's business plan and related ongoing projects and activities.

Local Authorities Elections Act Review Working Group

A working group has been recently formed to review and examine the issues and concerns raised by local community governments and other stakeholders with respect to the Act.

LGANT members have been selected to participate on the working group including Roy Scott (SAO, Fort Smith), Evelyn Storr (SAO, Aklavik) and Debbie Gillard (City Clerk, Yellowknife).

A discussion paper regarding the Act will be developed for release to local community governments and public to obtain suggestions and comments concerning proposed changes to the legislation.

New Member – Mr. John Carter

LGANT Board and staff would like to welcome Mr. John Carter, CEO of Yellowknives Dene First Nation. Mr. Carter oversees the communities of Dettah and N'dilo.



Photo: Deh Cho Bridge Construction at the Mackenzie River near Fort Providence, Northwest Territories

Community Affairs

www.maca.gov.nt.ca

[MACA's Community Government Toolkit](#)

School of Community Government

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NWT Association of Communities

www.nwtac.com

**CLASSIFIEDS
NEW!**

Classifieds for local Community Governments in the NWT.

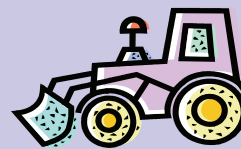
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NEWS FROM THE NWT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

News from the Legislative Assembly

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[Premier Roland welcomes McCrank report](#)

R(16)084 - Friday, July 18, 2008

Premier Roland today acknowledged the release of the report by Mr. Neil McCrank, the federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Special Representative for the Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative.

[Canada and NWT Partner to Improve Water Infrastructure](#)

R(16)083 - Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Today the Governments of Canada and Northwest Territories (NWT) announced funding to upgrade water treatment and sewage projects in Hay River, Fort Simpson and Fort Smith, NWT

OTHER NEWS FOR YOU

Land Administration Course, August 18–26, 2008, Inuvik

The School of Community Government (S of CG), MACA, is delivering a 9 day **Land Administration course**. It will be held in Inuvik from August 18 to 26th, 2008. This course will be of interest to those with responsibilities in Land Management working for Municipal or Aboriginal Governments. This course examines the role of the Land Administrator in the managing of community lands. Participants will be introduced to the land application process, legal contracts and procedures required to lease or purchase land within municipal boundaries. **For more details and registration, please contact Carol Beck, 867-920-6167 Phone or Carol_Beck@gov.nt.ca**

Industry, Tourism and Investment (GNWT) have released their new "Energy, Facts and Trends News letter.

Go to [news letter](#)

Community Energy Planning Workshops NWT

Community Energy Planning Coordinator - Dean Green, will be travelling to the following communities for Community Energy Planning Workshops:

July 23rd - 24th/08 - Inuvik

July 29th/08 - Fort Resolution

For more information: www.aea.nt.ca

Plastic Bags Banished from Old Crow, Yukon

People in the isolated Gwitchin community of Old Crow, Yukon, are using plastic bags – more precisely, the absence of them – to help make a stand against oil drilling in neighbouring Alaska. Earlier this month, the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation in Old Crow reached an agreement with the local Northern Store to stop using plastic shopping bags. [Read More](#)

Government of Canada to help seniors participate more fully in their communities

The federal government is also acting to address the needs of Canada's seniors through the introduction of a series of important measures. A list of projects by province and territory, as well as a detailed list of funded projects is available on the website. **For more information about the Program, please visit the following Web site:** http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml.

Rural Partnership Development Program

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Kraft Canada offers Northwest Territories residents the chance to win \$50,000 to rejuvenate local community centre

Kraft Canada offers Northwest Territories residents the chance to win \$50,000 to rejuvenate and improve local community centre. Entries will be judged on three criteria: community spirit, overall need and originality. The winner of the grant will be announced on August 15, 2008 at www.savourssummer.ca. Participants can enter more than once and nominate different community centres with each additional submission. The submission period closes on **July 31, 2008**. For more information about Kraft Savour Summer please visit: www.savourssummer.ca

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