



E-BRIEF for NWT local community governments

2008 LGANT Annual General Meeting & Professional Development Conference
October 28–30, 2008, Yellowknife

September 25, 2008

Registration Information

The full information package including registration, travel and accommodations, draft agenda, and partner/ sponsor program will be coming very soon! As well, updates will be posted on the website on a continuous basis at www.lgant.com—Click on 2008 AGM.

Travel Assistance is Available

Travel assistance is available for members to attend the AGM & Professional Development. Travel assistance includes air and/or road travel and 3 nights maximum accommodations.

We need your input—Contracting Workshop

As part of the upcoming AGM we will be hosting a 4 hour contracting workshop. The GNWT Public Works Contracts and Procurement Services will be the instructors and are asking members what are the key questions and learning objectives local government managers are needing. Please provide any comments to: briand@lgant.com

Local Authorities Elections Act Working Group

On behalf of LGANT, representatives volunteered from the Hamlet of Aklavik, Town of Fort Smith, City of Yellowknife, and Executive Director Brian Desjardins to participate with other stakeholders at the first meeting of the Local Authorities Elections Act Working Group on October 10, 2008. The working group began initial discussions about issues as they relate to the Act. Municipal and Community Affairs senior officials presented the group a report that categorizes many years of concerns raised by communities and interjurisdictional research. With the assistance of the Working Group, MACA intends to develop and release a discussion paper for broader consultation with community government stakeholders.

GNWT Revenue Options



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Partner Websites:

Municipal & Community Affairs

www.maca.gov.nt.ca

[MACA's Community Government Toolkit](#)

GNWT Revenue Options

Communities are encouraged to provide their views to the **GNWT by October 15, 2008**. The documents are available to download by clicking on the following link:

www.fin.gov.nt.ca/RevenueOptions.aspx

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Town of Inuvik is celebrating 50 Years! Congratulations to the community of Inuvik!

For more information on Inuvik, visit

www.inuvik.ca



Government Toolkit

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NWT Association of Communities

www.nwtac.com

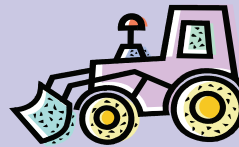
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NEW!**

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@gant.com



NEWS FROM THE NWT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

[Increased Support for the Arts and Culture](#)

R(16)092 - Friday, September 19, 2008

As part of ongoing activities in support of arts and culture, Minister Jackson Lafferty made several announcements today including details of \$500,000 in additional funding, included in the 2008/09 Budget, and three new appointments to the Northwest Territories (NWT) Arts Council. The 2008 NWT Arts Council award winners and recipients of funding under the Northern Performers program were also announced.

[Alberta, NWT Premiers renew cooperation agreement](#)

R(16)091 - Friday, September 12, 2008

NWT Premiers renew cooperation agreement Calgary... Alberta and the Northwest Territories have signed an agreement to work cooperatively for mutual benefit in areas such as economic and infrastructure development, business and trade, as well as social and community development. Premier Ed Stelmach and Northwest Territories Premier Floyd Roland renewed the Northwest Territories - Alberta Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation and Development, originally signed in 1998.



NEWS FROM MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



Trespassing / Unauthorized Occupation of Commissioner's Land is Against the Law Municipal and Community Affairs has launched a new public awareness campaign designed to educate people about their responsibilities and obligations respecting Commissioner's Land and to notify people who may be trespassing that the Commissioner's Lands Act will be enforced. This new campaign reflects the Interim Trespass Enforcement Strategy that was approved by the GNWT in February 2008.

[Read More](#)

[Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue Services Funding Policy](#)—Document

School of Community of Government Upcoming Training

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)

Heating & Air Ventilation October 3-10, 2008 Fort Simpson
Building Operations October 21-30, 2008 Inuvik
Works Supervision & Main Mgmt. January 20-26, 2009 Norman Wells

Airports (Call Ralph Sanquez 874-5078)

Airports Management November 15-23, 2008 Yellowknife
Airport Winter Maintenance February 7-16, 2009 Hay River

Management & Finances (Call Carol Beck 920-6167)

Municipal Law 2 October 21-28, 2008 Inuvik
SAO Land Management November 25-27, 2008 Yellowknife
Accounting Cycle 2 December 2-9, 2008 Yellowknife
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)

Arena Level 1 September 30–October 3, 2008 Fort Smith
Ice Resurfacers October 4-5, 2008 Fort Smith
Pools Level 1 February 10-11, 2009 Fort Smith

Waste & Water

Solid Waste Management October 7-8, 2008 Yellowknife
Small Systems Water Treatment November 17-21, 2008 Norman Wells
Class II Water Treatment February 16-20, 2009 Norman Wells

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

NEWS FROM NWT ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITIES

[NWTAC E-News Flash, September 18, 2008](#)

We Want to Hear From You on the GNWT Revenue Options

The NWT Association of Communities is one of 30 organizations from around the Territories that have been asked to attend a roundtable discussion on the GNWT's proposed Revenue Options. For anyone who's not familiar with the issue, the government has released a discussion paper outlining a variety of options to raise revenue to avoid further spending cuts.



[Read More](#)

OTHER NEWS FOR YOU

Water Resources Management Strategy Discussion Paper

[Northern Voices, Northern Waters: Towards a Water Resources Management Strategy](#)

for the NWT discussion paper and summary presents a sense of what some of the concerns and issues are and what the future management of NWT waters could be. A Strategy could outline a vision and principles and define actions that could be undertaken to tackle resource management issues. Consultations with Aboriginal governments and interested stakeholders will continue into the fall of 2008 and a final Strategy will be completed in March 2009. The documents may be downloaded from www.enr.gov.nt.ca.

Arctic Energy Alliance E-News, September 17, 2008

Headlines from the September 3, 2008 Arctic Energy Alliance E-News:

- Workshop for Northern Energy Professionals
- Smart Growth Development Plan Consultation Workshops
- Scientists study slow march of plants, trees into Canadian Arctic
- Dutch venture plans cheap, powerful electric cars
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) ecoENERGY Retrofit Incentives Expanded to Include Larger Buildings

Aboriginal Business Conference in Yellowknife October 14-16 2008.

Please use the link below to register, or to gather more information. The earlybird registration is some time in September. <http://www.denendeh.ca/eec/2008Conference/tabid/120/Default.aspx>.

For more information, you may also contact: Josephine Mackenzie ph:(867) 766-8452 fax:(867) 766-8457 [email:mackenziej@inac-ainc.gc.ca](mailto:mackenziej@inac-ainc.gc.ca)

Climate Change Call to Action for NWT Communities—Document Available

How can communities reduce the negative impacts of climate change and make the best of positive effects?

www.ecologynorth.ca

The Basics of Writing Policies and Procedures—1 Day Seminar

Can you make sure employees read and understand what you've written? The answer is in this unique one-day seminar. Attend and you'll sharpen your writing skills with the keys to keeping your text clear and concise – without sounding patronizing or condescending – while eliminating loopholes that make it easy for employees to "bend" the rules. **What You'll Learn:** Reduce misinterpretation of policies and procedures; Spend less time on the writing and development process; Feel more confident when covering legal issues. **Who Should Attend?** Managers, supervisors, HR and accounting professionals – anyone responsible for developing or writing policies and procedures.

Calgary, October 7 & Edmonton, October 8—Alberta

www.nationalseminarstraining.com

1-800-258-7246

National Conference and Policy Forum on Water Efficiency and Conservation, November 2 - 5, 2008 Waterloo, ON

The event will provide an opportunity to report on and learn about water efficiency and conservation programs, issues and initiatives from across Canada and elsewhere. Conference sessions will cover all aspects of municipal efficiency programs from technology, to best management practices, to policy and education.

For more information: http://www.cwwa.ca/2ndwater_efficiency_e.asp

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage—*The application deadline for the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program has been extended to September 30, 2008.* The Program has two components: 1. Local Arts and Heritage Festivals—Festivals, events and activities that involve your whole community, give opportunities to local artists and artisans and/or celebrate local history and heritage. 2. Community Historical Anniversaries Programming—One-time commemoration through festivals or other activities that celebrate a major anniversary of a significant local person or event. [Apply for Funding](#) [Contact Us](#)

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.

International Polar Year (IPY) Requesting Funding Proposals—*Deadline, October 30, 2008.* The Government of Canada Program for International Polar Year (IPY) is currently requesting funding proposals from existing northern research facilities, emergency preparedness and response (EPR) and search and rescue (SAR) organiza-

currently requesting funding proposals from existing northern research facilities, emergency preparedness and response (EPR) and search and rescue (SAR) organizations. This request for proposals is intended to improve and maintain northern research facilities for future Arctic science activities, and for EPR and SAR initiatives that will leave a lasting legacy in the North. The Government of Canada's program for IPY is providing funding for renovations and upgrades to northern research facilities and to improve emergency communication and training in northern EPR and SAR. The total funding available for this request is \$ 3.2 million dollars with 75% (\$2.4 Million) available for northern research facilities and 25% (\$0.8 Million) available for EPR and SAR organizations. If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Katherine Wilson at (819) 934-5623 or by e-mail to wilsonk@ainc-inac.gc.ca.

Transportation dollars—*Deadline, November 3, 2008.* The [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) (FCM) accepts applications for [Green Municipal Fund](#) loans and grants for capital projects that facilitate shifts to sustainable modes of transportation. FCM will award up to \$10 million in low-interest loans and \$1.5 million in grants. Eligible applicants can request up to \$2 million in loans and \$400,000 in grants for each project. Applications due 3 November. **Application guidelines available on the (FCM) website at www.sustainablecommunities.ca**

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