



E-BRIEF for NWT local community governments

2008 LGANT Annual General Meeting & Professional Development Update

October 28–30, 2008, Yellowknife

September 9, 2008

Travel Assistance 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. Members will be receiving full information including agenda and registration. 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!

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 professional development.

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Mailing Address Change for LGANT Office

Please be reminded that LGANT moved to a new office location on June 1, 2008. Some mail is not being received on a timely basis as it has been sent to the old address. The new address is:

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Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference's Presentations and Workshop Documents Available for Download

President Tom Matus and Executive Director Brian Desjardins recently attended CAMA and FCM in Quebec City. Sessions, workshops, professional development seminars, and tradeshows took place as part of both events. If members are interested in accessing documents from these events or would like more information click on:

[CAMA Presentations](#)



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Correspondence Received by LGANT for members:

[Letter from the DM Jeff Polakoff to President Tom Matus – Re: Proposed Amendments to Commissioner’s Land Act](#)



[Letter from the Minister Sandy Lee to President Tom Matus – Re: 2008-2009 Budget, Department of Municipal and Community Affairs](#)

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

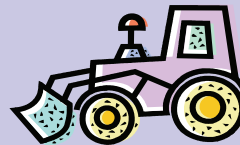
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NEW!**

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!



NEWS FROM THE NWT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

[NWT Revenue Options](#)

R(16)089 - Friday, September 05, 2008

YELLOWKNIFE (September 5, 2008) - Two discussion documents on Northwest Territories (NWT) revenue options, to guide discussions on how the Northwest Territories can best increase its revenues, were released today by the Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger, Minister of Finance.

[Northern Development Ministers' Forum Highlights Successes](#)

R(16)088 - Thursday, August 28, 2008

Federal, provincial and territorial development Ministers representing Canada’s northern jurisdictions met this week in Yellowknife for their annual two-day meeting. This is the first time the Northern Development Ministers Forum (NDMF) has been held in the Northwest Territories (NWT).

public debate about North American energy supply today, issuing a pointed reminder that Northwest Territories (NWT) energy supplies can supply the needs of Canada and the United States for decades and should be developed.

NEWS FROM MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

[Office of the Fire Marshal—2008 Fire Service Merit Awards](#)

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is currently accepting nominations for the



Office of the Fire Marshal—2008 Fire Service Merit Awards

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is currently accepting nominations for the 2008 Northwest Territories' Fire Service Merit Awards. Community fire fighters and fire departments play an essential role in protecting NWT residents and communities. If you know of a fire fighter or fire department that deserves special recognition, please submit a nomination to MACA by September 14.

Nomination Form :: [WORD](#) | [PDF](#)

Program Guidelines :: [WORD](#) | [PDF](#)

Nomination forms are also available from any MACA office, from your local Assistant Fire Marshal or by calling 867-920-3092.

[Fire Service Merit Awards Poster - English](#)

[Fire Service Merit Awards Poster - French](#)

[Fire Prevention Tips](#)

[Get Out, Stay Out](#)



News from MACA's School of Community of Government Upcoming Training/Courses

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

NFPA 1041 Level 1, Part 1	September 15-19, 2008	Hay River
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
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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, August 28, 2008

Municipal Taxation Authority transfer set for 2014

Transfer of Municipal Taxation Authority (MTA) to non-tax hamlets, communities and Tlicho community governments is now scheduled to take place on Jan. 1, 2014. Word of the decision was received by NWT Association of Communities President Gord Van Tighem in an



NWT Association of Communities President Gord Van Tighem in an Aug. 7 letter from Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Sandy Lee.



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OTHER NEWS FOR YOU

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

International Polar Year (IPY) Requesting Funding Proposals

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) 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.

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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 3, 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@ainc-ainc.gc.ca](mailto:mackenziej@ainc-ainc.gc.ca)

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Transportation dollars

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**

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

Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage

Each of Canada's communities is unique, and each is uniquely Canadian. This includes your community! Communities are shaped by geography, history, their founders and those who came to live there. They continue to grow and change as the people who live there now build on those foundations. The Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program was created to help you celebrate your community, its past and its present. The Program will increase opportunities, through festivals or other events and activities, for your local artists and artisans to be involved in their community and for local groups to commemorate your local history and heritage. Eligible events and activities must be local - created by and for your community. They must be open and accessible to the public and strongly encourage and promote the participation of everyone in your community. 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.

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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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