



Community E-News Flash • May 16, 2013

Merven Gruben re-elected President of NWTAC Board of Directors

Tuktoyaktuk Mayor Merven Gruben was re-elected President of the [NWTAC Board of Directors](#) at our 47th AGM. Also re-elected to the Board were:

- Fort Providence Mayor Tina Gargan – Vice President, Charter Communities/Hamlets/Settlements;
- Inuvik Town Councillor Clarence Wood – Vice President, Cities/Towns/Villages;
- Hay River Town Councillor Vince McKay – Director, Cities/Towns/Villages;
- Yellowknife City Councillor Bob Brooks – Director, Cities/Towns/Villages, and
- Deline Chief Leonard Kenny – Director, Hamlets/Charter Communities/Tlicho Government/ Community Government.



The remaining members of the NWTAC Board of Directors are:

- Paulatuk Mayor Ray Ruben Sr. – Director, Charter Communities/Hamlets, and
- Grant Hood President, Inuvik SAO and President of the Local Government Administrators of the NWT – Ex-officio member.

NWTAC presents 3rd annual Community Builder Awards in Hay River

The 3rd annual Community Builder Awards were presented during our AGM in Hay River. This year's recipients are:

- President's Award – Environment and Natural Resources Recycling Program;
- Community Builder Award – Merven Gruben, Mayor of Tuktoyaktuk;
- Community Service Award – AON Canada;
- Community Service Award – Brownlee LLP;
- Roll of Honour – Gordon Van Tighem, former Mayor of Yellowknife and NWTAC President, and
- Roll of Honour – Yvette (Gonzalez) Hayden, former NWTAC CEO.

The Community Builder Awards are sponsored by the NWT Power Corporation.





New NWTAC Communications & Policy Coordinator

The NWTAC is pleased to welcome Craig Yeo to our team as the new Communications and Policy Coordinator (effective June 10). Craig has worked in communications and policy in the NWT and Yukon for more than 30 years. He has worked in community government, for the federal and territorial governments and the CBC, with NGOs and private communications firms and most recently as the constituency assistant for a Yellowknife Member of the Legislative Assembly. Craig replaces Brad Heath who is leaving NWTAC to start his own communications company.

NWTAC Member Communities pass 7 new resolutions at AGM

The NWTAC's Member Communities passed seven new resolutions at the Association's 47th AGM. The 2013 resolutions are: 2013-01 Regulation of Massage Therapy Providers; 2013-02 Review and Amendment of the Property Assessment and Taxation Act; 2013-03 Use of Local Improvement Charges to Assist Residents and Businesses in Implementing Energy Efficiency Retrofits and /or Renewable Energy Technologies; 2013-04 Water and Sewer Services Funding; 2013-05 Highway Rescue Services; 2013-06 Community Funding Rates, and 2013-07 NorthwesTel Modernization Plan. For the full text of the 2013 resolutions, visit the NWTAC [website](#). The NWTAC's 2013 Re-Affirmed, Standing and Deleted resolutions are also posted on the [Taking Action - Resolutions](#) page.

"Not Myself Today" campaign supports workplace mental health



A campaign called *Not Myself Today* is aiming to raise awareness, knowledge and support from companies, organizations and individuals around workplace mental health. It is specifically designed to educate and engage Canadians on the issues of mental health in the workplace and also features a national *Not Myself Day @ Work* on June 6. By joining the campaign, organizations signal to their employees, peers, and community that they believe this is an important issue that needs greater attention and support. It is also

a great way to start building healthier workplaces. For more info, go to <http://www.notmyselftoday.ca/home>.

Do you have an announcement or news item that you'd like to include in our E-News Flash? Please send details to brad@nwtac.com



NWT Fire Chiefs' Association AGM & Symposium

The Northwest Territories Fire Chiefs' Association is hosting its Annual General Meeting and Learning Symposium from June 4-7, 2013 in Yellowknife. For more information [click here](#) or contact Gerda Groothuizen, President, NWT Fire Chiefs' Association at 867-766-5502 or by e-mail at ggroothuizen@yellowknife.ca.



Round 5 of P3 Canada Fund launched

PPP Canada has launched the Round Five call for proposals for the P3 Canada Fund. Canada is supporting the development of the Canadian P3 market by encouraging provinces, territories, First Nations and municipalities to consider the P3 model in delivering their public infrastructure priorities. The focus in Round Five is on public infrastructure projects that promote jobs and stimulate economic growth. The application deadline is June 14, 2013. For more information, visit www.p3canada.ca or e-mail pppadministration@p3canada.ca.

NWT honours 2013 Outstanding Volunteers at NWTAC AGM

MACA Minister Robert C. McLeod presented the NWT's 2013 [Outstanding Volunteer Awards](#) at a luncheon held in conjunction with the NWTAC's 47th AGM



in Hay River. The recipients are: Outstanding Elder Award – Ron Ogilvie, Yellowknife; Outstanding Youth Award – Alannis McKee, Yellowknife; Outstanding Individual Award – George Koe Jr., Aklavik, and Outstanding Group Award – Children

First Society, Inuvik. "The people we recognize with the Outstanding Volunteer Awards selflessly devote their time to making our communities a better place," said Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs Robert C. McLeod. "MACA and our partner, the Northwest Territories Association of Communities, are grateful to these outstanding volunteers who add so much to our communities. The people nominated for these awards always lead by example and inspire others to take action and make our territory a better place for everybody."



Smart Microgrids in Remote Communities

A Renewables in Remote Microgrids Conference will be held June 24-26 in Toronto. The Pembina Institute and Bullfrog Power are partnering to bring in experts, community members, manufacturers and researchers from across North America. The groups will discuss how we can learn from major recent successes in places such as Alaska and Australia. Learn how developing local clean energy projects can help communities displace their reliance on diesel fuel. For more info [click here](#).



FCM Annual Conference & Trade Show

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held May 31 - June 3, 2013 at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Nearly 2,000 municipal leaders will come together to discuss key issues and challenges their communities face.

[Details](#)

Smart Management Practices: Involving your community's youth!



Getting participation from the community can be a challenge. One of the groups that is a challenge to engage is youth as they do not respond well to traditional engagement methods. But remember, our youth are an important part of the community and our future leaders. By changing how you

engage to include youth, you will greatly enhance your planning exercises. You won't regret it! For more details, visit this [Smart Management Practice brochure](#) on our [ICSP Strategic Planning](#) web page or contact NWTAC Planning Facilitator [Chelsey Andrews](#).

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Coming Events / Deadlines

CDN Association of Municipal Administrators Annual Conference

May 27-29, 2013 • Victoria, BC [Details](#)

Canon Take Root Program

Application Process Closes

Friday, May 31, 2013 [Details](#)

FCM Annual Conference & Trade Show

May 31-June 3, 2013 • Vancouver, BC [Details](#)

NWT Fire Chiefs' Association AGM & Learning Symposium

June 4-7, 2012 • Yellowknife [Details](#)

National "Not Myself Day @ Work"

June 6, 2013 [Details](#)

ecoENERGY for Aboriginal & Northern Communities Program

Application Process Closes

Noon EDT on Friday, June 7, 2013 [Details](#)

Round 5 of P3 Canada Fund

Application Process Closes

Friday, June 14, 2013 [Details](#)

Renewables in Remote Microgrids Conference

June 24-26, 2013 • Toronto, ON [Details](#)

LGANT 2013 Professional Development Conference & AGM

September 24-26, 2013 • Yellowknife [LGANT Website](#)

MACA School of Community Government

2012-13 Program Calendar [Details](#)

MACA Calendar of Events

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