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Federation of Canadian Municipalities President's Forum

Dear FCM Members,

As municipal leaders, we recognize that a key element of leadership is being open to change and to new ideas, figuring out ways to tackle challenges. Not only do we embrace out-of-the-box thinking and solutions, but we must seek them out, assess them and lead our communities towards them. *For the full text of FCM President Karen Leibovici's Forum, visit the [FCM website](#).*



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/Tliche 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](#).

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



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.



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.



Help spread the word "Municipalities Matter"

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is asking your help to increase the chance that someone will receive its message, "Municipalities matter." Please "like" their Facebook page, and share an FCM status update with your friends. Every "like" and "share" makes a difference. Help build the municipal movement today.



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. This round focuses on public infrastructure projects that promote jobs and stimulate economic growth. Deadline is June 14, 2013. For more information, visit www.p3canada.ca or e-mail pppadministration@p3canada.ca.



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](#).

LGANT's 2013 Professional Development Conference and AGM

The Local Government Administrators of the NWT (LGANT) will hold its Professional Development Conference and AGM from Tuesday, September 24th to Thursday, September 26th, 2013 at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife. For more information visit the [LGANT website](#).



Smart Management Practices: Transparency & Public Engagement



There are many ways to get information out to the community so that everyone knows what you are doing and so that you are perceived to be more transparent and open. These are ideas that can work to help communities be better informed and to ensure that the public is more effectively engaged

for the ICSP implementation. 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

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](#)

2014 Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show

February 12-13, 2014 • Charlottetown PEI [Details](#)

NWTAC 48th Annual General Meeting

May 8-11, 2014 • Inuvik

MACA School of Community Government

2012-13 Program Calendar [Details](#)

MACA Calendar of Events

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