



Yellowknife Centre Newsletter

Constituency Meeting November 17 @ 7 PM

Because the fall session of the Legislative Assembly has now been postponed twice due to COVID 19, I am holding an extra constituency meeting on Wednesday November 17 at 7 PM by Zoom. Join the Zoom meeting at www.zoom.us using Meeting ID 742 535 4704 and Passcode 2GF6Yq or dial in at 1 346 248 7799 MT

The review of the 2022-2023 capital budget is the main item of business for this session.

Controlling COVID 19

COVID-19 has found its way into the unvaccinated population all around the territory, from Fort Good Hope in August to Tuktoyaktuk this week. Cases in Behchoko, Hay River and Katlodeeche First Nation are near zero thanks to residents complying with the CPHO containment orders. We've seen that containment orders work effectively to bring community-level outbreaks under control. Please continue with prevention in the form of masks, hand washing and social distancing.

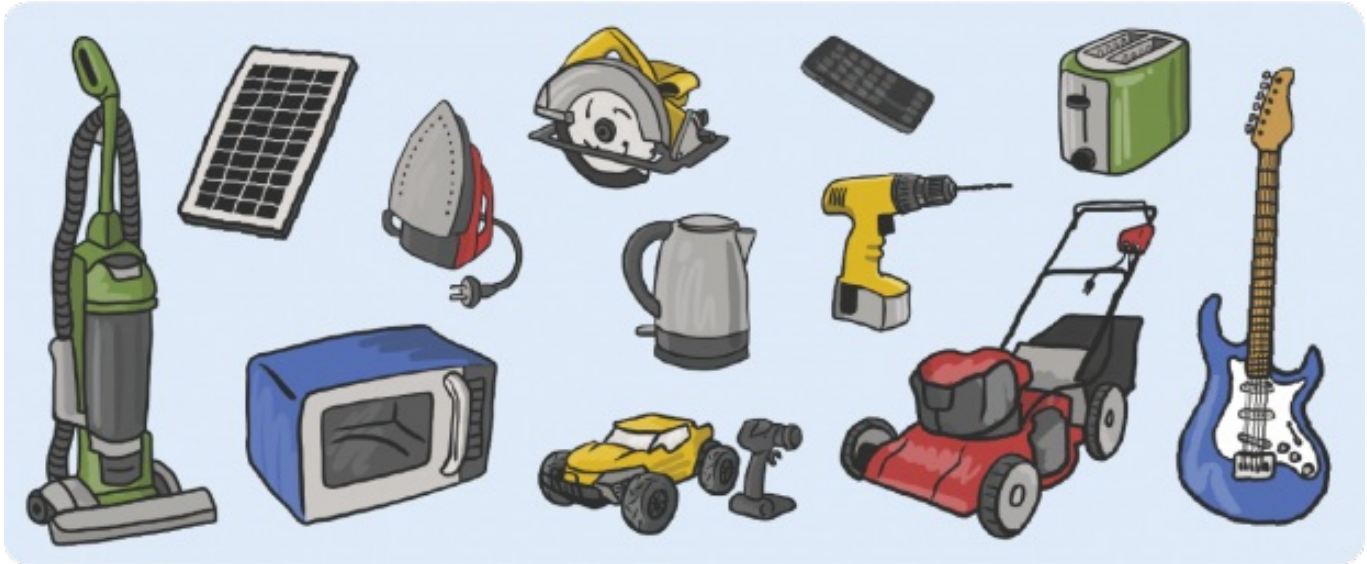


- Third shots of COVID vaccine are now available for NWT residents 12 years old and up. Inoculation against influenza is even more important during this pandemic, to reduce burden on the health care system and prevent the possibility of more serious COVID infection while weakened by flu. Go to the NTHSSA website for information on COVID and flu shot clinics and to [book an appointment](#). I was glad to get my booster and flu shot earlier this month.
- As the holiday season approaches, Protect NWT is preparing for a surge in Self-isolation Plans (SIPs) from travellers. Protect NWT is using a new system to accept and process SIPs, resulting in a simplified filing process. The new system is being implemented to overcome duplication and constraints of the previous system. There will now be only one SIP that is streamlined to each applicant's reason for entering the NWT. The system will automatically direct users through the appropriate fields if eligible for self-isolation exemptions.
- The COVID-19 Vaccination Policy has expanded to apply to all GNWT employees. As of November 30th, 2021, all GNWT employees must be fully vaccinated regardless of where they work. Before, the policy only applied to GNWT employees working with vulnerable populations. The change is made to promote a safe workplace for employees, and to protect the delivery of public services. Exemptions to the policy will only be approved two for medical reasons: Anaphylactic (severe allergic) reaction, and, myocarditis or pericarditis clearly related to previous doses of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine. For more information, see the COVID Vaccine Exemption Request [webpage](#).
- The Support for Entrepreneurs and Economic Development (SEED) program has increased short-term operational funding to help businesses cope with COVID losses. Maximum funding assistance has increased from \$5,000 to \$12,500. The program has also been amended to include funding for equipment, training, and new technologies, providing specific help for businesses implementing customers' Proof of Vaccine Credential (PVC). Total funding of \$750,000 is available until March 31 2022, as long as public gathering limitations are in place or until the allocated funding is spent.
- Employers and service providers can apply to receive free rapid test kits for use in their organizations COVID-19 Screening Program. Any public, private or non-for-profit employer or service provider may apply for the DetectNWT COVID-19 Screening Program. Priority is given to organizations involved with vulnerable populations, high-risk settings and workplaces, essential services and sectors that support economic and social activities. Rapid test kits are free, but organizations are responsible for administration. See the Screening Program [webpage](#).

2222 and 911 Both Work for Emergencies

Despite the phasing in of the 911 number for emergency calls, Yellowknife residents can still call 873 2222, 920 2222 and 669 2222 for fire and ambulance assistance. Calls to the RCMP should go to 669 1111 or 911.

Recycle Array of Electrical Products



The Electronic and Electrical Products Recycling Program is expanding on a trial basis to include more than 500 electronics and electrical products. Since its launch in 2016, 350 tonnes of electronics have been collected and diverted from landfills.

Expanding the list of what can be recycled will mean even more products will be diverted from our landfills.

The pilot program will work out logistics and assess the quantity of materials likely to be recycled annually and the associated costs of handling, transporting and recycling them, in order to design a self-sustaining program. See the full list of items eligible for [recycling](#).

Survey on Adult Supported Living

The Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) is using a survey to get feedback in its review of Supported Living (SL) services for adults with disabilities. The survey invites feedback on experience with, or need for, supported living services. Supported Living services help adults to live as independently as possible. NWT persons with disabilities, and their families and caregivers, are encouraged to complete the confidential Supported Living survey until November 17, 2021. Residents can complete the survey online through the GNWT's [public engagement website](#) or by calling 1-647-



Site preparation is underway for the modular temporary day shelter. The modular common-area trailers will be placed on these blocks in the coming week and tied into City services. The shelter is expected to be ready for use by the end of the month. In the meantime, there is a temporary day shelter available at the Yellowknife Arena. Thanks to Peter Houweling and Kavanagh Brothers Ltd. for this creative solution to the prolonged search for a new temporary shelter location.

Indigenous Language Revitalization Scholarships

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment is accepting applications for the Indigenous Language Revitalization Scholarship. Scholarships of \$5,000 will help students with costs of completing a certificate, diploma, degree program, or other training that supports Indigenous language revitalization. Priority is given to students in programs at accredited post-secondary institutions pursuing studies in Indigenous languages, professional development in interpretation/translation, or other field that will help revitalize Indigenous languages. Visit the program [webpage](#).

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