

NWT Climate Change E-News



Welcome to the first edition of the NWT Climate Change ENews!

Last October, NWT communities came together at the Climate Change Forum in Yellowknife. This newsletter builds on the climate change conversations that happened there. By sharing ideas and information we strengthen the network that supports Northwest Territories communities to take action and become more resilient in the face of growing climate change impacts.

This first issue has been sent to everyone who attended the Climate Change Forum, every NWT community and indigenous government, and other climate change partners in various levels of government, private sector, non-profit organizations.

We want to hear from you! This quarterly newsletter will be shaped by your questions, suggestions, and shared information. [Email Miki](#) with your ideas on issues, case studies and success stories to feature, climate change events and announcements, etc.

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PROJECT AND PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

2018 NWT Climate Change Forum

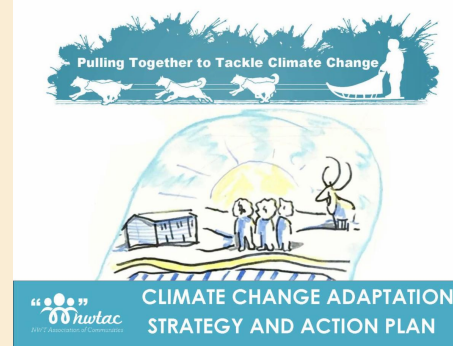
The 2018 Climate Change Forum was a great success! Representatives from 24 communities and 7 regional Indigenous governments/organizations participated along with partners from many federal and territorial government departments, academia, non-profits, and consultants.

Go to the [CLIMATE CHANGE TOOLKIT](#) to see presentations and outcomes from the Forum

Highlights from the Forum

- The [Climate Change Adaptation](#)

[Strategy & Action Plan](#) is a key outcome of the Forum and Charrette. It was approved by the NWTAC membership at its February 2019 Annual General Meeting.



- [Visual Minutes for the Forum and Charrette](#) are a powerful series of drawings that summarize the main issues and ideas from discussions at the Forum.
- [Who attended](#): A complete list of attendees is posted.



Community-driven Climate Change Projects are Underway Across the NWT

What are NWT communities doing to adapt to a changing climate?

Short summaries of projects funded by Climate Change Preparedness in the North (CCPN) and the Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP) are available at these links:

[2018-2019 CCPN and CCHAP projects](#)

[2017-2018 CCPN and CCHAP projects](#)

Some of the interests shared by CCPN and CCHAP projects include:

- Building community capacity
- With increasing rates of permafrost thaw, communities located along rivers want to do riverbank and slope stabilization assessments
- Knowledge sharing and transfer between elders and youth
- On the land programs and training to strengthen community resiliency
- Developing new ways to help residents stay safe when going out on the land and ice

Future editions of this newsletter will showcase community-driven projects from around the NWT. [Email Miki](#) your ideas for projects to profile.

Climate Change Partner Profile

Each edition of the Climate Change ENews will feature a

partner that works on climate change projects in the NWT.

Jenny Hickman is an Adaptation Specialist with Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT. To find out how Jenny is supporting communities to get climate change adaptation projects rolling [click here](#)

Email Jenny at Jennifer.Hickman@gov.nt.ca or call her at 867-767-9236 ext. 53188

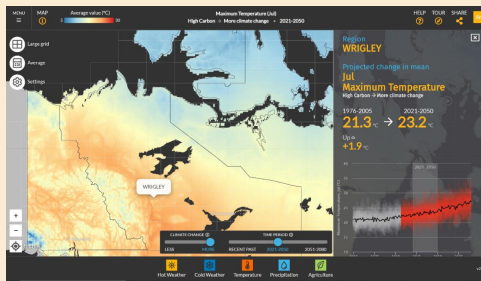


"In the 6 years that I've been working in the NWT, I've witnessed the unprecedented rate of change..."

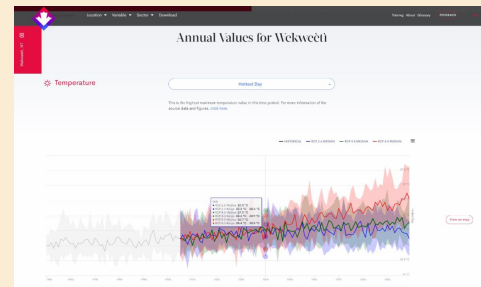
TOOLS AND RESOURCES

How will the climate change in *your* community?

The [Canadian Centre for Climate Services](#) offers two interactive websites to find information on climate predictions and models for temperature, precipitation and more for your community and region.



The Climate Atlas of Canada has stories and explanations about climate change, and local climate data that can be explored using maps and graphs. Go to Climateatlas.ca



Climate Data Canada has high resolution climate data and information to view or download to support adaptation planning and decision-making. Go to ClimateData.ca

...What does that mean?

What is *climate change adaptation*?

Climate Change adaptation is when we change what we do because of the impacts caused by climate change.

Adaptation actions can be reactive, dealing with impacts or changes that have already occurred, or proactive, in anticipation of future changes and impacts.

For example, one climate change impact that is being felt widely is permafrost degradation.

- A *reactive* adaptation action might be to fix or replace a building foundation that has become damaged or unstable.
- A *proactive* adaptation could involve upgrading the foundation to one that can respond to shifting ground conditions *before* the building becomes unstable.





Find the right grant program for your community initiatives

The [Municipal Grant Inventory Service](#) is a one-stop shop to help communities track funding opportunities and find grant programs to support community initiatives. The service includes weekly emails listing grants and deadlines.

Every Senior Administrative Officer (SAO) or community manager in the NWT receives the weekly grant listing by email. You can add additional emails (e.g. other community government staff, consultants) to the SAO's subscription - just [email Nicole](#) with the emails you want to add.

OPPORTUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



Call for Proposals for Climate Change Adaptation Funding

Climate Change Preparedness in the North (CCPN) and the Climate Change Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP) focus on building capacity and resilience in communities by funding community-led climate change adaptation projects.

Proposals for CCPN and CCHAP are accepted on an ongoing basis with a rolling deadline. The following deadlines have been announced:

- **Thursday, October 3rd**: optional deadline for project ideas or letters of intent where support is needed to develop the idea into a full proposal.
- **Tuesday, November 26th**: application deadline for full proposals.

Need more information?

Contact the NWT Climate Change Community Liaison, Miki Ehrlich, at 1-866-973-8359 or miki@nwtac.com

Miki can help identify partners and support the development of project ideas, provide proposal and budget example templates, and provide advice to help tailor the proposal to meet program criteria.



Email Miki to apply for
CCPN / CCHAP funding

More About Adaptation Funding

- Check out the *Information to Access Funding* pages for [CCHAP](#) and [CCPN](#)
- This [table](#) shows examples of project types and typical funding ranges

- CCPN has a link to descriptions of projects across the north at the bottom of their [program webpage](#)
- CCHAP has brief summaries of previous projects across the north at [climatetelling.info](#)

Photo Contest!



We are looking for pictures that show the impacts of climate change in and around your community, and initiatives that are helping the community deal with these impacts. Photos of community and cultural events, the land and water, buildings and other infrastructure, alternative energy, harvesting and on the land activities are all welcome.

Great prizes for the winners!! Winning photos will be showcased in future editions of the Climate Change ENews and other climate change communications.

[Click here to enter the photo contest](#)

Funding for On The Land Initiatives

The [NWT On The Land Collaborative](#) is accepting applications for funding to support on the land activities and programs. **The deadline to apply is November 8, 2019.**

[Apply for On The Land funding](#)



Northern Farming Courses

The Northern Farm Training Institute (NFTI) is an experiential farm school based in Hay River. NFTI provides practical training to empower northerners to grow food locally and build healthy, resilient communities.

Upcoming course:

- Introduction to Farming - Animal Husbandry, Sept. 27 - 29

Check the [NFTI course calendar](#) or contact Kim at admin@nftinwt.com or 867-875-8111



Climate Change Training for community governments

November 19-21 in Fort Simpson

MACA's [School of Community Government](#) is offering a Climate Change Course in Fort Simpson Nov. 19-21. The target audience is community government senior staff and council, but space may be available for others as well.

For more information go to the course [information page](#) or contact Mike Yakabuski at 867-767-9163 (ext. 21058) or Michael_Yakabuski@gov.nt.ca

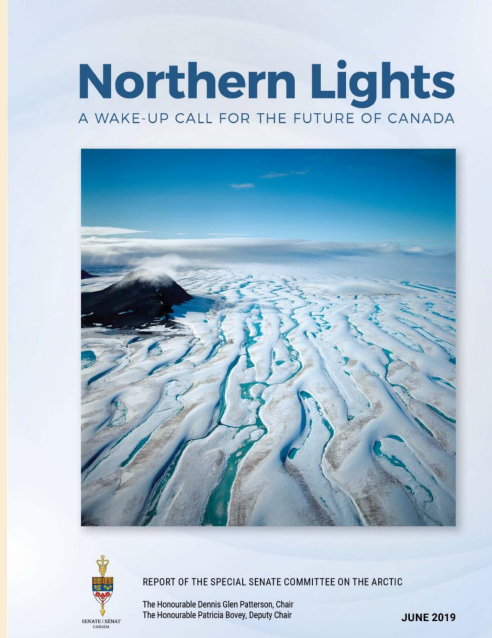
NEWS AND REPORTS

Recent climate change adaptation reports Northerners need to know about



[Arctic and Northern Policy Framework](#)

One day prior to the start of the election campaign, the federal government released the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework. The



Framework will serve as a high-level guide for federal policy in the Arctic to 2030.

A poster summarizing the process to develop and implement the Framework is posted [here](#).

Northern Lights: A wake-up call for the future of Canada

The Special Senate Committee on the Arctic concluded its' intense year-long study with a message for Canadians: "The North IS the future of Canada". Key to this vision is the recommendation that decisions about the North must be made in the North, for the North and by the North.



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