

Your Yellowknife South Newsletter

December 2021 edition



Thank you!

The cold has arrived in Yellowknife which is why I wanted to bring some warmth to the riding of Yellowknife South in this issue of the newsletter. I would like to start my constituency update with recognition of some of the wonderful people who live in our neighbourhood and organisations that are bringing kindness to our town.

Halloween this year was marred by another covid outbreak in one of our schools, but once again the community rallied together. I would like to give a special shout out to Yellowknife South resident Renee Sanderson who helped organise the Reverse Trick-or-Treating for Pay It Forward NWT. Renee has also done so much for the community through Pay It Forward NWT, and her work with them has not gone unnoticed.

Another Yellowknife South resident that deserves a big shout out of thanks is Andrea Sluggett, who came to rally the families of NJ MacPherson to help the kids who found themselves once again in isolation because of the outbreak at the school. Halloween was not the only thing that she has done for the school. She is not just one of the administrators of the Facebook page NJ MacPherson Isolation Volunteers - Community Support, she is the person behind the page's creation. I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels a big thank you needs to go out to her.

A big thank you to Habitat for Humanity who handed over the keys to our newest neighbours and constituents to Yellowknife South. Not only did they build an energy efficient house, they have built a home. Welcome to the neighbourhood.

Yellowknife MLAs teamed up together this year for CICB Run for Our Lives Mud Bucket Challenge and with the help of constituents like you we were able to raise \$8,452 for the Stanton Territorial Hospital Foundation.

The winner of the bucket of mud gave the honour to YK South Constituency Assistant, Sarah, who did not hesitate at the opportunity.

Congratulations!

A huge congratulations is also owed to four Yellowknife South constituents who were recognised this year during Skills Trade and Technology Week as being the individuals who were the top of their class.

Bradley Shaw - Carpenter

Neil Cooper - Construction Electrician

James Klassen - Machinist

Dave Fontanilla - Plumber



Getting in touch:

Our lines of communication are always open, to listen, support, and collaborate on your ideas for a prosperous and healthy NWT.



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As far as government work, the vaccine roll out has been successful, with 83% of our population 12 and over being fully vaccinated. With the recent arrival of the vaccine for 5-11 year olds, this number will only go up. Thank you to all those doing their part and getting vaccinated to protect themselves, their family, and their neighbours. Book your vaccine online at <https://nthssabookings.simplybook.me/v2/> or call 867-767-9120.

Highlights

1. Procurement review report has been completed, Indigenous government consultation is underway and I am excited by the change that this will bring to the GNWT.
2. Critical minerals workshop was held with a view to create our very own action plan.
3. The NWT Arts Strategy was released.
4. The MMIWG (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls) draft action plan has been tabled with consultations ready to roll out to prepare for the final product.
5. Indigenous Recruitment and Retention Framework was tabled.
6. The Department of Education, Culture, and Employment is finalizing an agreement for universal daycare that will bring \$10/day daycare to the North.




Photo: Elizabeth (Sabet) Biscaye and I discussing the MMIWG draft action plan with the Council of Leaders.

Protect NWT Contact information:

For general information about COVID-19. Available 8AM to 8PM, 7 days a week:

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eService

The GNWT launched a new online portal to provide residents a digital point of access for government programs and services in one location. The eServices portal is safe, secure, and private.

Currently there are four programs and services available on the eServices portal, including Apprenticeship, Trades and Occupation Certification (ATOC), Student Financial Assistance, Fishing Licences, and applying for and renewing NWT Health Care Cards. Driver and Vehicle services will also be added to the eServices portal in the near future. The GNWT is committed to increasing the number of programs and services available online and will be regularly releasing new bundles of eServices.

To set up your account visit:
<https://services.nwt-tno.ca/en/login>