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# News Release

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January 18, 2010

## STIMULUS FUNDS SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES IN KAKISA AND ENTERPRISE

*Funding will create jobs, boost local economy*

**Yellowknife, Northwest Territories** — The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Canada's Minister of Health and Regional Minister for the North, the Honourable Dennis Patterson, Senator for Nunavut, the Honourable Michael McLeod, Northwest Territories, Lead Minister Responsible for Infrastructure, and the Honourable Robert C. McLeod, Northwest Territories' Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), together with Chief Lloyd Chicot, Community of Kakisa, and His Worship Allan Flamand, Mayor of the Hamlet of Enterprise, today announced \$250,000 in joint funding for local road development in Kakisa, and \$250,000 in joint funding for construction and retrofits to the fire hall in Enterprise.

"Our government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has delivered an Economic Action Plan, that is stimulating our economy, creating jobs and supporting Canadian Families," said Minister Aglukkaq. "I am proud of the commitments our government is making to fulfill our Northern Strategy."

"Our government is investing in infrastructure that will improve rural roads in areas like Kakisa and strengthen local buildings like the fire hall in Enterprise," said Senator Patterson. "These initiatives will have invaluable economic and social benefits for all who live and work in the Northwest Territories."

"The Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to supporting infrastructure projects like these which will improve municipal infrastructure, and create jobs," said Minister Michael McLeod. "I look forward to continuing our strong partnership with Canada and NWT communities to help address the significant infrastructure deficit that exists in the NWT."

"Through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, the Government of the Northwest Territories is able to further support community governments in addressing their local infrastructure priorities," said Minister Robert C. McLeod. "This funding helps community governments develop sustainable, vibrant, safe communities, which is a key priority for the Government of the Northwest Territories."



Chief Chicot added, “The community of Ka’a’gee Tu is very pleased to receive funding from the Government of Canada for more road development in Kakisa Lake; we look forward to opening up more residential lots for development.”

Mayor Flamand added, “I wish to express, on behalf of the community, our sincere gratitude for this stimulus package, which will be used to renovate our old Fire Hall. It will make a big difference in our community by creating employment for a number of our citizens, and is a basic need to keep our community citizens safe.”

The \$250,000 local road project will support the growing community of Kakisa by expanding residential areas in the region. The project will include brush cutting, the purchase of gravel for roads and pads, as well as important drainage work.

Retrofits and construction work of up to \$250,000 to the fire hall in Enterprise will improve emergency responsiveness and increase public safety in the community. The project includes the repair or replacement of the fire siren, auto dialer system and the fire alarm system, as well as the removal of the overhead oil-fired furnaces and replacement with a boiler system. Renovations include a new office, new hose storage, paint, general electrical work, and a new transfer pump.

The Government of Canada is contributing \$125,000 to each project under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, with a matching contribution from the communities of Kakisa and Enterprise, respectively.

Through Canada’s Economic Action Plan, the federal government established the \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund that provides funding to provincial, territorial and municipal construction-ready infrastructure projects. Funding is being provided for projects that will reach completion by March 31, 2011.

Canada and the Northwest Territories are working together to create jobs and boost the economy, while making significant investments that help communities improve their infrastructure. Both governments have agreed to work together to ensure that these funds are delivered quickly and efficiently so that construction can begin as soon as possible.

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## LES FONDS DE STIMULATION SOUTIENNENT L'AMÉLIORATION DES INFRASTRUCTURES À KAKISA ET À ENTERPRISE

*Le financement permettra de créer des emplois et de stimuler l'économie*

**Yellowknife (Territoires du Nord-Ouest)** — L'honorable Leona Aglukkaq, ministre fédérale de la Santé et ministre responsable du Nord, l'honorable Dennis Patterson, sénateur du Nunavut, l'honorable Michael McLeod, ministre responsable de l'Infrastructure, Territoires du Nord-Ouest, et l'honorable Robert C. McLeod, ministre des Affaires municipales et communautaires des Territoires du Nord-Ouest, se sont joints à Lloyd Chicot, chef de la collectivité de Kakisa, et à monsieur Allan Flamand, maire du hameau de Enterprise, pour annoncer un financement conjoint de 250 000 \$ pour l'aménagement de routes locales à Kakisa ainsi qu'un financement conjoint de 250 000 \$ pour la construction et la modernisation de la caserne de pompiers d'Enterprise.

« Notre gouvernement, sous la direction du premier ministre Stephen Harper, a présenté un plan d'action pour l'économie qui stimulera la croissance économique, créera des emplois et soutiendra les familles du Canada, a dit la ministre Aglukkaq. Je suis fière des engagements pris par notre gouvernement pour réaliser notre Stratégie pour le Nord. »

« Notre gouvernement fait des investissements dans les infrastructures qui permettront d'améliorer les routes rurales dans des endroits comme Kakisa ainsi que les bâtiments locaux comme la caserne de pompiers à Enterprise, a affirmé le sénateur Patterson. Ces initiatives auront d'indéniables avantages sur le plan économique et social pour toutes les personnes qui vivent et travaillent dans les Territoires du Nord-Ouest. »

« Le gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest est résolu à appuyer les projets d'infrastructure comme ceux-ci, qui permettent d'améliorer les infrastructures municipales et de créer des emplois, a indiqué le ministre Michael McLeod. Je suis impatient de poursuivre notre partenariat avec le Canada et les collectivités des Territoires du Nord-Ouest dans le but de combler l'important déficit en matière d'infrastructure des Territoires du Nord-Ouest. »

« Grâce au Fonds de stimulation de l'infrastructure, le gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest est en mesure de soutenir davantage les administrations locales à répondre à leurs priorités en matière d'infrastructures locales, a déclaré le ministre Robert C. McLeod. Ces fonds permettent aux administrations locales d'édifier des collectivités durables, dynamiques et sécuritaires, ce qui représente une priorité pour le gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest. »

« La collectivité de Ka'a'gee Tu est ravie de recevoir des fonds du gouvernement du Canada pour aménager des routes à Kakisa Lake. Nous avons bien hâte de développer de nouveaux lotissements résidentiels. », a ajouté le chef Chicot.

« Au nom de la collectivité, je tiens à exprimer ma sincère gratitude pour ces mesures de stimulation qui permettront de rénover notre vieille caserne de pompiers. Ces mesures auront des répercussions considérables sur notre collectivité. En effet, des emplois seront créés pour nos citoyens. De plus, ce projet permet de répondre à un besoin essentiel de la collectivité et de permettre à nos citoyens de vivre en sécurité. »

Le projet de routes locales, d'une valeur de 250 000 \$, soutiendra la collectivité de Kakisa, qui est en pleine croissance, en agrandissant les zones résidentielles de la région. Le projet comprend notamment le débroussaillage, l'achat de gravier pour les routes et les remblais ainsi que d'importants travaux de drainage.

Le projet de modernisation et de travaux de construction de la caserne de pompiers d'Enterprise, dont la valeur pourrait atteindre 250 000 \$, permettra d'améliorer la capacité d'intervention en cas d'urgence ainsi que la sécurité des gens dans la collectivité. Le projet consiste à réparer ou à remplacer la sirène d'incendie, le système de composition automatique et le système d'alarme d'incendie ainsi qu'à remplacer les chaudières à l'huile par un nouveau système de chaudières. Les rénovations comprennent un nouveau bureau, un nouveau rangement pour les boyaux, de la peinture, des travaux électriques de nature générale ainsi qu'une nouvelle pompe de transfert.

Le gouvernement du Canada verse une contribution de 125 000 \$ à chacun des projets aux termes du Fonds de stimulation de l'infrastructure. Les collectivités de Kakisa et d'Enterprise verseront toutes deux une contribution équivalente.

Dans le cadre du Plan d'action économique du Canada, le gouvernement fédéral a établi le Fonds de stimulation de l'infrastructure, d'une valeur de 4 milliards de dollars, qui permet de financer des projets provinciaux, territoriaux et municipaux d'infrastructure prêts à être mis en chantier. Les fonds sont versés aux projets qui seront terminés d'ici le 31 mars 2011.

Le Canada et les Territoires du Nord-Ouest travaillent ensemble à la création d'emplois et à la stimulation de l'économie, tout en effectuant d'importants investissements qui aident les collectivités à améliorer leurs infrastructures. Les deux gouvernements ont convenu de travailler ensemble et de veiller à ce que les fonds soient versés rapidement et de manière efficace afin que les travaux de construction puissent débiter le plus tôt possible.

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# News Release

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February 10, 2010

## STIMULUS FUNDING SUPPORTS INUVIK ROAD UPGRADES

*Funding will improve roads, create jobs, boost local economy*

**Inuvik, Northwest Territories** — The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health and Regional Minister for the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, the Honourable Michael McLeod, Northwest Territories, Lead Minister Responsible for Infrastructure, and His Worship Denny Rodgers, Mayor of Inuvik, today announced \$2.8 million in joint funding under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for local road development in Inuvik. Funding will support the paving of local roads and further the town's goal of paving most of the community's roads between now and March 31, 2011.

“Our government has created an Economic Action Plan that is stimulating our economy and creating jobs to support Canadian families,” said Minister Aglukkaq. “We are working well with our provincial, territorial and municipal colleagues to tender contracts in time for the next construction season. At the same time, we are planning for deficit reduction once the economy has recovered, and we are building a strong foundation for job creation and economic growth.”

“The NWT continues to have a significant infrastructure deficit,” said Minister Michael McLeod. “With the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, we are able to respond to the basic infrastructure needs of our residents.”

“Today as we celebrate this opportunity for the Town of Inuvik, I would first and foremost like to acknowledge the fiscal support of the Honourable John Baird, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as the Territorial Ministers who negotiated on our behalf, the Honourable Michael McLeod, Minister of Infrastructure, and the Honourable Robert C. McLeod, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs,” said His Worship Denny Rodgers, Mayor of Inuvik. “The on-going support of both the Federal and Territorial Governments is critical to the success of Inuvik's economy as we navigate these uncertain economic times.”

The total cost of the paving project is \$2.8 million, which will be used to resurface existing roads throughout Inuvik. Paving will allow for a reduction in gravel maintenance and sweeping, making the town cleaner and quieter for all residents. The Government of Canada is contributing \$349,500 to the project under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, while the town is contributing more than \$2.45 million towards the project. Federal stimulus funding will allow the town to accelerate its efforts to complete a 500-metre area of the paving program. Construction is expected to begin June 2010.

Federal financial support comes from the \$4-billion, Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, which provides funding to provincial, territorial, municipal and community construction-ready infrastructure projects that can be completed by March 31, 2011.

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## **LES FONDS DE STIMULATION SOUTIENNENT L'AMÉLIORATION DES ROUTES D'INUVIK**

*Les fonds permettront d'améliorer les routes, de créer des emplois et de stimuler l'économie locale*

**Inuvik (Territoires du Nord-Ouest)** — L'honorable Leona Aqlukkaq, ministre de la Santé et ministre responsable du Yukon, l'honorable Michael McLeod, principal ministre chargé de l'Infrastructure des Territoires du Nord-Ouest et du Nunavut, et son honneur Denny Rodgers, maire d'Inuvik, ont annoncé aujourd'hui un financement conjoint de 2,8 millions de dollars aux termes du Fonds de stimulation de l'infrastructure pour l'aménagement de routes locales à Inuvik. Ces fonds appuieront le pavage de routes locales et permettront à la ville d'atteindre son objectif, soit de paver la grande majorité des routes de la collectivité d'ici le 31 mars 2011.

« Notre gouvernement a créé le Plan d'action économique, qui stimule l'économie et qui crée des emplois pour les familles canadiennes, a dit la ministre Aqlukkaq. Nous collaborons avec nos collègues des provinces, des territoires et des municipalités pour accorder des contrats à temps pour la prochaine saison de la construction. Aussi, nous prévoyons réduire le déficit une fois l'économie rétablie ainsi qu'édifier de solides bases pour la création d'emplois et la croissance économique. »

« Les Territoires du Nord-Ouest continuent à souffrir d'un important déficit en matière d'infrastructure, a affirmé le ministre McLeod. Grâce au Fonds de stimulation de l'infrastructure, nous pouvons répondre aux besoins fondamentaux en matière d'infrastructure de nos résidents. »

« Aujourd'hui, alors que nous célébrons cette occasion favorable pour la ville d'Inuvik, j'aimerais avant tout souligner le soutien financier accordé par l'honorable John Baird, ministre des Transports et de l'Infrastructure, ainsi que les ministres territoriaux qui ont négocié en notre nom, l'honorable Michael McLeod, ministre de l'Infrastructure, et l'honorable Robert C. McLeod, ministre des Affaires municipales et communautaires, a indiqué monsieur le maire Rodgers. Le soutien continu des gouvernements fédéral et territorial est essentiel à la prospérité de l'économie d'Inuvik, particulièrement en cette période d'incertitude économique. »

Le coût total de ce projet de pavage de routes à Inuvik est de 2,8 millions de dollars. Le pavage des routes permettra de réduire l'entretien du gravier et le dépoussiérage, ce qui permettra aux résidents de bénéficier d'une ville plus propre et moins bruyante. Dans le cadre du Fonds de stimulation de l'infrastructure, le gouvernement du Canada verse une contribution de 349 000 \$ pour le projet, et la ville verse plus de 2,45 millions de dollars. Les fonds de stimulation fédéraux permettront à la ville

d'intensifier ses efforts en vue de terminer le pavage d'une zone de 500 mètres comprise dans le programme de pavage. Le début des travaux de construction est prévu pour juin 2010.

Le gouvernement fédéral finance ce projet aux termes du Fonds de stimulation de l'infrastructure de 4 milliards de dollars. Ce fonds finance des projets d'infrastructure provinciaux, territoriaux, municipaux et communautaires prêts à démarrer qui peuvent être terminés d'ici le 31 mars 2011.

Le Canada et les Territoires du Nord-Ouest travaillent ensemble pour créer des emplois et stimuler l'économie tout en faisant d'importants investissements qui aident les collectivités à améliorer leurs infrastructures. Les deux gouvernements ont accepté de collaborer pour s'assurer que les fonds sont versés rapidement et efficacement, afin que la construction puisse commencer le plus tôt possible.

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## GNWT to Respond to Coroner's Report

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 31, 2010)** – Media are invited to a press conference tomorrow (Thursday, April 1, 2010) to discuss issues raised in the March 2<sup>nd</sup> report of the Office of the Coroner regarding the death of a Yellowknife man on the prescription drug Venlafaxine.

Minister of Health and Social Services Sandy Lee, Dr. Corkal, Stanton Medical Director and Dr. King, Medical Director for the Department of Health and Social Services will be present to answer questions and to discuss the issues raised in the coroner's report.

Out-of-town media are invited to join the conference via telephone by calling 1-800-303-7189 and dialling in 9994199.

Date: Thursday, April 1, 2010

Location: 8th floor boardroom, Centre Square Tower, Yellowknife

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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A(16)132

## World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10th, 2010

**YELLOWKNIFE (September 9, 2010)** – September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day. This year, the NWT theme for World Suicide Prevention Day is Communities Addressing Suicide Together.

The suicide rate in the Northwest Territories is twice the national average. For more information, media are invited to visit the display booth that will be set up at the Centre Square Mall between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Representatives from the Department of Health and Social Services, the Canadian Mental Health Association and Family Counselling will be on hand to answer questions and discuss suicide prevention.

Date: Friday, September 10th, 2010

Location: Centre Square Mall, Yellowknife

Time: 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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## **GNWT and Yellowknives Dene First Nation to Sign Agreement to Support Recovery of Bathurst Caribou Herd**

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 6)** – The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Michael Miltenberger and Chiefs Edward Sangris (Dettah) and Ted Tsetta (Ndilo) of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation will sign an agreement on actions to support recovery of the Bathurst caribou herd within the Chief Drygeese Area.

When: October 7, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Smokehouse Cafe - Ndilo

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## **ITI Minister Attends Tourism Minister's Meeting**

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 13)** – The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment Bob McLeod will attend the Canadian Council of Tourism Ministers fall 2010 meeting from October 13-15. This meeting brings together all the territorial, provincial and federal ministers responsible for tourism portfolios.

Minister McLeod is participating in a number of information sessions and formal discussions during the event. He will also use the opportunity to advance tourism issues of importance to the people of the Northwest Territories, including improving federal support for NWT tourism initiatives, mitigating the negative impact new federal transportation regulations are having on NWT tourism operators, and outlining the current work being done to develop a new tourism strategy for the territory.

Media interested in interviewing Minister McLeod while he is attending the Canadian Council of Tourism Ministers meeting can contact:

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***Canadian Biodiversity: Ecosystem Status and  
Trends 2010 Report Released***

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 19)** – *Canadian Biodiversity: Ecosystem Status and Trends 2010*, a federal-provincial-territorial report presenting the status of and trends in Canada's ecosystems from a biodiversity perspective, was released in Ottawa today. This report is the first of its kind in Canada.

The Government of the Northwest Territories collaborated with the federal government and other provincial and territorial governments, by providing valuable data and information about the status and trends of the Northwest Territories' ecozones.

For a copy of the report, please visit the new website of the federal, provincial and territorial working group on biodiversity: [www.biodivcanada.ca](http://www.biodivcanada.ca).

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## Minister of Health and Social Services Attends Flu Shot Clinic

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 22)** – The Minister of Health and Social Services Sandy Lee will be attending the first public flu clinic at Northern United Place in Yellowknife on October 25, 2010 at noon to receive her seasonal flu shot.

Each year, the flu shot is provided free of charge to the public as a means of helping to prevent the flu. People from six months to five years, as well as seniors and other high risk groups are urged to get the flu shot to protect themselves and others from the annual flu bug.

Minister Lee will be available for photographs and to discuss the importance of the annual flu shot as a means of staying healthy this flu season.

**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2010

**Time:** 12:00 P.M.

**Location:** Northern United Place, Yellowknife

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**Official Release of the *Northwest Territories'*  
*Aboriginal Languages Plan: A Shared Responsibility***

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 26, 2010)** – The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Jackson Lafferty, and Mr. Kevin Menicoche, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Nahendeh and Chair of the Standing Committee on Government Operations, invite the media to the release of the *Northwest Territories' Aboriginal Languages Plan: A Shared Responsibility*. The Plan is a government strategy to strengthen official Aboriginal languages in the Northwest Territories.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010

**Time:** During the Session Break – approximately 3:00 P.M.

**Location:** Legislative Assembly Media Room

Media outside of Yellowknife can participate via teleconference by calling:

**Phone:** 1-866-969-8429

**Access Code:** 2727281

**The media is asked to pre-register for this event by contacting:**

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## Premier to Promote Circumpolar Cooperation in Finland

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 5, 2010)** – Premier Floyd Roland will travel to Helsinki this weekend where he will deliver a key note address at the “Arctic Future – Cooperation in the Face of Change” seminar on November 8, 2010.

Given its importance to NWT residents, Premier Roland has become a leading proponent for building international understanding and cooperation on key issues impacting the Circumpolar North and promoting the importance of Northern decision making and cooperation in the face of growing global interest in the Arctic.

Premier Roland is in Finland on the invitation of Canada’s Ambassador.

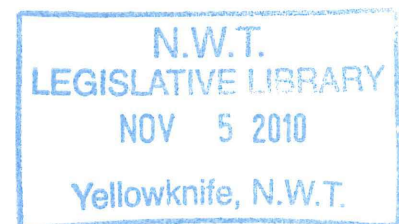
While in Finland, the Premier will also meet with Finnish government officials on education, climate change and energy issues, and regional development including broadband access. On November 10-11, the Premier will visit Rovaniemi where he will meet with the University of Lapland and the University of the Arctic, Sami Parliament representatives, and the Lapland Chamber of Commerce.

In support of the recent construction and deployment of Inuvik’s Satellite Station Facility, the Premier will also use the opportunities presented by this travel to visit partner satellite facilities in Sweden and Germany.

Nunakput MLA, Jackie Jacobson will be accompanying the Premier.

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## **Environment and Natural Resources Minister to Present at International Water Conference**

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 15, 2010)** – Environment and Natural Resources Minister J. Michael Miltenberger is in Buenos Aires, Argentina to participate in the Seventh Biennial Rosenberg International Forum on Water Policy.

Minister Miltenberger will be making a presentation on the “Importance of Traditional Knowledge” at the “Water for the Americas: Challenges and Opportunities” conference.

He will outline the Northwest Territories’ perspective on integrating traditional knowledge into research, policy development and decision-making at the local, regional and territorial level as demonstrated in the Northwest Territories Water Stewardship Strategy and other initiatives.

He is in Argentina on the invitation of the Rosenberg International Forum on Water.

The Rosenberg International Forum on Water Policy facilitates the exchange of information and experience in the management of water resources around the world.

The Forum is held every other year in different locations around the world. Participation is limited to no more than 50 water scholars and senior water managers. Interactive discussions about the science of water management and different experiences in water management around the globe are at the heart of the Forum.

Minister Miltenberger will be available for interviews following his return from Argentina.

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## **Minister Miltenberger Addresses the Governments' Response to the JRP Report**

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 15, 2010)** – The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, J. Michael Miltenberger, will field questions on the Governments' response to the Joint Review Panel Report (JRP) on the Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP). Media can participate via teleconference by calling:

**Date:** Monday, November 15, 2010  
**Time:** 2:00 P.M. (MST)  
**Phone:** 1-866-969-8429  
**Access Code:** 7007230

The Governments Response to the JRP Report can be found online at: [www.ceaa.gc.ca](http://www.ceaa.gc.ca)

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## **UN's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 15, 2010)** – Premier Floyd Roland says Canada's endorsement on Friday of the UN's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is an encouraging and tangible demonstration of the federal governments' renewed commitment to Canada's Aboriginal people.

“Aboriginal cultures, values and traditions are a rich and equal part of our nation's proud history,” the Premier said. “I congratulate the federal government for recognizing and taking this important step that will serve to advance and strengthen our relationships collectively as Canadians.”

In February 2008, the 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a motion to recognize and support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Government of the Northwest Territories remains committed to building strong and respectful relationships with Aboriginal governments across the NWT, and to negotiating and implementing land claims as well as resource and self-government agreements that respect, promote and protect the rights and freedoms of Aboriginal peoples.

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### **MLA Ramsay Attends PNWER Economic Leadership Forum**

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 18, 2010)** – Mr. Dave Ramsay, Kam Lake MLA and Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure, is attending the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Economic Leadership Forum taking place Wednesday, November 17 until Friday, November 19.

PNWER is a public/private partnership that was established in 1991. Among the organization's goals is leveraging regional influence in Ottawa and Washington, D.C., achieving economic growth and promoting greater regional collaboration. The NWT became a member of PNWER in July, 2009.

While attending the forum, MLA Ramsay will take part in an agenda focusing on innovation and economic development, energy, transportation and border issues.

Media interested in interviewing MLA Ramsay while he is attending the PNWER Economic Leadership Forum can contact:

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## Community Meetings on Draft *Wildlife Act* Underway

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 26, 2010)** – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is hosting community meetings on the proposed new *Wildlife Act* for the Northwest Territories.

This is an opportunity for residents to learn about the proposed new *Wildlife Act* and provide their input on this important wildlife legislation before it is introduced in the Legislative Assembly during the 2011 winter session.

Meetings are planned for all NWT communities during the next several weeks.

The draft *Wildlife Act*, a plain language version of the legislation and a schedule of the community meetings are available online at: [www.enr.gov.nt.ca](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca). The community meetings schedule is also attached.

Comments on the draft *Wildlife Act* are being accepted until December 31, 2010.

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## Community Meetings on Draft *Wildlife Act*

### November 24

- Wekweeti: *Arbor - 6:00 p.m.*

### November 25

- Gameti: *Community Hall - 6:00 p.m.*

### November 26

- Whati: *Community Hall - 6:00 p.m.*

### November 29

- Hay River: *Ptmarigan Inn - 7:00 p.m.*
- Inuvik: *Ingamo Hall - 7:00 p.m.*
- Kakisa: *Band Office - 6:00 p.m.*

### November 30

- Fort Smith: *Northern Life Museum - 7:00 p.m.*
- Paulatuk: *Community Gym - 5:30 p.m.*
- Trout Lake: *Community Hall - 6:00 p.m.*
- Tsiigehtchic: *Community Hall - 6:00 p.m.*

### December 1

- Enterprise: *Community Hall - 7:00 p.m.*
- Fort McPherson: *Council Chambers - 5:00 p.m.*
- Tuktoyaktuk: *Kitty Hall - 5:00 p.m.*

### December 2

- Aklavik: *Band Office Boardroom - 5:00 p.m.*
- Fort Liard: *Community Hall - 6:00 p.m.*
- Jean Marie River: *Community Gym - 6:00 p.m.*

### December 3

- Fort Simpson: *Community Hall - Noon*
- Sachs Harbour: *Adjgaliaq Centre - 5:30 P.M.*

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**December 4**

- Norman Wells: *Community Hall - Noon*

**December 6**

- Behchoko: *Community Hall - 6:00 p.m.*
- Tulita: *Arthur Mendo Arena - 5:30 p.m.*

**December 7**

- Fort Good Hope: *Band Office - 5:30 p.m.*

**December 8**

- Yellowknife: *Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre - 7:00 p.m.*

**December 9**

- Deline: *Deline Cultural Centre - 6:00 p.m.*
- Nahanni Butte: *Community Gym - 6:00 p.m.*

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## **ITI Minister Attends the Committee on Internal Trade Annual Meeting**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 2, 2010)** – Improvements to the procurement chapter of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) will be a major focus for the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Bob McLeod, at the upcoming Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) Annual Meeting.

The AIT is based on the principle that Canadian governments should ensure the free movement of persons, goods, services and investments across the country by removing barriers to internal trade. Updating the AIT will improve the flow of goods, services and movement of people between provinces and territories.

Minister McLeod will also be appointed to the position of vice-chair for the CIT at the meeting. His term as vice-chair will run from December 2010 to December 2011.

To learn more about the AIT visit: <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ait-aci.nsf/eng/home>.

Media representatives interested in speaking to Minister McLeod can contact:

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### **ITI Minister to Attend Aboriginal Oil and Gas Forum**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 6, 2010)** – Tomorrow, the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Bob McLeod, will be the keynote speaker at the Aboriginal Oil and Gas Forum luncheon, and will discuss the Northwest Territories' experience with Aboriginal equity partnership models. During the two-day Forum, he will also attend several information sessions.

Media interested in interviewing Minister McLeod while he is attending the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Aboriginal Oil and Gas Forum can contact:

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### **Plans for Corrections Facilities and Staffing Models**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 8)** – Media are invited to a briefing to discuss the Government of the Northwest Territories' plans for Corrections facilities and staffing models.

**Date:** Thursday, December 9, 2010

**Time:** 3:00 P.M.

**Location:** Corrections boardroom, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Yellowknife Courthouse

Mr. Colin Gordon, Director of Court Services, and Ms. Sylvia Haener, Assistant Deputy Minister, will be available to respond to questions.

Out-of-town reporters may attend via teleconference by making arrangements ahead of time with:

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### Exploring Alternative Energy Technologies

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 15, 2010)** – A delegation from the NWT will be in Montreal December 15 - 16 to examine the feasibility of using hydrokinetic turbine and biogas technology to generate electricity and reduce the cost of living in the Northwest Territories.

Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment Bob McLeod and Weledeh MLA Mr. Bob Bromley will learn more about emerging energy technologies that could potentially be applied in the Northwest Territories.

The Government of the Northwest Territories is continuing to take action to reduce the cost of living in the territory as envisioned in the *Northerners Working Together* plan.

Media interested in interviewing Minister McLeod or MLA Bromley while they are in Montreal can contact:

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## **Yellowknife Liquor Service Survey Results**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 15, 2010)** – Results from the 2010 Yellowknife Liquor Service Survey indicate that most residents are satisfied with the convenience, selection and service of the liquor stores, but are dissatisfied with the prices.

The survey's purpose was to assess satisfaction with the liquor service in Yellowknife based on convenience, selection, service and prices. Yellowknifers were asked for their opinions on the appropriate number and types of liquor stores for the city, and information was requested on their liquor purchases.

A total survey response rate of 16% was achieved. Among those who responded, price was rated the most important criteria, with 64% of the respondents expressing dissatisfaction. High satisfaction levels, in the 90% range, were reported for convenience, selection and service.

The majority of respondents (71%) reported making liquor purchases in other provinces and territories within the last year and responses indicate that Yellowknife residents are purchasing a significant amount of liquor elsewhere.

Most respondents (69%) thought that two stores were sufficient and their response to the question, "if a specialty store would be appropriate" was evenly split.

The Northwest Territories Liquor Commission plans to issue Requests for Proposals to replace the Yellowknife liquor store contracts set to expire in 2012. This is expected to include a request for both a consignment store and a private store. The competition provided by this model will allow Yellowknifers to enjoy prices more in line with other NWT communities while also encouraging selection and creativity which is the strength of private sector.

### **For more information, contact:**

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### **Deh Cho Bridge Update**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 15, 2010)** – Members of the news media are invited to a technical briefing providing an update on the Deh Cho Bridge project.

**Date:** Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Time:** 10:00 A.M.

**Location:** Basement boardroom of the Lahm Ridge Tower (4501-50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Yellowknife)

**For more information, please contact:**

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### **Bed Bug Infestations in the NWT**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 15, 2010)** – Media are invited to a press conference about increasing reports of bed bug infestations in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Duane Fleming, Chief Environmental Health officer, will be available to answer questions about the spread of bed bugs and subsequent treatments to eliminate them.

**Date:** Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Time:** 1:00 P.M.

**Location:** 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Center Square Tower, Yellowknife

For out-of-town media:

**Phone:** 1-800-303-7189

**Access Code:** 3251353

For more information about bed bugs visit the Department of Health and Social Services website at [www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca](http://www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca).

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## Dettah Ice Crossing Open

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 16, 2010)** – The Dettah Ice Crossing is open to light traffic up to 5,000 kg.

Drivers are reminded that speed limits on ice crossings are established to ensure the safety of the travelling public. Please observe all signs and signals.

Drivers and passengers are also reminded that they are crossing an important body of water. Littering on the ice road is prohibited.

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## **GNWT Comments on NEB's Reasons for Decision**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 16, 2010)** – Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment Bob McLeod will be available to speak to members of the news media today about the National Energy Board's Reasons for Decision regarding the Mackenzie Gas Project.

**Date:** Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Time:** 4:30 P.M. (MST)

**Location:** Media Room, Legislative Assembly

For out-of-town media:

**Phone:** 1-866-969-8429

**Access Code:** 7007230

At 2:30 P.M., the NEB's Reasons for Decision can be found online at: [www.neb-one.gc.ca](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca)

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