

JUNE 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Northwest Territories

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Emergency Response

May 17: The GNWT launched a new [Emergency Evacuation Relief Program for residents evacuating](#) due to floods and wildfires offering a one-time payment of \$800 per adult and \$400 per child to those who evacuated under an official order. [Applicants](#) must submit a form, photo ID, proof of residency and dependents, and direct deposit details.

**Action Point:** Implement a legally [sound Emergency Preparedness & Response Policy](#).

### New Laws

May 16: As bears emerged from hibernation in the Northwest Territories, [residents were advised](#) to stay safe by keeping food and garbage secured, never feed wildlife, and use bear-proof containers. On the land, they were urged to carry bear deterrents, make noise, travel in groups, and keep dogs leashed. Any bear sightings should be reported to the wildlife emergency line.

### Traffic Safety

May 23: Marine Transportation Services canceled all 2024 [barge trips](#) to Norman Wells and Tulita due to low water levels on the Mackenzie River. Unsafe conditions near Fort Providence prevented navigation. Customers can pick up their cargo from

Hay River terminal or leave it until 2025. Tulita will receive fuel via winter roads in 2025. Fuel sales in Norman Wells will be managed by the private market. Cargo for communities north of Norman Wells should go to the Tuktoyaktuk terminal. The Łutselk'e schedule was unaffected.

### **Industry Challenges**

May 27: From now to Jun 27, the GNWT will be collecting public feedback on proposed [Meat Processing Safety Regulations](#) to ensure the safe handling of locally produced meat. The GNWT also requested input on related changes to *Food Establishment Safety and Disease Surveillance Regulations*.

### **Industry Challenges**

Jun 10: The GNWT announced plans to propose [new regulations](#) under the *Mineral Resources Act* to modernize the mining sector and support responsible resource development. The regulations, a draft of which is expected to be published in early 2025, will aim to increase exploration, attract investment, implement an online map staking system, and modernize socio-economic and impact-benefit agreements.