

SEPTEMBER 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emergency Response

Aug 28: The GNWT published a new independent [report](#) evaluating the effectiveness of its wildfire response during the unprecedented 2023 season and making 25 recommendations for future improvements.

Action Point: Use the resources on the [OHSI Fire Safety Compliance Centre](#) to prevent fires and explosions at your workplace.

Transportation Safety

Aug 28: The GNWT launched [DriveNWT](#), a state-of-the-art highway map designed to enhance the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of the Territories' transportation networks by providing real time information about the current conditions on roadways.

New Laws

Sep 4: Under its newly renewed 10-year agreement with the federal government, the GNWT will receive \$94.5 million in Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) funding over the first 5 years, including \$18 million in 2024-25 fiscal year. CCBF dollars will go to critical infrastructure improvement projects across the Territories.

New Laws

Aug 26: The GNWT signed a new agreement on Indigenous Languages with the federal government under which the territory will receive \$5.9 million per year over 3 years - \$17.7 million in total - to provide Indigenous language services and support Indigenous language initiatives across the Northwest Territories.

Workers' Comp

Sep 12: The WSCC is expected to approve changes to 3 key policies at its upcoming annual governance meeting: i. Policy 02.03, *Personal Optional Coverage*; ii. Policy 09.09, *Varying and Suspending Mine Health and Safety Regulations*; and iii. Policy 10.05, *Funding Strategy*.