

OCTOBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Northwest Territories

## **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **New Laws**

Sep 8: The GNWT adjusted the Evacuee Income Disruption Support (EISD) program to ensure that residents who suffered disruption to their income as a result of being forced to evacuate for more than 7 days due to the recent wildfires receive the full \$750 one-time payment. Previously, the government was applying a 10% withholding tax.

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Sep 14: The GNWT finalized expansions to the Extended Health Benefits Policy, with changes to take effect on April 1, 2024. Highlights: i. Income assessment to determine eligibility for all benefits except those for seniors; ii. Removal of specified disease conditions; and iii. New benefits.

### **Health & Safety**

Sep 1: The WSCC is expected to approve policy changes at its upcoming governance meeting that affect [Policy 09.06](#), which explains the methods the agency uses to carry out OHS workplace inspections using Virtual and Desktop technology.