

## SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Northwest Territories

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Minimum Wage

Jul 10: In response to inflation, the GNWT increased the general minimum wage 85 cents to \$16.05 per hour. That's the first increase since the minimum wage went from \$13.46 to \$15.20 in September 2021.

### Immigration

Aug 14: According to a [new government report](#), the Northwest Territories achieved many of its goals in boosting immigration levels from 2018 to 2022. Highlights: 363 approved Employer Driven Stream nominations, overall applications increased from 61 to 142 and applications approved rose from 28 to 105 over the same period.

### New Laws

Aug 28: The GNWT announced that it will provide Evacuation Travel Support Program funding to residents who, by order, evacuated their homes by road due to wildfire of \$750 per vehicle evacuated to a southern jurisdiction and \$400 per vehicle evacuated within the NWT. Evacuees will also be eligible to register for re-entry flights paid for by the government.

## **New Laws**

Aug 28: The GNWT is expanding the Support for Entrepreneurs and Economic Development (SEED) Policy to allow for contributions of up to \$5,000 to offset operational costs incurred by small businesses as a result of the recent wildfires. Businesses that have already received SEED wildfire relief funding can receive up to the \$5,000 funding limit, provided that they continue to meet program criteria.