

JUNE 2024 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Northwest Territories

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Laws

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.

### Mental Health

Jun 11: The Department of Health and Social Services allocated \$3.05 million annually for community-based [mental wellness](#) and addiction recovery programs and \$725,000 annually for suicide prevention programs. These funds which are designed to support Indigenous governments, combined three previous funds to simplify administration and increase flexibility. Both funds remained available with simple application processes and department support for communities.

**Action Point:** Find out how to implement an effective workplace [mental health policy](#) for your employees

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Jun 17: Fuel prices changed in 10 communities due to the 2023/24 winter resupply. Heating and motive [fuel prices](#) dropped in Wekweètì, and gasoline prices dropped

in Jean Marie River, Nahanni Butte, Tsiiigehtchic, and Whatì. Prices rose in Colville Lake, Délı̨nę, Gametì, Nahanni Butte, Sambaa K'e, and Wrigley due to higher transport costs. The GNWT adjusts fuel prices twice a year to cover costs, with the next change for the carbon tax set for April 1, 2025.

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Jun 18: The Government of Canada and GNWT signed a [new \\$29.5 million agreement](#) providing \$5.9 million per year over 5 years to support delivery of French Language Services for the territories' for the Francophone community by GNWT departments, boards and agencies.