

**13th Annual NWT Water Stewardship
Strategy Implementation Workshop
&
2nd Annual NWT Climate Change
Advisory Gathering**



Theme: Adapting to Change and Building a Resilient NWT



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**October 25 – 27, 2022
Chief Drygeese Centre - Dettah, NWT**

Please join us at the upcoming **13th Annual Water Stewardship Implementation Workshop** and the **2nd Annual NWT Climate Change Advisory Gathering on October 25-27, 2022!** This a collaborative event hosted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Water Management and Monitoring Division and the Climate Change and Air Quality Division.

This year's collaborative theme, "Adapting to Change and Building a Resilient Northwest Territories", recognizes the challenges the NWT has faced over the last years in having to respond to changes occurring on the land, water, and in our communities. This workshop will focus on collaboration and knowledge sharing amongst Water and Climate Change Partners to highlight the importance of working together to adapt to these changes and build resilience.

Key objectives will include:

1. Sharing progress on the implementation of the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy and 2021-2025 Action Plan and the NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and 2019-2023 Action Plan.
2. Hear from NWT Climate Change Partners to inform key adaptation initiatives, including the NWT Climate Risks and Opportunities Assessment.
3. Highlight successes, opportunities and challenges, and needs to advance water stewardship and climate adaptation in the NWT.
4. Provide a venue for NWT Water and Climate Partners to share, network, and build partnerships with one another to advance collective resilience.

The three-day event is being held at the Chief Drygeese Centre in Dettah, approximately a 25-minute drive east of Yellowknife. The first day and a half (all-day of the 25th and morning of the 26th) will focus more specifically on NWT Water Stewardship Strategy agenda items while the later portion of the event (afternoon of the 26th and all-day 27th) will focus on more broadly on climate change. Participants are welcome to attend the entire three-day event or choose, based on their interests, between the first or second half.

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DAY 1: Tuesday October 25, 2022

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| 8:30am | Bus Departs Yellowknife (Chateau Nova) for Dettah |
| 9:00am | Welcome and Opening Prayer Review Meeting Protocols, Overview of the three-day collaborative event Welcoming Remarks from Dr. Erin Kelly, Deputy Minister, Environment and Natural Resources |
| NWT Water Stewardship Strategy Implementation Workshop | |
| 9:30am | Hearing from the NWT Water Stewardship Indigenous Steering Committee |
| 10:00am | Update on the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy Action Plan Implementation |
| 10:30am | Health Break |
| 10:45am | Our NWT Waters: Resilience and Adaptation Panel Presentation – <i>Community Stewardship Voices Share Their Experiences</i> |
| 11:30am | Transboundary Biological Monitoring Programs & Community-Based Monitoring Program - <i>ENR Presentation</i> |
| 12:00pm | Lunch |
| 1:00pm | Introduction to the Great Slave Lake Research and Monitoring Program |
| 1:30pm | Elders Panel: A Lifetime of Change |
| 2:30pm | Health Break |
| 2:45pm | Elders Panel: A Lifetime of Change (<i>continued</i>) |
| 4:10pm | Wrap Up |
| 4:45pm | Bus Departs Dettah for Yellowknife |

DAY 2: Wednesday October 26, 2022

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| 8:30am | Bus Departs Yellowknife (Chateau Nova) for Dettah | | | | | | |
| 9:00am | Welcome and Day 2 Agenda Overview | | | | | | |
| 9:15am | Our NWT Waters: Resilience and Adaptation Panel Presentation – <i>Researchers, Regulators and Water Partners Share Their Work</i> | | | | | | |
| 10:00am | DataStream: Reflecting on 10 years of collaboration to support open data flows | | | | | | |
| 10:30am | Health Break | | | | | | |
| 10:45am | Youth & Water Panel: Engagement, Innovation and Capacity Building | | | | | | |
| 11:30am | Transboundary Agreements – <i>ENR Presentation</i> | | | | | | |
| 11:55am | Wrap Up of NWT Water Stewardship Implementation Workshop | | | | | | |
| 12:00pm | Lunch | | | | | | |
| NWT Climate Change Advisory Gathering | | | | | | | |
| 1:00pm | Introduction to the Climate Change Advisory Gathering & GNWT Action on Climate Change Adaptation in the NWT – <i>ENR Presentation</i> | | | | | | |
| 1:20pm | Perspective on Climate Change Adaptation from the NWT Climate Change Council | | | | | | |
| 2:15pm | <p>Learning about Adaptation across the NWT – <i>Sharing Adaptation Initiative Updates, Successes, Challenges, & Opportunities – Discussion Groups</i></p> <p>Proposed Table Themes</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wildlife Vulnerability</td> <td>Emergency Preparedness in Communities</td> <td>Climate Change Knowledge and Data</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health and Food Security</td> <td>Climate Change Outreach</td> <td>Forest Vulnerability</td> </tr> </table> | Wildlife Vulnerability | Emergency Preparedness in Communities | Climate Change Knowledge and Data | Health and Food Security | Climate Change Outreach | Forest Vulnerability |
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| 3:15pm | Health Break | | | | | | |
| 3:30pm | Learning about Adaptation across the NWT (<i>continued</i>) | | | | | | |
| 4:30pm | Wrap Up | | | | | | |
| 4:45pm | Bus Departs from Dettah for Yellowknife | | | | | | |

DAY 3: Thursday October 27, 2022

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| 8:30am | Bus Departs Yellowknife (Chateau Nova) for Dettah | | |
| 9:00am | Welcome and Day 3 Agenda Overview | | |
| 9:10am | Introducing the NWT Climate Change Risks and Opportunities Assessment – <i>ENR Presentation</i> | | |
| 9:25am | A Framework for Building NWT Climate Resilience – <i>Discussion Groups</i> | | |
| 10:10am | Health Break | | |
| 10:25am | Summary of key NWT Climate Change Hazards – <i>ENR Presentation</i> | | |
| 10:40am | Perspectives on NWT Climate Change Hazards and Events – <i>Discussion Groups</i> | | |
| | Proposed Table Themes | | |
| | Forests and Vegetation Risks Permafrost Thaw Risks | Freshwater and Ice Risks Climate and Weather Risks | Marine and Coastal Risks Wildlife Risks |
| 12:00pm | Lunch | | |
| 1:00pm | Report Back | | |
| 1:15pm | Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on NWT Resilience – <i>Discussion Groups</i> | | |
| | Proposed Table Themes | | |
| | Healthy People and Communities Natural Environment | Connection to the Land and Culture Infrastructure and Access | Sustainable Economies Capacity and Governance |
| 3:00pm | Health Break | | |
| 3:15pm | Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on NWT Resilience (<i>continued</i>) | | |
| 4:00pm | Report Back | | |
| 4:20pm | Wrap Up and Closing Remarks | | |
| 4:45pm | Bus Departs Dettah for Yellowknife | | |