



Settling into Winter

Photo: River flowing near Cameron river falls

The snow is falling and the lakes are freezing; the PlanIt North team, like the rest of the North, are settling into winter. While we are making time to enjoy our favourite season, it is also a busy time to advance our collaborative projects with our partners throughout the NWT. From

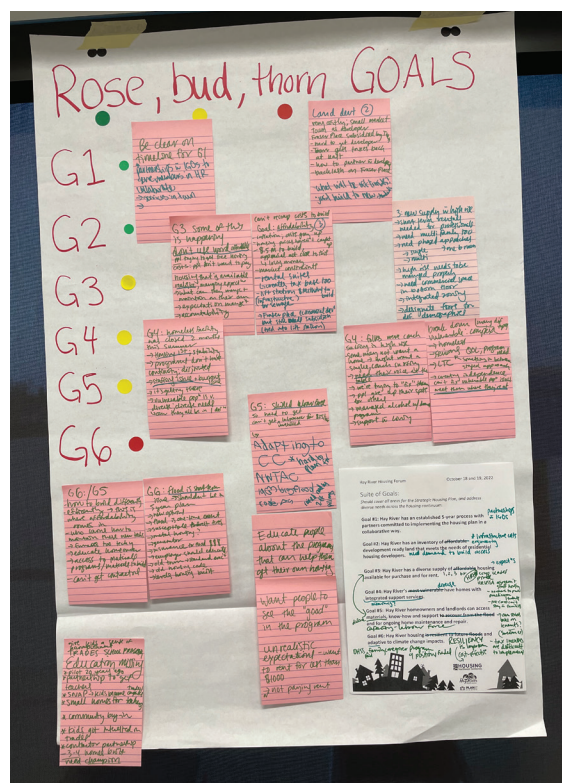
housing planning to protected areas, land use planning to website development, the PlanIt North team is excited for the progress we'll be making on these and many more exciting projects.

- The PlanIt North team

HOUSING NWT AND TOWN OF HAY RIVER COMMUNITY HOUSING FORUM

The Town of Hay River and Housing NWT (previously the NWT Housing Corporation) have partnered to develop a Strategic Housing Plan for the Town of Hay River. This plan will identify a long-term vision and goals for housing in Hay River and a five-year strategic plan.

PlanIt North's Sophie Maksimowski recently spent a week in Hay River with community planner Darha Phillpot to facilitate the community housing forum. The planning sessions were widely attended by Housing NWT, plan partners (including the Town of Hay River), and other community organizations. The purpose of the Housing Forum was to build on what we heard during the community housing needs assessment and to discuss the goals, objectives, and actions needed over the next 5 years to improve housing in Hay River. Over the two days, participants were able to work closely together in small groups on specific housing goals and identify opportunities for more collaboration to address housing needs.



K'ASHO GOT'İNE HOUSING SOCIETY COMPUTERS

PlanIt North supported the K'asho Got'İne Housing Society to secure funding from the MACA NGO Stabilization Fund this year. They were able to purchase four new work computers! Ben Russo, Business Manager, is seen here updating and installing software on the laptops before they are shipped to Fort Good Hope.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY OPENED NEW IDEAS FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING

PlanIt North was contracted to complete public engagement for facilities planning for Aurora College's transformation to a polytechnic university. Initiated in the summer of 2021, this Facilities Master Planning project is one among many that are moving the transformation forward.

Engagement was broad, including stakeholders within Aurora College as well as

regional, community and Indigenous governments, community members, research organisations, educators and students across the NWT. Discussions focused on facilities and space planning to inform conceptual planning for the growth and renovation of existing Aurora College facilities and the future polytechnic university's built form.

Feedback from participants throughout the engagement process was analysed, and insights, ideas and recommendations were summarised in our reporting.

For PlanIt North, it was an amazing opportunity to travel to new regions of the Northwest Territories, and engage with unique populations and interesting ideas.



STAY TUNED

PlanIt North's website is getting
a whole new look!

STRATEGIC PLANNING SUCCESS



PlanIt North's Brian Weadick led a strategic planning workshop with the Registered Nurses Association of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (RNANTNU) in October. RNANTNU's enthusiastic and experienced board and staff had a successful day discussing the future of the association.

Helping organizations define their visions, goals and actions for the future, through facilitation, is a strength and passion for PlanIt North.

Interested in strategic planning and facilitation services? Message Brian at brian@planitnorth.ca

PRE-APPRENTICE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS OF FORT GOOD HOPE

PlanIt North has been supporting the K'asho Got'Inę Housing Society (KGHS), located in Fort Good Hope, to offer pre-apprentice training programs to community residents, the programs started in 2022.

KGHS partnered with Aurora College to offer a three-month "Building Trades Helper" training program, running from September to November 2022. There are currently 4 students enrolled in the program. The students have built a shed as part of their coursework, and have learned basic carpentry, plumbing, and electrical skills as part of the program. After the program, KGHS will continue to support these students to reach their career goals within the construction trades industry.



Additionally, K'asho Got'Inę Housing Society supported 8 high school students to travel to Fort Smith for a week of trades training. Students got experience in aviation, carpentry, cooking, electrical, mechanics, and plumbing. Over 50 students from around the Northwest Territories attended. Two students from Fort Good Hope were the top students in their respective trades workshops.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan): The Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative (IODI) is a clean energy training and funding program that supports Indigenous-led climate solutions using diesel or fossil fuels for heat and power in remote Indigenous communities.

Apply to IODI for the opportunity to access the following:

- Up to \$1,525,000 in funding for community clean energy training, planning, and projects
- Participation in the 20/20 Catalysts program, run by Indigenous Clean Energy
- Unique opportunities for collaboration and peer-to-peer learning
- Support for your activities from expert mentors

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-plan/reduce-emissions/reducing-reliance-diesel/indigenous-off-diesel-initiative-cohort-2-2022-2023.html>

Due: November 30, 2022

EJ4Climate Grant Program:

provides funding to community-based organizations. It seeks to support environmental justice by facilitating the involvement and empowerment of communities searching for solutions and developing partnerships to address their environmental and human health vulnerabilities, including those due to climate change impacts.

<http://www.cec.org/ej4climate/>

Due: November 11, 2022

CMHC FGH HOMES FOR TENDER

PlanIt North, in collaboration with Fireside Project Management Inc., is supporting K'asho Got'İne Housing Society to project manage the manufacturing, delivery and installation of four modular units.

Once installed by 2023, the units will provide housing, including affordable rental, for up to 6 families.

The fourth unit, to be owned by Ne'Rahten Developments, will ultimately become market rental housing, but will be rented to the Housing Society as a women and children's shelter while the Society works towards a permanent solution.

The project is now out for tender, and tender documents can be found here.

<https://bids.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en/Tender/Detail/080c8347-4e6d-4ed5-8891-9a1b808eef67>

Congratulations to PlanIt North's alumni

Rabia Ahmed earned her Professional Planning Designation and is working for the City of Brampton in planning.

Tom Parker is working with the University of Toronto's International Office.

Amanda Blair recently designed and facilitated PlanIt North's new Supervisory Skills Course through Aurora College in Fort Smith.

Sanjana Sharma is working on a PHD thesis at the University of Toronto and continuing to contribute to PlanIt North projects.

*WOODSTOVES NOT AS PICTURED



VOTE YES FOR WOODSTOVES IN TULITA!

Please vote to bring some woodstoves to Tulita, NWT! The Fort Norman Métis Community is a finalist for the @FieldLaw Community Fund Program, and need your vote to win funding! **Click here to cast your vote:**

https://fieldlawcommunityfund.com/ideas/tulita-community-woodstove-program/?fbclid=IwAR0oYca4ipYe1_Y9eui40170UJ-UbJJcSM-kcN1oDdhYN_ris7GKFjWGBUg

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