

## NEWS in Brief

## Town hires head of protective services

The Town of Inuvik announced that Cynthia (Cyndy) Hammond will join the town as director of protective services as of May 28.

"Cyndy brings to our organization twenty plus years of experience in various capacities within the Ontario Fire Service including small rural volunteer departments in Northern Ontario to full time emergency services in the south including First Nations communities," stated a news release.

Hammond is currently the training officer for the Chippewas of Rama First Nation Fire Rescue Service in Rama, Ont.

She also worked with the Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario in training and program development for fire protection and prevention and has experience working with those who have survived brain injuries in administrative and programming roles.

In early February the Town of Inuvik announced Jim Sawkins, Inuvik's director of protective services since 2011, would no longer be with the town.

Grant Hood, the town's senior administrative officer, said he could not comment on the reason for Sawkins' departure because it was a "confidential and internal matter."

— Samantha McKay

*Inuvik*



**Cynthia Hammond**

## Coroner confirms found body is Junghwan Park

Officials have confirmed the body of a deceased male found near Hay River on Sunday April 22 is that of Junghwan (David) Park.

Park, who was living in Hay River and working at the Rooster, was reported missing by friends and co-workers, prompting a series of exhaustive searches from law enforcement and community volunteers alike.

A Hay River resident discovered his body in snow near the town. Hay River RCMP have not released any further information since the discovery of Park's body and won't speak on whether or not foul play is suspected as the investigation into his death is still open and ongoing.

— Brendan Burke

*Hay River*

## GNWT announces 2030 climate frameworks

The GNWT announced a number of frameworks aimed at tackling climate change by lowering the territory's greenhouse gas emissions last Tuesday.

The frameworks outline a plan to emissions to below 25 per cent of the 2005 levels. The government is looking to use a bilateral agreement worth 250-million dollars with Infrastructure Canada to fund a number of clean energy initiatives. While no projects are confirmed, the GNWT has outlined a number of projects they hope to begin construction on. Projects include a wind farm in Inuvik and expansion of power grids to connect the north and south slaves.

The GNWT hopes to announce the first round of approvals by the end of this year.

— Dylan Short

*NWT*

# Sights set on making policies

## Peter Greenland to join the ranks of Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship Program

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An Inuvik man has been accepted into the Gordon Foundation's Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship Program aimed at creating Northern policy makers.

Peter Greenland, 25, will join 14 other young professionals from across Northern Canada, including four others from the Northwest Territories.

"I was surprised at first," said Greenland, when asked about getting the news he was accepted. "There's a lot of people that have done great things with the fellowship and I didn't know if I would get in."

The fellowship aims to "bring together young Northerners, aged 25 to 35, who want to build a strong North that benefits Northerners" states its website. Melania Sheldon, program manager, with the fellowship, said that means fostering young policy makers — from the North — that want to improve the North.

"We want to see these young Northerners passionate about making change," said Sheldon. "They see something wrong with their community and they want to make a change."

Greenland said he has

already started that process in his own community.

"I would like to create more on the land opportunities, the times are changing, more people are spending more time inside," said Greenland.

While Greenland already has an idea of the types of changes he wants to create in the North, he still said he has a lot to learn in how to actually implement those changes.

### Network system of Northern leaders, elders

That is where the foundation will step in to provide Greenland with a 'pan-Northern' network system and guidance from Northern leaders, including former NWT premier Stephen Kakfwi, for the next two years.

"It's humbling yet empowering," said Greenland. "I'm looking toward creating a (Northern) network."

The fellowship has already met once in Whitehorse this past February to begin their networking not only between current members but with past members as well. Alumni from the Glassco program now include Northern mayors, elders and government officials, fulfilling a goal of the program.

"While it is not a requirement for them to stay in the



Alistair Maitland photo

**Peter Greenland, 25, will join 14 other young professionals from across Northern Canada, including four others from the Northwest Territories to take part in the Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship Program.**

North, we want to foster policy makers that are from the North and that stay in the North," said Sheldon.

Greenland said he fully intends on carrying on this tradition when his time in the fellowship has come to an end.

"I can remember being 11 years old and wanting to move back North," said Greenland, who's family moved to Ontario when he was 10, before switching between living in the territories and

Southern Canada. "My heart was always in the North."

The fellowship will next meet in Iqaluit from August 16 to 19. The fellowship will hold a number of meetings throughout the weekend in between different on the land gatherings.

Greenland will be joined on the fellowship by Heather Bourassa of Fort Good Hope as well as Don Couturier, Chloe Dragon Smith and Kristen Tanche of Fort Simpson.



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