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2019 Constituency Newsletter



Onwards and upwards

New town perks signal healthy, thriving community



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Spring 2019

The current session of the 18th Legislative will sit until June 6, 2019. The final session will take place Aug. 14 to 22, 2019.

Watch it live on Bell Expressvu (#513) or Shaw Direct (#489).

You can also catch it live on Facebook, Youtube and Twitter. For more details, visit: assembly.gov.nt.ca

Heading into what is sure to be another record season for tourism, I can't help but reflect on what we've accomplished to put Hay River back on the map.

When I started as MLA Hay River South in 2015, I knew it would take close work alongside our commu-

nity to help steer us towards a brighter future. I could not have predicted the level of success we've reached for both Hay River and the NWT as a whole.

A large part of that was thanks to you. The ideas, priorities and concerns you shared with myself and Myrtle

Graham have been critical to our success, especially in my dual role of MLA and Cabinet Minister.

Together, we have brought over \$1 billion in federal investments into the NWT, much of which will directly impact Hay River in terms of better roads,

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Election 2019

The territorial election will take place Oct. 1, 2019. We'd love to hear your thoughts on regional and territorial ideas/issues you would like to see in the next legislative assembly. Stay tuned for meet and greet opportunities.

Constituents Connected

Stay tuned for news and upcoming events to learn about initiatives that will impact our community. Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/WallySchumannMLAHayRiverSouth

Doing business with GNWT

The Dept. of Infrastructure, Procurement and Shared Services will hold a workshop for those who want to do business with GNWT. The Hay River workshop will be held June 5, 2019. To register, email: procurement_training@gov.nt.ca

Feds' budget promises local boosts

Last April, the Government of Canada earmarked serious cash for projects that will make life in the North more comfortable.

The feds committed about \$2.5 billion over 12 years across Canada's three territories. Projects likely to benefit Hay River most include :

- \$18 million over three years to expand the Taltson hydroelectric system, which



will help lower cost of living by eventually cutting energy costs.

- An added \$400 million over eight years towards the National

Trade Corridors to help build new roads and improve infrastructure to northern and Arctic communities.

Local education, career ops on the rise

With the end of another school year on the horizon, youth have more opportunities than ever to dream local.

New education, training and mentorship opportunities give youth a range of options this Fall.

A new \$25,000 scholarship is up for grabs by 18 to 30-year-olds who want careers in mining, thanks to the Mine Training Society.

Hay River's Marine Training Centre is attracting students



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from all over the territory looking to work on the water. The training program has already awarded certificates to more than 100 students.

There are also a ton

of GNWT mentorship programs geared for young entrepreneurs who want to grow the local tourism industry. Learn more about it here:

<https://bit.ly/2WbtsJv>

IN FOCUS

Spring is in bloom, and so is our community!

Hay River has a lot going on heading towards what will surely be another record year in tourism.



ABOVE: Local students learned about career opportunities in the mining industry.

BELOW: Christmas cards workshop at Hay River Supportive Living Service.



ABOVE: Constituents at the at Hay River South constituency meeting in March 2019.



ABOVE: CCG Dumit launched after a successful winter makeover; **RIGHT:** 2019 Legislative Assembly student pages: Shaelyn Mabbit and Jon Tatti.





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Hay River: stronger together than apart

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more affordable housing, new jobs and lower cost of living.

One of our goals was to grow a thriving business community, and a series of grants and investments helped empower residents and businesses to bring the best out of our town; we set new tourism records each year. The wave of thriving new businesses are a great sign of local economic growth.

We wanted to invest in the health of our residents, and got better facilities for long-term care. We've also taken huge strides to improve food security thanks to investment into local agriculture programs and a new 1600-square metre



fish plant that will help make clean, healthy and sustainable food more readily available.

Local arts, sports, and business communities will benefit from a new year-round pavilion at Fisherman's Wharf thanks to joint dollars from the Government of Canada, GNWT, and Town of Hay River.

Of course, not all news can be good news. The Hay River highrise fire

that forced more than a hundred families out of their homes was definitely a setback for many. But every challenge brings opportunity. I have never been prouder to represent Hay River than by working next to the many town leaders and volunteers who got together to help people when it mattered most.

It's hard to believe

the next election is this fall. It's been a true honour to serve Hay River. I'm proud of the ways we've not only made our town shine, but helped secure a brighter future for everyone.

I sincerely hope we can keep working together to help our town and the greater NWT reach even greater success for many years to come.