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TRANSPORTATION *In Motion*

“Change You Can Identify With”

Get ready for a new and improved driver's licence.

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the Department of Transportation and all North American jurisdictions have participated to develop new security standards with respect to driver's licences and identification cards.

The current NWT licence was developed 15 years ago and does not meet any of the current standards for document security. A new driver's licence and general identification card (GIC) that meet these standards were unveiled on April 7

and will be implemented across the NWT this summer.

"We are very excited to introduce this new initiative to the NWT," says Kevin McLeod, Acting Director, Road Licencing and Safety. "The new driver's licence and GIC will set a new standard for secure documents in North America."

The Department of Transportation has been working on the project since August 2005. The new cards have artwork that reflects the geography and wildlife of the NWT.

"The new cards are not at all comparable to the current ones," says Kelly Billan, project coordinator. "Northern residents will have a card to be proud of, a card they want to show off."

The Department of Transportation has contracted Canadian Bank Note Company Ltd. (CBN), a world leader in the field of secure identification systems, to produce the new cards.

As the new program is implemented, the department will allow all NWT residents to replace their current driver's licence regardless of the expiry date. Anyone wishing to obtain a new licence will only have to



Most of the DL - GIC Project Team, L-R: Jarret Jennings of CBN; Kelley Merilees-Keppel, RL&S; Kelly Billan, RL&S; Eric Baecker, Corp.Serv.; Karen Tomasta, TSC; Doug Krause, Corp.Serv.; Eleese Scott, RL&S; Mark Houlton, CBN; Kevin McLeod, RL&S; and Adrienne Cartwright, Public Affairs.



Jarret Jennings of CBN reviews new computer equipment with the North Slave issuing agents at the April 7 announcement, as regional Superintendent Michael Conway looks on.

pay the replacement fee that is currently in place. The department is also introducing the option of obtaining a licence for one, three or five years.

From the public's perspective, the most significant change, other than the new look and security features, is the process for obtaining a licence. In order to meet stricter identification requirements, an applicant will first be issued a Temporary Driver's Licence at the issuing office. The final document will be produced by CBN in Ottawa and mailed directly to the applicant. The full process is expected to take between two and four weeks, depending on the location of the applicant.

WORKING *Together*

Professional Development in YK

Finance Officers and Administrative Assistants from across DOT participated in an in-house professional development day on April 27 in Yellowknife. It was an opportunity for regional and headquarters staff to get together and discuss current and emerging finance related topics.

Topics discussed included internal controls and procedures, recent Audit Bureau reports and followup, contract regulations, the new email and electronic records guidelines, office safety and an introduction to modern management

practices. There was also a very lively presentation on workplace stress from Tony Simmonds of YK Health & Social Services.

"It went well," says Wayne Overbo, Manager of Finance & Systems with Airports division, who co-organized the day's events with Corporate Services. "There was a great turnout and the speakers and presentations were very good. We're already planning next year's conference."



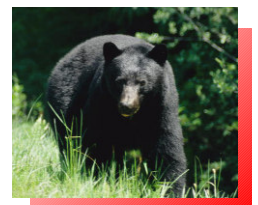
Attendees of the DOT Finance Officer and Administrative Assistant Professional Development day in Yellowknife

SAFETY *Tip*

Safety Tip is brought to you by Occupational Health & Safety

Bear Safety Before you venture out into the NWT wilderness to enjoy the warm weather and sunshine of spring, prepare yourself for a possible encounter with a hungry bear...

- Be alert at all times.
- Respect all bears - they can be dangerous.
- Never approach a bear for any reason. Photographs should be taken from a safe distance with a telephoto lens.
- Never feed bears or other wildlife.
- Have a plan of action for dealing with bears and be sure everyone understands it.
- If you are travelling with small children, make sure you know where they are at all times.



Find more information on Bear Safety at: www.enr.gov.nt.ca



DOT Takes the Lead on Saving Energy

The Department of Transportation is now a major player in a GNWT-wide initiative to reduce energy use and save money and the environment.

In fall 2005, the GNWT released its Energy Conservation Plan, with accompanying funding for energy reducing programs and initiatives. Since then, the department has adopted a number of energy saving projects.

"We are working with other GNWT departments to reduce energy," says Daniel Auger, Assistant Deputy Minister. "Our department is taking the lead on several energy-saving initiatives."

For example, results of a study on energy use in ferries was released in March 2006. The study, conducted

for the department by a naval architect, recommended replacing current engines in DOT's marine fleet with more energy efficient engines. Cost to replace the four engines in the MV Louis Cardinal, near Tsiigehtchic, is estimated at \$500,000 but would result in an estimated savings of \$100,000 per year.

The department is also purchasing auxiliary heaters for heavy equipment. These heaters will maintain temperature levels for operation while the vehicles are not being used, and will also keep the cabs warm during winter. Using auxiliary heat considerably cuts down engine idling time.

Another step has been the purchase of more energy efficient vehicles for



Bobby Sibbeston, Highway Maintenance Supervisor in Enterprise, got to test out the department's new Ford Ranger.

the department, which include a Ford Ranger compact pickup and a Chevrolet Hybrid truck. The department has also bought a Smart Car, which uses only 4.2L/100km. Ron Hamilton, Fleet Manager for Highways, has been overseeing these purchases.

"The hybrid Chev truck is to realize a saving of 10-15 percent," he says. "But the biggest savings will be the 37 percent reduction in emissions."

He also notes that moving to smaller vehicles makes sense for certain sections of the department.

"For the most part, our foremen, superintendents and engineers have been operating full-size trucks with a capacity for five to six people when, in fact, the use is only one to two and a compact truck would do."

In addition to energy saving purchases, the department will be initiating a Smart Driving program, and has produced a sticker intended to be placed in all GNWT vehicles that will remind drivers that they too can play an important role in reducing fuel consumption and emissions by the way they drive. T

Energy Efficiency

Our Goal, Your Role

- Save fuel by driving to a maximum of 90 km/h
- Accelerate slowly and anticipate stops
- Drive slowly at first to warm up the engine
- Drive safely to reduce risks and save energy
- Reduce idling, reduce pollution, reduce waste



Coming to a GNWT vehicle near you - this sticker was developed to promote energy saving practices and will be placed in all GNWT vehicles

CELEBRATING Us

There's a Curler in the House...

Gail Daniels of Corporate Services in YK competed at the Senior National Curling Championships in Winnipeg from March 24 to April 1. Her rink beat out teams from the NWT and Yukon, earning the right to represent the North at the national event.

This is the second year in a row that Gail's rink has represented the North at Senior Nationals. The team won four games and took the other four to exciting tenth ends.

"Overall, we felt we did better at this Nationals than last year," says Gail, "Our team had a great showing and we were very competitive."

The rink hopes to perform even better at next year's Nationals in Quebec. T



An airport employee orders lunch at Yellowknife Airport's Navigator Restaurant. Dennis and Vivian Squires have ended their restaurant contract with the YK Airport after serving the facility for a number of years. The Navigator restaurant is popular not only among travellers, but also with many city residents. DOT and the YK Airport send thanks and best wishes to Dennis and Vivian.



Upcoming Events in YK:

Mother's Day Draw
Five \$25 gift certificates for spas and clothing available to be won

June 16 - Father's Day Raffle and Barbeque
-Location TBA
-Prize is a barbeque

Every payday 50/50 Draw!



HUMAN RESOURCE Updates

Farewell

Highways, YK - Mark Tarkalam
Corporate Services YK - Pearl Chen
Airports YK - Ryan Fowler, Ed Woods

Welcome

Casual - (N. Slave) Ronda Landry
Highway Ops - (S. Slave) James Christie

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