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BUILDING *Winners*

"WELCOME TO YELLOWKNIFE!"

The next time you travel through the Yellowknife Airport, watch for the Arctic Ambassadors in their green vests and jackets. They are seniors and long-term northerners who are giving their time to share their local and cultural knowledge with visitors to the NWT. Volunteers will work in pairs for a couple of hours, greeting arriving passengers during busy periods.



For more information, please contact the NWT Seniors' Society at (867) 920-7444.

AVIATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT

In partnership with Canadian North, Discovery Air, Adlair Aviation, and the Northern Air Transport Association, the Department of Transportation offers a scholarship program for full-time post-secondary students pursuing an aviation-related career. Any training related to an aviation career such as flight attendant, aircraft maintenance engineer, pilot, or avionics technician is eligible for the \$5,000 scholarship. More information, as well as a list of Canadian schools offering aviation programs, is available by clicking on the Aviation tab on the DoT website at www.dot.gov.nt.ca.



Jason Cutten was a 2004 recipient of an ACDP scholarship. He is now the Operations & Security Assistant with the department's Airports division and a graduate of the Aviation Management Co-op Program at Georgian College in Barrie, Ont. Jason highly recommends a career in aviation. "There are opportunities in the North to gain experience and knowledge that you won't get anywhere else. Aviation is an integral part of the North, and there will always be a demand for skilled employees."

TLICHO CONSULTATIONS

To extend the length of the Tlicho winter roads season, DoT is considering possible routes for a new overland winter road alignment. The new alignment would be routed around water and wetlands, and would have the potential to be made into an all-weather road in the future. It is expected that construction and operation of a winter road over land would extend the winter road season from the current two to three month operating season to a three to four month season.



Consultations in the Tlicho communities provide the opportunity for the public to comment on the different routes and any environmental, social, cultural or economic concerns they may have. Consultations have occurred in Whati, Gameti, and Behchoko, and a consultation in Wekweeti and Yellowknife is planned for the end of April.

CO-OP PROGRAM

This past winter, the Department of Transportation hired two co-op students. In a co-op program, students take a semester of school, and work to gain valuable experience in their field.

Co-op students are expected to work under professionals in their field of study doing tasks that relate to what they are learning in school. During this time, the students foster and cultivate their professional social skills and apply learned classroom techniques in the real world.

The department provides employment to apprentices, interns, and co-op students to help them gain the experience they need to be successful in their chosen profession. For more information, check the Employment link on the DoT home page at www.dot.gov.nt.ca.

WIRELESS INTERNET IN INUVIK AIRPORT



Wireless internet service is now available at the Inuvik Mike Zubko Airport. The Inuvialuit Development Corporation (IDC) and Aklak Air are providing this service to the Air Terminal Building at no charge.

Inuvik Airport Manager Karen King is pleased this service is available at the airport for the traveling public. "This is a great example of a public/private partnership. Passengers with long waits in the terminal building will definitely appreciate this new service."

TRAVEL INFO

With the arrival of spring, it's time to slowly say good-bye to the winter roads. Before traveling this spring, check out our on-line Road Reports to check the surface conditions of the highways, and to see whether the highway is even open!



DRIVE ALIVE! Seat Belts

FACT: 63% of all those killed in vehicle collisions were not wearing their seat belt.

Seat belts protect everyone in the vehicle. Serious injuries often result when people are thrown into each other during a crash. Seat belts can help prevent this hazard. Even in a low-speed crash, people not wearing a seat belt hit the inside of the car with the force of many times their own weight.



Remember, we can all do more to reduce our risk of injury and death on the roads, trails, and waterways of the NWT.

Do you have any new and exciting stories?

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