

NACC Fall 2024 Newsletter



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Welcome to NACC's Fall Newsletter 2024. NACC will be sharing a e-newsletter quarterly with NACC Members and partners. We will encourage community councils to print and share hard copies to those with limited access to internet. Included in the newsletter will be organizational updates, regional updates, message from NACC President, message from the Executive Director, funding opportunities, celebrations, and bits of this and that. We encourage communities to contribute to the newsletter by sharing milestones, photographs, and upcoming activities so that surrounding communities can join in, take away ideas and learn from best practices. Cutoff for contributing to the newsletter will be 2 weeks prior to the quarter starting and we will do our best to deliver within the first month of each quarter. For example: January – March, cut off would be middle of December, April – June, cut off would be middle of March.

Message from the President

Dear Mayors and Councillors,

On behalf of the Northern Association of Community Councils, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you on your recent election victories. Your commitment to public service and community leadership is truly commendable.

Historically, we have waited for councils to reach out and invite us to your meetings. We would love to change that dynamic and actively participate in your council meetings. A quick email with the date and time would be greatly appreciated, as we are eager to engage with you and contribute to our shared goals.

I have personally had a couple of busy months, meeting with various Ministers and compiling data on the common issues we all face. This work has helped us understand how we can act as your advocates to accomplish our shared resolutions and goals.

Message from the President (continued)

I will be heading up the changes requested in our policy and procedure modernization, along with an update to our bylaws. I look forward to working closely with our Executive Director and a representative from each region to ensure the process remains fair and transparent. My goal is to have these ready for review by the membership at our 2025 AGM.

We also have many new plans in place to focus on collaboration in the upcoming year. We will be holding an open house call for each region, tentatively planning meetings in Dauphin, Thompson, and South Beach. All councils will be invited to come together in their region, ensuring we don't wait an entire year before we have the opportunity to collaborate and discuss regional issues.

Please note that we are limited in funding and would appreciate your councils covering transportation and any costs for your representatives to attend.

Once again, congratulations! We look forward to working together and fostering strong partnerships in the coming term.

Warm regards,

Sheryl Matheson
President

From the Desk of the Executive Director

I thought this newsletter would be a great opportunity for me to share a little about myself. First and foremost, I want to let you know that I am honored to have been invited to be part of Northern Association of Community Councils. I have dedicated my entire career to community organizations in the non-for-profit sector. The past 28 years were with a national health charity where my scope of responsibility extended throughout western Canada. I have always remained true to who I am ... my work has never been about the paycheck but rather about improving the quality of life for others. In December of 2023, I decided it was time for a change... What exactly that meant, I wasn't sure... retirement, Government, or Walmart Greeter, however I recognized I needed a change. In September of 2024, I agreed to the role of Executive Director for NACC.

My background includes program development and delivery, community and volunteer engagement, strategic planning, fundraising and advocacy. I am no stranger to lobbying government as I had the privilege of sitting on a National Advocacy Board for 8 years and lobbying on parliament hill. I will never lead you to believe that I know everything because I don't. I will give this organization 110%. I will do my best to provide the leadership the organization needs to accomplish the work that needs to get done. And last but not least, I will listen to what you have to say and do my best to get you the answers you are looking for.

I look forward to hearing from you and learning about your communities. Please reach out.

Warmest regards,

Andrea Kwasnicki
Executive Director



NACC 52nd AGM and Tradeshow

Thank you for everyone who have attended the NACC 52nd Annual General Meeting and Tradeshow "Embracing Change to Enhance Our Communities". Together, through fruitful engagement, we can collectively impact community growth, safety, quality of life and positively influence the change we want to see take place.

This year we were honoured to have Premier Wab Kinew bring greetings on behalf of the province of Manitoba on opening day. We were also privileged to have the Honourable Anita Neville, Lieutenant Governor for Manitoba available to present and recognize a handful of Community Champions as identified by their communities.



Ken Spence - Councillor, Spence Lake
Ken has been a councillor for 33 years. Ken serves his community with pride. He is always willing to help his fellow councillors, residents and offer his knowledge of the history of the area.



Darlene Beck - CAO, Cross Lake
Darlene has been serving the community as Community Administrative Officer of Cross Lake for 50 years.



John Taylor - Water Operator, Waterhen (Award received by Community member on behalf of John)
John has been with council on a part-time basis for over 20 years. He covers every holiday at the water operating plant. Council is completely confident in him handling the plant with no issue.



Kevin Mowat - Councillor/ Mayor, Matheson Island
Kevin goes above and beyond in all areas. He is always available to offer assistance whenever it is needed. Kevin is friendly, cheerful and has earned the respect of all of council and employees



Carl Sabiston - Mayor, Spence Lake
Carl has been on council for over 20 years, with the past 16 years as Mayor. Being a long-time resident, Carl's knowledge of the area has been a great help in problems that might arise. Carl always demonstrates professionalism in council meetings. He is willing to help new council members with his knowledge.

Doug Parker - Public Works Operator, Dawson Bay
Doug is the public works operator maintaining township since 1984.



Recipes from NACC Cookbook

Wild Goose from Bev Trumbula
Servings: 2+ Prep time: 15 min Cook time: varies

- INGREDIENTS**
- 2 cups chicken broth
 - 1 goose, plucked salt & pepper, to taste
 - 2 apples, slices
 - 1 onion, sliced
 - 2 stalks celery, chopped
 - bacon drippings or margarine
 - 4 bacon slices



- DIRECTIONS**
1. Rub inside of goose with salt & pepper as best you can.
 2. Loosely put the sliced onions, apples and celery inside the goose. Brush bacon drippings or margarine lightly over entire body.
 3. Place bacon slices on breast. Cover bird in aluminum foil and roast in a covered pan, adding the broth.
 4. Baste frequently. Roast in oven at 325 °F for 15 minutes *per pound* of bird's weight, or until tender.
 5. Remove stuffing and serve (onions, apples, celery).



JON AND JAKE WARKENTIN OF WATERHEN, MB

Acknowledging that food is at the centre of culture and community, NACC supports locally grown foods, traditional harvests, and food-centered teachings through the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative (NHFI). To honour the meals that have been lovingly crafted and passed on to family and friends, NACC is proud to present the 'Come to Our Table' Cookbook.

The NACC 'Come to Our Table' Cookbook has launched a limited edition of 100 copies at this year's NACC AGM, for \$15.00.

Stay tuned to the NACC web site and NACC/NHFI Facebook social media to secure your copy.



Nadine Tonn
NHFI Program Coordinator

NACC Board of Directors Update

Wanda Mowat, Secretary / Treasurer of Eastern Region has resigned in October 2024.

Wanda has been an active member on the NACC Board for 6 years. Thank you for your years of service.



Looking ahead NACC 53rd AGM & Tradeshow



Evaluation and Surveys

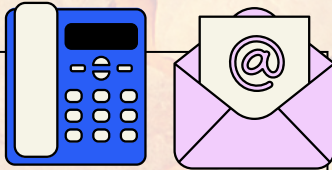
Firstly, thank you to the communities responded as to the survey. The feedback shared speaks directly to your desire and views on NACC next AGM.

Over 80% of feedbacks received wanted the AGM be held in August.

We reached out to different potential venues in Winnipeg this year. After considering the prices and that over 50% of feedbacks wanted to stay in Canad Inns Polo Park, the 53rd NACC Annual General Conference and Tradeshow will be held at Canad Inns Polo Park from August 12-14th, 2025



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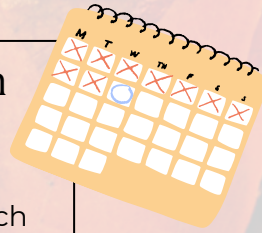


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Let's meet in your region



Tentative schedule:
 Eastern: Jan 10, 2025 - South Beach
 Northern: Feb 14, 2025 - Thompson
 Western: Mar 14, 2025 - Dauphin

Resource for new council members
 Find out more on your role, and other related information by visiting the Government of Manitoba Department of Municipal and Northern Relations website:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/northern/community-docs.html>

Thank you for reading!

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