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Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**The Government of the Northwest Territories' response to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's request for information for the Environmental Assessment of the Pine Point Mine Project (EA2021-01)**

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) appreciates the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (the Review Board) request for baseline information regarding the status and capacity of community services and infrastructure in communities potentially affected by the Pine Point Mine Project. This response has been developed in alignment with Appendix C20 of the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment of the Project (EA2021-01).

As noted in the Terms of Reference, it is the developer's responsibility to meaningfully assess potential project impacts on community infrastructure and services. However, much of the baseline information requested on these systems is held by GNWT departments. In support of the Review Board's assessment process and the developer's socio-economic impact assessment, the GNWT has compiled the information on the communities of Hay River, Kát'odeeche First Nation Reserve, Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, and Enterprise in the attached *Table 1-The status of existing services and infrastructure in potentially affected communities*.

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Please note the following key points regarding this submission:

- Information is organized by service category with all five communities listed within each category.
- Capacity assessments are based on currently available data. Where quantitative measures are not available, a narrative context is provided. For some health care services, capacity fluctuates significantly over time and is highly dependent on the availability of health professionals.
- Some services, such as shelters or specialized care, are delivered regionally rather than locally; this is indicated in the table.
- Certain information, particularly infrastructure capacity data held by third-party utilities or community governments, is included at a high level only and may require further engagement with those entities.
- Private services are not within the scope of this submission. Therefore, information such as capacity and services in relation to hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, day cares, day homes, tour guide services, fitness centers, sport academies/clubs etc. is not included.

The GNWT appreciates the opportunity to provide this baseline information to support EA2021-01 and remains available to clarify, supplement, or update this submission as needed. Should the Review Board or other parties have any questions about the GNWT's submission, please contact Nancy Njerere, Project Assessment Analyst, by email at Nancy\_Njerere@gov.nt.ca or by phone at 867-767-9180 (ext. 53040) or Alison Heslep, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, by email at Alison\_Heslep@gov.nt.ca or by phone at 867-767-9180 (ext. 24021).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Table 1 - The status of existing services and infrastructure in potentially affected communities

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<b>Medical &amp; Health Services</b> These services fall under the mandate of the GNWT Department of Health and Social Services (GNWT-HSS).		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Status / Description</b>	<b>Capacity Assessment</b>
ALL	<p><b><u>Mental Health and Addictions Supports:</u></b>  <b><i>Facility-Based Addiction Treatment (FBAT) and Out of Territories Specialized Treatment for Children, Youth and Families</i></b>                      Facility-Based Addiction Treatment is a free specialized addiction care delivered outside the territory by contracted providers for adults. In addition to FBAT, Child and Family Services (CFS) provides a range of specialized services to meet the diverse needs of children, youth, and families. The Out-of-Territories Specialized Services provides support for children, youth, and families whose needs go beyond the capacity of Northwest Territories (NWT) programs and services. The CFS system holds specialized services contracts for Individualized/Group Treatment for children/youth, with service providers located in British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.</p> <p><b><i>eMental Health Resources</i></b>                      HSS offers a suite of electronic resources through the HSS website that provide mental health support to residents of the NWT from the comfort of their own homes, at times that are convenient for them. See the following- <a href="https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/mental-wellness-and-addictions-recovery/online-supports">https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/mental-wellness-and-addictions-recovery/online-supports</a></p> <p><b><i>Help Lines</i></b>                      The 24-hour daily 811 Health Helpline is a free, confidential service that connects callers with a registered nurse to get health-related guidance and information on available resources specific to various current health situations. The 24-hour daily Kid’s Helpline (1-800-668-6868) is also available to young persons in need of someone to talk to.</p> <p><b><i>Electronic Resources</i></b>                      There are several electronic resources to raise awareness about drugs and addiction in the NWT through GNWT-HSS. See this link- <a href="https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/drugs-nwt">https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/drugs-nwt</a></p> <p><b><i>Capacity Building/Training</i></b>                      The GNWT conducts territorial overdose prevention training, which includes harm reduction messaging, Naloxone training, and introductions to the fentanyl test strips that can be used to test for the presence of fentanyl in unregulated drugs.</p> <p><b><u>Sexually transmitted Infections (STI) treatment, prevention, and Testing:</u></b>  <b><i>Condom Dispensers</i></b></p>	<p>FBAT and Out-of-Territories Treatment (for children, youth and families) capacity is dependent on out-of-province treatment center capacities. However, where a need is identified, GNWT facilitates access to treatment.</p> <p>Other services identified have the capacity for additional clients.</p>

	<p>Residents have access to free condoms through condom dispensers, which GNWT refills regularly.</p> <p><b>HPV Posters/Postcards</b> As part of a territorial initiative, when requested by communities, the GNWT provides information through postcards and posters to encourage uptake of the HPV vaccine.</p> <p><b>Capacity Building/Training</b> GNWT-HSS offers capacity building for community professionals to support point-of-care syphilis testing.</p>	
Hay River	<p><b>Health Facilities:</b> <b>Hay River Regional Health Center</b> Residents and surrounding communities have access to primary and acute care services and diagnostic services through the Hay River Regional Health Center. Acute Care Services provided include midwifery, ambulatory care, and emergency.</p> <p>There is a 24-hour daily Emergency department and an outpatient (walk-in) extension that runs on business days. The Emergency Room (ER) and the walk-in extension are staffed by 1 Nurse each, with support from the Acute Care team for the ER and either a Nurse Practitioner (NP) or a Physician for the walk-in extension. Service provision depends on health professionals' availability; sometimes the department has had to operate without a Physician or NP in town, relying completely upon the Registered Nurses (RNs) with Virtual Physician support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inpatient care,</b> The inpatient department is staffed with 2 RNs and a Health Care Aide and has 12 beds. The occupancy rate varies daily with client needs, and system-wide Continuing Care and Tertiary care capacity pressures.</li> <li>• <b>Dialysis,</b> This department also runs a Renal Insufficiency clinic with support from a Nephrologist in Alberta for clients with renal disease.</li> </ul> <p>Diagnostic Services provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Laboratory services, X-Ray; Sonography, and Mammography.</b> Laboratory emergency services and X-Ray emergency services are available 24/7, with routine services, Mammography, and Sonography available on business days.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hay River Medical Clinic</b> Residents and surrounding communities have access to primary healthcare through the Medical Clinic, situated in the Regional Health Centre. The operation of the Medical Clinic relies on the variable availability of medical professionals, including visiting locums and remote practitioners.</p>	<p>As of March 31, 2025, the Mental Health and Addictions Supports, Health Facilities, and the STI treatment, prevention, and testing programs and facilities were not at capacity. However, the variable availability of health professionals affects access to services.</p> <p>As of March 31, 2025, the staffing vacancy rate for the HRHSSA was 20%. This rate fluctuates considerably year over year, due to high staff turnover rates in the system. This rate is almost double the territorial vacancy rate (for all three Health and Social Services Authorities) of 11.7% as of March 31, 2025.</p>

	<p><b>Speciality Clinic</b> Visiting Specialists from Yellowknife provide scheduled specialist services through the Speciality Clinic.</p> <p><b><u>Mental Health and Addictions Supports:</u></b> <b>Community Counselling Program (CCP)</b> The Hay River Health and Social Services Authority (HRHSSA)'s Community Counselling Services (CCS) provides outpatient counselling for individuals, families, groups, couples, and children aged six and above, inpatient counselling at the Regional Health Center, and addictions counselling, awareness, and prevention services. Other services provided include treatment referrals, crisis prevention, case management, and psycho-educational programs and workshops. Community counsellors provide scheduled and same-day in-person services.</p> <p><b>HRHSSA Addictions Medicine Clinic:</b> This is a biweekly clinic specializing in addiction medicine.</p> <p><b><u>STI treatment, prevention, and testing:</u></b> <b>Health Boxes:</b> The GNWT has installed interactive vending machines in the Hay River Community Centre that offer free resources and information with no ID or appointment required. The machines provide HIV self-test kits, pregnancy tests, condoms, naloxone, drug testing kits, and other health and wellness resources, such as vital health information and a service directory to help people connect with local health care support services.</p>	
Kát'odeeche First Nation Reserve	<p><b><u>Health Facilities:</u></b> <b>The Anne Buggins Wellness Centre</b> The Wellness Center offers a range of diagnostic, restorative, rehabilitative, and palliative care services. Community healthcare, home care, and wellness workers also operate out of the facility. The facility provides evening and weekend on-call coverage for emergency nursing care for the residents of the Hay River Reserve. For emergency treatment that cannot be managed locally, residents access services in Hay River.</p> <p><b><u>Mental Health and Addictions Supports:</u></b> <b>Community Counselling Program (CCP)</b> Services are available virtually by a Fort Providence counsellor. In-person monthly visits are available; otherwise, residents can access in-person services in Hay River.</p> <p><b><u>STI Treatment, Prevention, and Testing:</u></b> All services provided are at a territorial/regional scale and are discussed for all communities</p>	The community mainly relies on services in Hay River and those available through territorial/regional programs.
Fort Resolution	<p><b><u>Health Facilities</u></b> <b>Community Health Centre</b></p>	The community mainly relies on services in Hay River and those

	<p>The Fort Resolutions Health Centre provides the following services: emergency, acute, diagnostic, after-hours emergency, addictions referrals, on-call coverage, business-day clinic appointments, continuing care, including palliative care, and referral to home support services. The Health Center is usually manned by a nurse practitioner, a community health nurse, a Community Health Representative, and a clerk interpreter.</p> <p><b>Public health programs</b> Residents have access to TB surveillance, Well Woman, Well Man, Well Child, immunization, chronic illness, pre- and postnatal, sexual health, child developmental screening, and assessment.</p> <p><b>Visiting specialist services</b> Residents have access to bi-weekly physician visits, the eye care services, the dental services, a community dietitian, the diabetes education program, the physiotherapist, and the occupational therapist.</p> <p><b><u>Mental Health and Addictions Supports:</u></b> <b>Community Counselling</b> Residents have access to in-person counselling services bi-weekly, through professionals from Yellowknife. Virtual counselling is also available when professionals are not available for in-person services.</p> <p><b><u>STI Treatment, Prevention, and Testing:</u></b> All services provided are at a territorial/regional scale and are discussed for all communities</p>	<p>available through territorial/regional programs</p>
Fort Smith	<p><b><u>Health Facilities</u></b> <b>The Fort Smith Health Centre</b> The Fort Smith Region of the NTHSSA operates the Fort Smith Health Centre. The Health Centre has acute care beds, public health services, laboratory and diagnostic imaging services, and clinic examination rooms, and also supports a midwifery program. Acute cases are stabilized at the Health Centre and medevac'd to Stanton Territorial Hospital in Yellowknife or directly to Edmonton, depending on the emergency.</p> <p><b>Fort Smith Public Health</b> Fort Smith Public Health, located within the Fort Smith Health Centre, promotes health and education and prevents the spread of communicable diseases across the region. Services provided include walk-in Immunization Clinics, Well-Child Clinics, and STI screening.</p> <p><b><u>Mental Health and Addictions Supports:</u></b> <b>Community Counselling Program (CCP)</b> Fort Smith's Community Counselling Services (CCS) provides outpatient counselling for individuals, families, groups, couples, and children from the age of six, inpatient counselling at the Health Center, and addictions counselling, awareness and prevention.</p>	<p>As on March 31, 2025, the staffing vacancy rate for the Fort Smith Region was 21.7%, almost double the territorial vacancy rate (for all three Health and Social Services Authorities) (11.7%).</p>

	<p>The Mental Health Counsellors and Community Wellness Workers provide clinical counselling for all community members across a wide range of therapeutic modalities, addressing a variety of mental health issues. They also facilitate community programming/training on topics such as suicide intervention, stress management, grief, trauma, and addiction recovery. Support with applications for a variety of residential treatment programs is also provided.</p> <p><b><u>STI Treatment, Prevention, and Testing:</u></b> All services provided are at a territorial/regional scale and are discussed for all communities</p>	
Enterprise	<p><b><u>Health Facilities:</u></b> There is no dedicated Health Facility in the Hamlet; support is available through the HRHSSA services, and residents typically access services through nearby communities, especially Hay River or Yellowknife (depending on the health condition)</p> <p><b><u>Mental Health and Addictions Supports:</u></b> <b><i>Community Counselling Program:</i></b> Services are provided virtually by Hay River community counsellors. Some residents go to Hay River for in-person services.</p> <p><b><u>STI treatment, prevention, and Testing:</u></b> All services provided are at a territorial/regional scale and are discussed for all communities.</p>	All services are either through territorial/regional programs or through facilities, services, and programs in Hay River.

<b>Schools, Education &amp; Day Care</b>		
These services fall under the mandate of the GNWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment (GNWT-ECE).		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Status / Description</b>	<b>Capacity Assessment</b>
ALL	<p><b><u>Daycare</u></b> The GNWT does not own or operate licensed early learning and childcare facilities and does not track the type of information being requested.</p> <p><b><u>Community Learning Centres</u></b> As of June 30, 2025, there are no communities with operating community learning centres. The centres offered assistance in achieving employment, education, and personal goals. <a href="https://www.auroracollege.nt.ca/community-learning-centres/">https://www.auroracollege.nt.ca/community-learning-centres/</a></p>	Not applicable
Hay River	<p><b><u>Schools and Education</u></b> Hay River has four schools: Diamond Jenness Secondary School, Harry Camsell School, Ecole Boreale, and Princess Alexandra School. They are either below or at 50% utilization, so they are likely able to support additional students and provide resources.</p>	Schools are under capacity; they can absorb additional students.

Kát'odeeche First Nation Reserve	<b><u>Schools and Education</u></b> The Chief Sunrise Education Centre is the only school in the community. It has a capacity of 110 students and is currently at 102% utilization.	The school is over capacity; further enrolment would strain resources.
Fort Resolution	<b><u>Schools and Education</u></b> The Deninu School has a capacity of 230 and is 40% utilized. The school can likely support an influx of students without many repercussions.	The school is below capacity and can absorb more students.
Fort Smith	<b><u>Schools and Education</u></b> The community has two schools: Joseph Burr Tyrell Elementary School, with 55% utilization, and Paul W. Kaeser High School, with 78% utilization.  Aurora College has one campus in Fort Smith that has availability for additional students.	The high school is nearing capacity; however, the elementary school and the college can absorb more students.
Enterprise	<b><u>Schools and Education</u></b> No data is available as there are no schools, daycares, or other educational facilities in the community. Currently, students who are residents of Enterprise are either home-schooled or bus to Hay River for schooling.	Not applicable

<b>Wellness Centres, Shelters &amp; Victim Services</b>		
These services fall under the mandate of the GNWT-HSS and the Department of Justice (GNWT-JUS)		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Status / Description</b>	<b>Capacity Assessment</b>
ALL	<p><b><u>Victim Services:</u></b> The GNWT-HSS does not operate victim services programs; it supports the broader network of care for victims—especially in areas such as mental health and trauma counseling, Family violence prevention, Emergency shelter referrals, and child and family services.</p> <p>The GNWT-JUS directly supports and funds Victim Services in communities. Victim Services are available in all communities, including those without a local Victim Services program, through Community Justice referrals. Enterprise, Fort Resolution, Hay River, and K'at'odeeche First Nation are served through Hay River Victim Services. Fort Smith is served through Fort Smith Victim Services.</p> <p><b><u>Funding for Community Wellness-related Services.</u></b> Funding pools include the Healthy Choices Fund, the Community Suicide Prevention Fund, and the Community Wellness and Addictions Recovery Fund. Access to funding is contingent upon the successful evaluation of submitted applications.</p>	<p>No information is readily available on the pressures on funding for community services.</p> <p>No information is readily available to assess the capacity of victim services.</p>
Hay River	<p><b><u>Women's Shelter</u></b> <b><i>The Family Support Center</i></b> Provides telephone support and in-person emergency shelter services to women who are experiencing family violence from anywhere in the region. The shelter also offers drop-in services for women who do not want to stay overnight. The Shelter's bed occupancy rate is 75% between 2023/24 and 2024/25</p>	<p>The bed occupancy rate for the Family Support Shelter is nearing capacity. Although the occupancy rate for the Emergency Shelter has</p>

	<p><b><u>Emergency Shelter</u></b>  <b><i>The Hay River Emergency Shelter</i></b>  The 15-bed shelter offers a safe haven, providing overnight accommodations, warm meals, and critical resources for individuals experiencing homelessness. The shelter operates 24 hours a day during the winter months and offers reduced hours in the summer. The Emergency shelter bed occupancy rate in the 2024/25 fiscal year was 40%.</p>	increased over the past six fiscal years, the shelter is not at capacity and still has room for more demand.
Kátł'odeeche First Nation Reserve	<p><b><u>Women's Shelter</u></b>  There is no women's shelter on the reserve, but the Hay River Family Support Center provides telephone support and in-person emergency shelter services to women from anywhere in the region (including those from the Kátł'odeeche First Nation Reserve) who are experiencing family violence. Residents have access to drop-in services for women who do not want to stay overnight in Hay River.</p>	Not applicable –
Fort Resolution	<p><b><u>Women's Shelter</u></b>  Fort Resolution does not currently have a dedicated women's shelter or transition housing. However, women experiencing violence or in need of safe housing can still access support through the <a href="#">NWT Family Violence Shelter Network</a>, which ensures services are available even in communities without a physical shelter.</p>	Not applicable
Fort Smith	<p><b><u>Women's Shelter</u></b>  <b><i>YWCA Sutherland House Domestic Violence Shelter</i></b>  A 12-bed vital women's shelter offering safety and support for women and children fleeing violence. Services offered include safe and anonymous shelter, emotional support and advocacy, safety planning and crisis intervention, weekly in-house groups on family violence awareness and life skills, and referrals to legal, health, and social services. This shelter is part of the broader <a href="#">NWT Family Violence Shelter Network</a>, which ensures services are available even in communities without a physical shelter</p> <p>The bed occupancy rate fluctuates from year to year. In 2024/25, the occupancy rate was 17%, down from 33% in 2023/2024. The average occupancy rate was 24.5% between 2019/20 and 2022/23.</p>	The shelter has the capacity to absorb more clients.
Enterprise	<p><b><u>Women's Shelter</u></b>  Enterprise does not have a dedicated family violence shelter within the community itself. However, women experiencing violence or in need of safe housing can still access support through the <a href="#">NWT Family Violence Shelter Network</a>, which ensures services are available even in communities without a physical shelter. The Family Support Centre in Hay River is the closest residential shelter offering safe housing, crisis intervention, and emotional support.</p>	Not applicable – no shelter, residents rely on Regional and Territorial services, facilities, and programs, with access to in-person services in Hay River

**Elder Care and Services**

These services fall under the mandate of the GNWT-HSS

Community	Status / Description	Capacity Assessment
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Hay River	<p><b><u>Elder Care</u></b> The Woodland Manor provides long-term care for the elderly, convalescent, and dementia patients in Hay River and surrounding communities. The facility provides support to people who can no longer live independently and who require on-site nursing care. The 15-bed long term care facility has a Supportive Living Campus, a Territorial campus providing 11 permanent residences, and a Supportive Living campus comprised of 3 residential homes and a Day Program building.</p>	The median wait time in fiscal year 2023/24 was 76 days.
Kát'odeeche First Nation Reserve	<p><b><u>Elder Care</u></b> There is no long-term care facility on the Kát'odeeche First Nation Reserve. However, the Anne Buggins Wellness Centre provides outpatient services to the elderly and persons with disabilities. Community healthcare, home care, and wellness workers operate out of the Anne Buggins Wellness Centre.</p>	No dedicated long-term elder care facility. Residents requiring specific care are accommodated in facilities in other parts of the NWT, depending on their specific needs and availability of space.
Fort Resolution	<p><b><u>Elder Care</u></b> Fort Resolution does not have a dedicated long-term care facility for elders. If an elder in Fort Resolution requires 24-hour supervision or nursing care, they may be referred to one of the nine long-term care facilities across the NWT. The community offers home and community care services through the Fort Resolution Health and Social Services Centre, which supports seniors with a range of in-home and outreach services at the "Our Great Elders Community and Home Care Centre." Services provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home nursing care services</li> <li>• Home support – personal care, activities of daily living, meal planning</li> <li>• Foot care</li> <li>• Elders lunch program</li> <li>• Meals on Wheels</li> <li>• Assessments and referrals to Long-Term Care</li> </ul>	No dedicated long-term elder care facility. Residents requiring specific care are accommodated in facilities in other parts of the NWT, depending on their specific needs and availability of space.
Fort Smith	<p><b><u>Elder Care</u></b> The Northern Lights Special Care Home is a 28-bed facility that offers assisted living options. The center has nurses and specialized aides, with weekly doctor visits for residents. Home Care Services by the Fort Smith Health Region include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing care provided in patients' homes</li> <li>• Support for chronic conditions, wound care, and medication management.</li> <li>• Transportation to and from the health center for eligible clients</li> </ul> <p>In 2023-24, the median wait time was 43 days. The wait times at Northern Lights are shorter compared favourably to the territorial median wait time of 76 days in 2023-24.</p>	The facility is not at capacity.
Enterprise	<p><b><u>Elder Care</u></b> Enterprise does not have its own dedicated home care or long-term care facility. Residents from Enterprise access</p>	No dedicated long-term elder care facility. Residents access

<p>services in Hay River. Visits from Home Care require a referral, and once enrolled in the Home Care program, the client would receive all of the services available in the program, including wound care, bathing, foot care, etc., done by the Home Care worker, who would visit them in Enterprise if needed based on their care needs.</p>	<p>care outside the community, mainly in Hay River.</p>
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<b>Utilities (Water, Power, Internet, Cellular), Water and Sewer Infrastructure, and Solid Waste Services</b>		
These services fall under the mandates of the GNWT Departments of Infrastructure (GNWT-INF) and the Municipal and Community Affairs (GNWT-MACA)		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Status / Description</b>	<b>Capacity Assessment</b>
All	<p><b><u>Water</u></b> GNWT does not manage water infrastructure within communities.</p> <p><b><u>Power</u></b> Hay River, Kát’odeeche First Nation Reserve, Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, and Enterprise are connected to the Taltson Hydro Grid. Several backup diesel generators are also located in the communities of Hay River, Fort Resolution, and Fort Smith (~7MW of total capacity).</p> <p>The Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC), a crown utility, owns the ~21MW hydro facility and diesel backup plants, along with approximately 200km of transmission line and local distribution lines in Hay River, Fort Resolution, and Fort Smith. Naka Power, a privately owned utility that is a joint partnership between ATCO Ltd. and Denendeh Investments Inc., owns 265km of the distribution lines, servicing the communities of Kát’odeeche First Nation Reserve and Enterprise.</p> <p>The GNWT does not have current baseline information on electricity infrastructure in the NWT.</p> <p><b><u>Internet and Cellular Services</u></b> GNWT does not manage Internet or Cellular Services in communities.</p>	<p>Tracking the status, health, or capacity of these infrastructure and services is the responsibility of the respective utility provider.</p>
Hay River	<p><b><u>Water and sewer infrastructure</u></b> The Town of Hay River manages and operates water and wastewater services. Project-related access to municipal facilities requires pre-authorization and agreement by the Community Government (CG). GNWT- MACA provides support in service areas to the CG.</p> <p><b><u>Solid waste services</u></b> The Town of Hay River manages and operates solid waste services. The Town is in the process of planning/building a new facility to address capacity concerns. Project-related access to municipal facilities requires pre-authorization and agreement with CG. MACA provides support in both service areas to the CG.</p>	<p>GNWT does not have data on capacity for the facilities, as they are run by the Town of Hay River.</p>
Kát’odeeche First Nation Reserve	<p><b><u>Water and sewer infrastructure</u></b> The Kát’odeeche First Nation delivers water services but accesses water from the Town of Hay River. GNWT- MACA provides support in the service area to the CG.</p>	<p>GNWT does not have data on capacity for the facilities, as they are run by the Town of Hay</p>

	<p><b><u>Solid waste services.</u></b> The Kát'odeeche First Nation does not have a solid waste facility and uses the Town of Hay River landfill. GNWT-MACA provides support in the service area to the CG.</p>	River and the Reserve.
Fort Resolution	<p><b><u>Water and sewer infrastructure</u></b> The Hamlet of Fort Resolution manages and operates water and wastewater services. Project-related access to municipal facilities requires pre-authorization and agreement with CG. GNWT-MACA provides support in the service area to the CG.</p> <p><b><u>Solid waste services</u></b> The Hamlet of Fort Resolution manages and operates solid waste services. Project-related access to municipal facilities requires pre-authorization and agreement with CG. GNWT-MACA provides support in the service area to the CG.</p>	GNWT does not have data on capacity for the facilities, as they are run by the Hamlet.
Fort Smith	<p><b><u>Water and sewer infrastructure</u></b> The Town of Fort Smith manages and operates water and wastewater services. Project-related access to municipal facilities requires pre-authorization and agreement with CG. GNWT-MACA provides support in the service area to the CG.</p> <p><b><u>Solid waste services</u></b> The Town of Fort Smith manages and operates solid waste services. Project-related access to municipal facilities requires pre-authorization and agreement with CG. GNWT-MACA provides support in the service area to the CG.</p>	GNWT does not have data on capacity for the facilities, as they are run by the Town of Fort Smith.
Enterprise	<p><b><u>Water and sewer infrastructure</u></b> The Hamlet of Enterprise accesses water from the Town of Hay River and manages and operates wastewater services. Project-related access to municipal facilities requires pre-authorization and agreement with CG. GNWT-MACA provides support in the service area to the CG.</p> <p><b><u>Solid waste services</u></b> The Hamlet of Enterprise manages and operates solid waste services. Project-related access to municipal facilities requires pre-authorization and agreement with CG. GNWT-MACA provides support in the service area to the CG.</p>	GNWT does not have data on capacity for the facilities, as they are run by the Town of Hay River and the Hamlet.

**Accommodation & Lodging, including Housing**

These services fall under the mandates of the GNWT Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (GNWT-ITI) and Housing NWT

<b>Community</b>	<b>Status / Description</b>	<b>Capacity Assessment</b>
All	<p><b><u>Accommodation and Lodging</u></b> GNWT-ITI operates campgrounds in and/or near the potentially affected communities, which are considered tourism assets intended for public recreational use. These campgrounds are open annually from May 15 to September 15 and generally have the capacity to accommodate additional guests on most nights during the</p>	The campgrounds generally have the capacity to accommodate additional guests on most nights during the

	<p>operating season.</p> <p>Annual Season Highlights Reports provide usage data and trends. The most recent report was published in 2025 for the <a href="#">2024 season</a>. Older reports are available on <a href="#">ITI's Publications website by filtering by "Parks."</a></p> <p>The campgrounds near the potentially affected communities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hay River Territorial Park - Located on Vale Island within the town of Hay River.</li> <li>2. Twin Falls Territorial Park – Louise Falls Campground - Located on NWT Highway 1, 74.6 km from the NWT/Alberta border, just outside the Hamlet of Enterprise and approximately 50 km south of Hay River.</li> <li>3. Little Buffalo Crossing Territorial Park - Located 20 km south of Fort Resolution, accessible via NWT Highway 6, 67 km from the junction of Highways 5 and 6.</li> <li>4. Queen Elizabeth Territorial Park - Located in Fort Smith.</li> <li>5. Little Buffalo Falls Territorial Park - Located 51 km from Fort Smith, with access from NWT Highway 5, 214.6 km from the junction of Highways 2 and 5.</li> </ol> <p>The parks can be viewed on a <a href="#">map</a> on the <a href="#">NWT Parks website</a>.</p> <p><b><u>Private Housing</u></b> Housing NWT does not track private market housing.</p>	operating season.
Hay River	<p>Public Housing Units – 163 Public Housing Waitlist – 42 Market Housing Units<sup>1</sup> – 2 plus 12 RCMP units Market Housing Waitlist – 0 Shelter Funding – \$370,000 base funding through Housing NWT's Emergency Shelter Fund.</p>	Public housing is at capacity and facing high demand.
Kátt'odeeche First Nation Reserve	<p>Public Housing Units – 10 Public Housing Waitlist – 2 Market Housing Units – 0 Market Housing Waitlist – 0</p>	Public housing is at capacity.
Fort Resolution	<p>Public Housing Units – 81 Public Housing Waitlist – 16</p>	Public housing is at capacity and facing high demand.

<sup>1</sup> Market Housing provides rental units for workers in NWT communities where there are few private rentals or landlords. These homes are managed by the Local Housing Organization to support staffing and essential services.

	Market Housing Units – 10 Market Housing Waitlist – 1	
Fort Smith	Public Housing Units – 146 Public Housing Waitlist –29 Market Housing Units – 2 plus 6 RCMP units Market Housing Waitlist – 0	Public housing is at capacity and facing high demand.
Enterprise	Public Housing Units – 0 Public Housing Waitlist –0 Market Housing Units – 0 Market Housing Waitlist – 0	Not applicable

<b>Water Crossings with Bridges, Road Infrastructure &amp; Traffic</b>		
These services fall under the mandate of GNWT-INF		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Status / Description</b>	<b>Capacity Assessment</b>
ALL	<p>I. <b><u>Water Crossings with Bridges</u></b> INF supports communities but does not manage bridges within communities</p> <p>II. <b><u>Weight Restrictions</u></b> Seasonal weight restrictions are critical to protecting the long-term integrity of the infrastructure. All information on current highway conditions, including weight restrictions, can be found on <a href="http://drivenwt.ca">drivenwt.ca</a>. Effective July 14, 2025, trucks are allowed to carry their full legal axle weight as defined by regulations on the full length of highways. Any changes to the Allowable Legal Axle Weight Percentages will be announced in advance by the Department on the Public Highway Information Service available toll free at: 1-800-661-0750. Weight restrictions are usually in place between April-June of each year.</p>	Not applicable
Hay River	<p>I. <b><i>The typical volume and type of traffic on the highway and community infrastructure in the area:</i></b> On average, since 1989, the daily volume on Highway 2 has been 1442. No data is available on the type of traffic.</p> <p>II. <b><i>Existing maintenance and operational management:</i></b> Highway maintenance is ongoing as required year-round.</p> <p>III. <b><i>Number of existing reported accidents:</i></b> Since 1989, there have been 447 accidents on Highway 2.</p>	Roads are well-maintained, and there are steady traffic volumes.
Kát'odeeche First Nation Reserve	<p>I. <b><i>The typical volume and type of traffic on the highway and community infrastructure in the area:</i></b> on average, since 1989, the daily volume on the Kát'odeeche First Nation Reserve Access Road has been 237. No data is available on the type of traffic</p> <p>II. <b><i>Existing maintenance and operational management:</i></b> Highway maintenance is ongoing as required year-round.</p> <p>III. <b><i>Number of existing reported accidents:</i></b> Since 1989, there have been 48 accidents on the access road</p>	
Fort	<p>I. <b><i>The typical volume and type of traffic on the highway and community infrastructure in the area:</i></b> On</p>	

Resolution	<p>average, since 1989, the daily volume on Highway 6 has been 81. No data is available on the type of traffic.</p> <p>II. <b>Existing maintenance and operational management:</b> Highway maintenance is ongoing as required year-round.</p> <p>III. <b>Number of existing reported accidents:</b> Since 1989, there have been 74 accidents on Highway 6</p>	
Fort Smith	<p>I. <b>The typical volume and type of traffic on the highway and community infrastructure in the area:</b> On average, since 1989, the daily volume for Highway 5 is 279. No data is available on the type of traffic.</p> <p>II. <b>Existing maintenance and operational management:</b> Highway maintenance is ongoing as required year-round.</p> <p>III. <b>Number of existing reported accidents:</b> Since 1989, there have been 446 accidents on Highway 5.</p>	
Enterprise	<p>I. <b>The typical volume and type of traffic on the highway and community infrastructure in the area:</b> On average, since 1989, the daily volume on Highway 1 from the Alberta border to Enterprise has been 292. No data is available on the type of traffic.</p> <p>II. <b>Existing maintenance and operational management:</b> Highway maintenance is ongoing as required year-round.</p> <p>III. <b>Number of existing reported accidents:</b> Since 1989, there have been 223 accidents from the Alberta border to Enterprise.</p>	

<b>Recreation facilities</b>		
The GNWT departments of ITI and MACA supports recreation. Specific recreational facilities are provided by the community governments		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Status / Description</b>	<b>Capacity Assessment</b>
ALL	<p>GNWT-ITI operates campgrounds in and/or near the potentially affected communities, which are considered tourism assets intended for public recreational use. These campgrounds are discussed under the accommodations section. GNWT-ITI does not offer recreational services or programs. They support economic self-sufficiency of the NWT through funding, which may have some overlap with recreation activities, but is intended for economic support.</p> <p>GNWT-MACA does not provide any direct recreation programs in communities. They provide some funding and advice. Community governments are responsible for the maintenance and operations of community recreation facilities in their respective communities.</p>	Not applicable

<b>Emergency Services (Ambulance, Fire, Police)</b>		
These services fall under the mandates of the GNWT Department of Justice (GNWT-JUS) and GNWT-MACA		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Status / Description</b>	<b>Capacity Assessment</b>
Hay River	<p>1. <b>Ambulance</b> The Town of Hay River has trained Emergency Medical Responders.</p> <p>2. <b>Fire Protection</b></p>	The town has capacity for all services. However, it supports the Kát'odeeche First Nation

	<p>The Town of Hay River has a professional level, volunteer fire department.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Police Services</u></b> The Town of Hay River has an RCMP detachment.</p>	Reserve for police services, putting a strain on resources.
Kátł'odeeche First Nation Reserve	<p>1. <b><u>Ambulance</u></b> The Kátł'odeeche First Nation does not offer an ambulance service.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Fire Protection</u></b> The Kátł'odeeche First Nation has an inactive fire department.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Police Services</u></b> The Kátł'odeeche First Nation does not have a dedicated RCMP detachment and is served primarily by the Hay River detachment.</p>	There are no dedicated ambulance services or police services. There is potential for fire protection; however, the service is inactive.
Fort Resolution	<p>1. <b><u>Ambulance</u></b> Hamlet of Fort Resolution does not offer an ambulance service.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Fire Protection</u></b> The Hamlet of Fort Resolution provides a basic, defensive-level fire department.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Police Services</u></b> The Hamlet of Fort Resolution has an RCMP detachment.</p>	There is no capacity for ambulance services, fire protection services are limited, and there is capacity for police services in the hamlet.
Fort Smith	<p>1. <b><u>Ambulance</u></b> The Town of Fort Smith has trained <i>Emergency Medical Responders</i>.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Fire Protection</u></b> The Town of Fort Smith has a professional-level volunteer fire department.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Police Services</u></b> The Town of Fort Smith has an RCMP detachment.</p>	Services are currently meeting community needs. However, communities are required to carefully manage budget constraints and volunteer personnel to support their service delivery.
Enterprise	<p>1. <b><u>Ambulance</u></b> The Hamlet of Enterprise does not offer an ambulance service.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Fire Protection</u></b> The Hamlet of Enterprise has an inactive fire department.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Police Services</u></b> The Hamlet of Enterprise does not have a dedicated RCMP detachment and is served primarily by the Hay River detachment.</p>	There is no capacity for ambulance and police services. There is potential for fire protection; however, the service is inactive.