

Kitikmeot Regional Mayors' Meeting

Record of Discussion and Resolutions

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut | September 24–25, 2026

Session	Details
Day 1	Thursday, September 24, 2026, 3:30 pm MT (informal discussion)
Day 2	Friday, September 25, 2026, 3:40 pm MT
Location	Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

In Attendance

Community	Name	Title
Cambridge Bay	Wayne Gregory	Mayor
Cambridge Bay	Jim Mac Eachern	SAO
Gjoa Haven	Raymond Quqshuun	Mayor
Gjoa Haven	Jennifer Wakegijig	CAO
Kugaaruk	Guido Tigvareark	Councillor
Kugluktuk	Ryan Nivingalok	Mayor
Taloyoak	Lenny Panigayak	Mayor
Taloyoak	Adham Adhose	SAO

Summary of Outcomes

- Three resolutions were considered on Day 1: time zones (carried unanimously), airfare and cost of living (outcome to be confirmed), and Nutrition North Canada (carried unanimously).
- Mayors agreed on the value of meeting regularly as a region and of a more formal regional structure for joint advocacy.
- A draft framework for Terms of Reference for a Kitikmeot Regional Municipal Council was developed (Section 2.2).
- Up to 12 rooms are being sought for regional municipal participation at the February 17–19 Trade Show.

Day 1: September 24, 2026

1.1 Monthly Mayors' Meetings

Mayor Wayne Gregory (Cambridge Bay) circulated a list of people who could be invited to a monthly virtual mayors' meeting. Mayor Lenny Panigayak (Taloyoak) supported meeting monthly with corporate, government and non-profit partners, and asked that CAOs also be invited.

1.2 Time Zones

Several provinces are changing their approach to daylight saving time. This could leave the Kitikmeot Region isolated for six months of the year, sharing a time zone with Vancouver rather than with Edmonton and Yellowknife.

RESOLUTION: TIME ZONE

Whereas Kitikmeot residents rely on administrative partners and health care providers in the Northwest Territories and Alberta, and rely on travel routes that routinely include Yellowknife and Edmonton;

The Mayors of the Kitikmeot Region resolve that it is in the best interest of Kitikmeot residents and municipalities to remain in the same time zone as Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Moved by: Mayor Ryan Nivingalok (Kugluktuk)

Seconded by: Mayor Raymond Quqshuun (Gjoa Haven)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Arctic Mayors' Forum

Mayor Wayne Gregory reported that membership in the newly forming "Arctic Mayors' Forum" is currently free of charge and proposed that Kitikmeot mayors consider registering. He will look into how to register.

1.4 Airlines and Cost of Living

Mayors expressed strong concern that airfares and freight rates are a major driver of the cost of living in the region. Return fares to the south cost thousands of dollars, while comparable short-haul flights elsewhere in the world are offered for under \$100 on sale. Mayors felt the pricing cannot be explained by fuel costs alone and reflects a lack of competition. Families' livelihoods and quality of life are being affected, and mayors agreed they must continue to press both the airlines and government on this issue.



Attention: Fred Pederson, MLA Cambridge Bay
Simon Kuliktana, MLA Kugluktuk
David Porter, MLA Gjoa Haven
Cecile Nelvana Lyall, MLA Netsilik

October 20, 2026

Re: Establishing Permanent Mountain Daylight Time in the Kitikmeot Region

Dear MLAs:

The Kitikmeot Chamber of Commerce 2017 (KCC) is a non-for-profit organization of member businesses, which advocates on behalf of the Kitikmeot businesses.

The Kitikmeot Region maintains strong economic, transportation, commercial and service connections with the Northwest Territories and Alberta.

The Northwest Territories and Alberta have chosen to adopt permanent time standards equivalent to Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-6), eliminating seasonal clock changes. If the Kitikmeot continues with its seasonal clock changes, it will align us with British Columbia (UTC-7) during the winter months.

The impacts of this are many:

Air Travel, medical travel, and connections: Residents and businesses routinely travel through Yellowknife and Edmonton for medical appointments, business meetings, purchasing and onward flights. Being in a different time zone than our established transportation routes will complicate connections, ground transportation, appointment scheduling and coordination with travel providers. To travel to any destination within Nunavut outside of our region, requires us to travel through Yellowknife. This adds an additional time change to navigate before reaching our destination.

Business Hours and commercial relationships: Businesses dealing with suppliers, banks, accountants and customers in the NWT or Alberta would need to manage different operating



hours during winter. This could reduce the daily window for real-time communication and make it harder to conduct business.

Freight, Procurement and contractors: Construction companies, retailers, tradespeople and organizations ordering goods from the NWT or Alberta will add administration friction to already complex northern logistics.

With this in mind, the Kitikmeot Chamber of Commerce (2017) Board of Directors has formed a resolution for consideration:

Whereas the Kitikmeot Region maintains strong economic, transportation, commercial and service connections with the Northwest Territories and Alberta, and rely on air travel to Yellowknife and Edmonton for medical travel, procurement, professional services and business activities;

And Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Alberta have adopted permanent time standards equivalent to Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-6), eliminating seasonal clock changes;

And Whereas British Columbia has adopted permanent Pacific Time (UTC-7) creating a different time relationship between the Kitikmeot Region and its principal transportation and business connections during the winter months;

And Whereas the Kitikmeot's economic and transportation relationships are more closely aligned with the Northwest Territories and Alberta, than with British Columbia, a regional time policy should reflect these practical relationships;

And Whereas the Nunavut's existing time zone regulations already distinguish the Kitikmeot Region from other parts of the Territory, thereby providing a basis for considering a regional approach:

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Kitikmeot Chamber of Commerce (2017) calls upon the Government of Nunavut to establish a permanent time standard of UTC-6 for the Kitikmeot Region, equivalent to Mountain Daylight Time, and the permanent time observed in the Northwest Territories and Alberta, therefore aligning our transportation and service corridors to address our regional needs.



KITIKMEOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (2017)

MOVED BY: Jim MacEachern

Seconded by: Peter Laube

CARRIED UNANOMOUSLY

October 13, 2026

Sincerely,

The Kitikmeot Chamber of Commerce (2017) Board of Directors

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PART 8
REGULATIONS AND ORDER

Regulations

81. (1) The Minister may make regulations

- (a) respecting references to time, including time zones;
- (b) respecting additional means of electronic publication that may be used for the purposes of the Nunavut Legislation website;
- (c) respecting additional instruments or classes of instruments to which Parts 3 to 5 of this Act do not apply;
- (d) respecting the extent to which Parts 3 to 5 of this Act apply to an instrument or class of instruments described in section 50;
- (d.1) respecting the approval, transmission and registration of regulations and revised regulations by electronic means, or for the purpose of addressing technological change;
- (e) subject to any other Act, exempting from the application of subsection 58(1) any regulation or class of regulations if the Minister is satisfied that
 - (i) the regulation or class of regulations is likely to affect only a limited number or limited class of persons, and
 - (ii) reasonable measures are provided to give notice of the substance of a particular exempted regulation to persons likely to be affected by it, including publication on the website of the regulatory authority;
- (f) respecting the format or means of accessing official copies of documents from the Nunavut Legislation website;
- (g) respecting the content of each part of the *Nunavut Gazette*, and the editing and formatting of each part for publication;
- (h) respecting additional duties that may be assigned to the Chief Legislative Counsel; and
- (i) generally for the carrying into effect of this Act.

Public holiday order

(2) The Commissioner in Executive Council may make an order designating a day as a holiday.

Consequential amendments to regulations

81.1. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Commissioner in Executive Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, may make regulations amending regulations under any Act for the purpose of

- (a) reflecting a change in law resulting from a new enactment; or
- (b) otherwise ensuring consistency with a new enactment.

LEGISLATION ACT

R-033-2021

Registered with the Chief Legislative Counsel

2021-06-29

TIME ZONE REGULATIONS

The Minister under section 81 of the *Legislation Act* and every enabling power, makes the annexed *Time Zone Regulations*.

Definitions

1. In these regulations,

"Daylight Time" means the time one hour in advance of Standard Time; (*heure avancée*)

"daylight saving time" means the period between

- (a) 2 a.m. local Standard Time on the second Sunday in March; and
- (b) 2 a.m. local Standard Time on the first Sunday in November.
(*période de l'heure avancée*)

Time

2. A reference to time is a reference to,

- (a) in that part of Nunavut that is east of the 85th meridian of west longitude, except Southampton Island and the islands adjacent to Southampton Island,
 - (i) during daylight saving time, Eastern Daylight Time, and
 - (ii) otherwise, Eastern Standard Time;
- (b) on Southampton Island and the islands adjacent to Southampton Island, Eastern Standard Time;
- (c) in that part of Nunavut that is between the 85th meridian of west longitude and the 102nd meridian of west longitude, except Southampton Island and the islands adjacent to Southampton Island and all areas lying within the Kitikmeot Region,
 - (i) during daylight saving time, Central Daylight Time, and
 - (ii) otherwise, Central Standard Time; or
- (d) in that part of Nunavut that is west of the 102nd meridian of west longitude, and all areas lying within the Kitikmeot Region,
 - (i) during daylight saving time, Mountain Daylight Time, and
 - (ii) otherwise, Mountain Standard Time.

Coming into force

3. These regulations come into force on the same day as section 81 of the Act.



Government of Northwest Territories



Northwest Territories ends Seasonal Time Change

News Releases

Yellowknife — September 23, 2026

The Northwest Territories (NWT) has officially ended seasonal time change.

The NWT's new permanent time standard, known as Northwest Territories Time (UTC-06:00), will be observed year-round. On November 1, 2026, when clocks would normally be turned back by one hour, no time change will occur in the NWT. We now share a common time with both Alberta and Saskatchewan.

This change responds to public feedback gathered in 2022. More than 3,500 NWT residents participated in an online survey, and over 87 per cent supported ending the practice of changing clocks twice a year. Respondents most commonly expressed a preference for maintaining Mountain Daylight Time year-round, which is what this change accomplishes.

The authority to establish a permanent territorial time standard was created through amendments to the *Interpretation Act* in 2022. Following coordination with neighbouring jurisdictions and necessary regulatory and technical preparations, regulations establishing Northwest Territories Time came into force on August 21, 2026.

For most residents, the transition will be simple. Devices running the latest software version, including many smartphones, computers, and other connected devices, are expected to receive the time zone update once it is released by system providers. Some older devices and computers running Windows operating systems will require a manual update. The GNWT continues to work with partners to support a smooth transition ahead of the change.

To learn more about Northwest Territories Time, including a list of devices that will require a manual update, visit [GNWT.ca/time](https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/northwest-territories-ends-seasonal-time-change).

Quote

“Ending seasonal time change gives residents what they’ve asked us for. Through various feedback and engagement opportunities, residents expressed support for eliminating the practice of changing clocks twice a year. This change provides greater consistency for people, families, organizations, and businesses across the territory.”

- R.J. Simpson, Premier of the Northwest Territories

Quick facts

- Seasonal time change will end on November 1, 2026. After this point, the Northwest Territories will observe Northwest Territories Time (UTC-06:00) year-round.
- The NWT is making this change alongside Alberta so residents, businesses, and organizations can continue operating in the same time zone as our southern neighbour and key economic and health system partner.
- Public engagement conducted by the GNWT in 2022 showed strong support for ending seasonal time changes and a preference for maintaining Mountain Daylight Time.

Related links

- [Northwest Territories Time](#)
- Seasonal Time Change Public Engagement – [What We Heard Report](#)

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Government of
Northwest Territories

Northwest Territories Time

The NWT will now observe a single time year round. Our time zone, Northwest Territories Time, is 6 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC -6) year-round.

Overview

- The Northwest Territories is ending the practice of changing clocks twice a year by eliminating daylight saving time.
- Starting November 1, 2026, you will no longer need to change your clocks in the fall or spring.
- The NWT's new permanent time, known as Northwest Territories Time, will be six hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC-06:00) throughout the year.
- As of November 2026, the NWT will be on the same time year-round as Alberta and Saskatchewan, and one hour ahead of British Columbia and Yukon.

Benefits

- By staying on the same time year-round, the NWT will reduce disruptions for residents, families, businesses, and organizations, make scheduling simpler, and provide more evening daylight during the winter months.
- The NWT is making this change alongside Alberta so residents, businesses, and organizations can continue operating in the same time zone as our largest neighbour and key economic partner.
- Public engagement conducted by the GNWT in 2022 showed strong support for ending seasonal time changes and a preference for remaining on Mountain Daylight Time.

Selecting a time zone

- Most residents will receive a new software update from their service providers with the updated time zones. Make sure your phones, computers, digital calendars, and other internet-connected devices have the latest software.

- Most smartphones and other connected devices will update correctly. Android devices running Android 11 or later and Apple devices running iOS 12 (including iPhone 11 and newer models) will receive the update. Older devices may require a manual update.
- The following Apple devices will need to be updated manually:
 - **iPhones:** iPhone 6 series, iPhone SE (1st generation), iPhone 7 series, iPhone 8 series, iPhone X series and iPhone XS/XR series.
 - **iPads:** iPad 6th generation and older, older iPad air models and older iPad mini models.
 - **Apple Watches:** Apple Watch Series 3 and earlier.
 - **Mac computers:** Intel Macs no longer supported by current versions of MacOS.
- Microsoft products, including computers running the Windows operating system, will not receive the time change update before November 1. After the Northwest Territories stops changing clocks seasonally, Windows users will need to manually adjust their device's date and time settings to ensure the correct time is displayed.
- Do not change the time on devices that are not connected to the internet such as microwaves, ovens, wall clocks, etc.

Tips for electronic devices

- Most applications that automatically receive time information from a network will update to the correct time settings on their own.
- Your calendar software might not transpose existing appointment times. They may show up as being in UTC -7 by default. You may need to check your digital calendars for any appointments that you set up prior to this change.
- If your device doesn't automatically update, check your Settings and set your time zone to Northwest Territories Time (UTC -6).
- If you have questions about how your devices will handle the change, contact your device manufacturer, service provider, or telecommunications provider for assistance; this also applies to devices that may not have been updated correctly.

Note: The Northwest Territories time zone was included in the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) 202d update, released on September 11. Technology providers can now begin updating their software to reflect this change. Because each provider follows its own update schedule, some devices may receive the update sooner than others.

The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) maintains the global list of time zones used by computers and digital devices. Its updates help ensure that clocks, calendars, flights, and other services display the correct local time around the world.

INTERPRETATION ACT

**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES TIME
REGULATIONS**

R-090-2026

In force August 21, 2026

AMENDED BY

LOI D'INTERPRÉTATION

**RÈGLEMENT SUR L'HEURE DES
TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST**

R-090-2026

En vigueur le 21 août 2026

MODIFIÉ PAR

This consolidation is not an official statement of the law. It is an office consolidation prepared by Legislation Division, Department of Justice, for convenience of reference only. The authoritative text of regulations can be ascertained from the *Revised Regulations of the Northwest Territories, 1990* and the monthly publication of Part II of the *Northwest Territories Gazette*.

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INTERPRETATION ACT

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES TIME REGULATIONS

The Commissioner in Executive Council, under sections 20 and 37 of the *Interpretation Act* and every enabling power, orders as follows:

1. Standard time is set at the time six hours behind Coordinated Universal Time.
2. The name of standard time is changed to "Northwest Territories Time".
3. **These regulations come into force August 21, 2026.**

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LOI D'INTERPRÉTATION

RÈGLEMENT SUR L'HEURE DES TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST

Le commissaire en Conseil exécutif, en vertu des articles 20 et 37 de la *Loi d'interprétation* et de tout pouvoir habilitant, décrète :

1. L'heure normale est déterminée comme étant en retard de six heures sur le temps universel coordonné.
2. Le nom de l'heure normale est modifié et est désormais appelé «heure des Territoires du Nord-Ouest».
3. **Le présent règlement entre en vigueur le 21 août 2026.**

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