



NWT RIVERBANK EROSION WORKSHOP 2025

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TUESDAY December 2 • *Listening, learning and inspiring each other*

8:00 – 9:00 am	Check-in and pick up your name badge Breakfast, coffee and networking
9:00 – 9:50 am	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drummers, opening prayer, land acknowledgement• Welcoming remarks - YKDFN, GNWT, City of Yellowknife, NWTAC• Overview of the workshop
9:50 – 10:10 am	Introductions and icebreaker
10:10 – 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 – 11:10 am	Maps and models: <i>Tools for your journey</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robin McKillop, SLR Consulting• Other partners
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	Exploring the story of your community's river <i>Small group discussions using community maps</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Reflecting on themes from the morning
1:15 – 1:35 pm	Introducing: <i>Riverbank Instability DRAFT Guide and Resources for NWT communities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christine Wenman, PlanIt North and Miki Ehrlich, NWTAC
1:35 – 2:00 pm	Case study – <i>Nahanni Butte</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dustin Martin (Dillon Consulting)
2:00 – 2:25 pm	BREAK
2:25 – 3:00 pm	Exploring Step 1: <i>Recognizing the problem</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robin McKillop, SLR Consulting
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Step 1 learning activity: <i>Identifying signs of riverbank instability</i>
3:30 – 4:15 pm	Envisioning the future we want: <i>How we will work and live with our river</i> <i>Guided visioning exercise with Alison McCreesh and Christine Wenman</i>
4:15 – 4:25 pm	Recap and look ahead to tomorrow

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WEDNESDAY December 3 • *Getting ready: steps, options & resources*

8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast, coffee and networking
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome back and announcements
9:15 – 9:55 am	Exploring Step 2: <i>Managing the threat right away</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ed Hoeve, HoeveEng
9:55 – 10:10 am	Monitoring: <i>Useful at every step</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Robin McKillop, SLR Consulting
10:10 – 10:25 am	Case study: <i>Fort Smith</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adam McNab, Town of Fort Smith
10:25 – 11:00 am	BREAK and Monitoring Tradeshow - <i>Check out displays of monitoring tools and processes</i>
11:00 – 11:40 am	Exploring Step 3: <i>Preliminary assessment (information gathering)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ed Hoeve, HoeveEngRobin McKillop, SLR Consulting
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	Case study: <i>Fort McPherson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dennis Wright, Rat River Development Corporation
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 – 1:25 pm	Learning about Step 4: <i>Evaluating options and making a plan.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Christine Wenman, PlanIt North
1:25 – 1:55 pm	Case study: <i>Fort Good Hope</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Christine Wenman and Fort Good Hope delegates
1:55 – 2:15 pm	Community flipchart time
2:15 – 2:45 pm	BREAK
2:45 – 3:35 pm	Step 5 panel: <i>Taking action</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Give the river space (Chris Hewitt-MACA, Robin McKillop)Address erosion (Robin McKillop, Ed Hoeve)Protect structures (Ed Hoeve)
3:35 pm – 4:05 pm	Step 5 learning activity: <i>Identifying options to address riverbank instability</i>
4:05 – 4:20 pm	Recap and look ahead to tomorrow

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THURSDAY December 4 • *Moving to action*

8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast, coffee and networking
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome back and announcements
9:15 – 10:00 am	Partners panel: <i>What we have heard, how we can help</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A panel with key partners from GNWT and other organizations
10:00 – 10:30 am	Focus on cemeteries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miki Ehrlich, NWTAC
10:30 – 10:50 am	BREAK
10:50 am – 12:00 pm	Gallery walk: <i>Reviewing and adding to community flipcharts</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 – 2:25 pm	Putting learning into action: <i>Rotating learning sessions</i> <i>Interactive stations for communities to plan next steps</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication, planning, option analysis (Christine Wenman, Dan Ritchie) 2. Understanding the problem, preliminary assessment-desktop (Robin McKillop) 3. Assessments and engineering design (Ed Hoeve) 4. Navigating funding (Lorie Fyfe-MACA, Christa Domchek-NWTAC)
2:25 – 2:50 pm	BREAK
2:50 – 3:05 pm	Reflecting on interactive station discussions
3:05 – 3:55 pm	What can we do together? <i>Building on what has been learned to identify common needs and interests, explore ways to work together and develop recommendations for next steps</i>
3:55 – 4:10 pm	Closing comments

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