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East Three to cover school supplies for students

Students at East Three Secondary and East Three Elementary won't have to buy school supplies this year.

According to Facebook posts from the elementary and secondary schools, East Three will be providing students with the majority of their school supplies this year.

Secondary students are asked to bring locks for their lockers and gym clothing.

The school also recommends bringing a day timer to keep track of assignments and important dates.

Elementary students are asked to bring a pair of indoor running shoes and a backpack.

Inuvik to acknowledge World Suicide Prevention Day

Inuvik's Mental Health and Addictions Working Group is holding a walk, candlelight vigil and dinner on World Suicide Prevention Day, Sept. 10.

At 3:15 p.m., those interested in participating in the walk will meet at East Three Secondary School, where the walk will begin.

Participants are asked to bring posters and pots and pans to make noise. The walk will end at Ingamo Hall.

At 4:15 p.m., a candlelight vigil will be held to remember those lost to suicide.

Later in the evening, dinner will be served at Ingamo Hall.

GTC annual general assembly postponed

The Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) is holding a special assembly on self government on Friday Sept. 14 in Aklavik.

The GTC will be holding its annual general assembly Sept. 15 and 16 in Aklavik.

Road construction update

Construction on Airport Road has been completed.

According to a road report from the Department of Infrastructure, Airport Road was undergoing construction between kilometres 269 and 270.

Drivers should also expect delays on Marine Bypass Road between kilometres 259.3 and kilometre 269.3.

Some sections of the roads are only open to one lane of traffic and delays of 10 to 15 minutes should be expected.



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Tech summit set to plug in Inuvik

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Organizer says Inuvik has potential to be Silicon Valley of the North as Indigenous Connectivity Summit set for October

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The Internet Society will hold its second annual Indigenous Connectivity Summit in Inuvik Oct. 10 to 11.

Mark Buell, the society's North America bureau director, said one of the organization's main goals is ensuring everyone has access to the Internet.

In North America, he says the society is primarily concerned with Indigenous and Arctic communities.

"The point of the conference is to bring Indigenous leadership, network operators, Indigenous-owned service providers and community members together to talk about shared issues and challenges," said Buell. "We want to start to build a continent-wide community of people who can support each other in deploying or advocating for better access in their communities."

The Internet Society is a global non-profit organization founded in 1992 by the Internet's creators.

The society, which operates in approximately 140 countries, works to ensure that everyone has access to a secure Internet connection.

The first Indigenous Connectivity Summit was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico in November last year and saw more than 200 attendees.

Buell said the society formed an advisory committee of Indigenous network operators and Indigenous community members in order to drive the creation of the first summit.

He said Inuvik has the potential to be the Silicon Valley of the North, with the Mackenzie Valley fibre link and growing satellite station facility, which makes it the perfect location for the summit.

"Inuvik is the perfect place to hold a summit on connectivity right now. The theme for our

conference is connecting the last thousand miles ... we have a focus on communities that are a little more isolated and remote," he said. "Inuvik has a real potential to be a cyber-hub for the North. Inuvik's got the infrastructure,

it's got the people, it's a major centre for government services, it's got a college – it just seems like the ideal community to showcase the potential for Northern communities with good-quality Internet access."

He said there will be something for everyone at the summit, from using the Internet to preserve and promote traditional languages, to coding camps for kids, as well as policy issues.

Representatives from Indigenous communities, Indigenous network operators and experts in the field will be speaking at the summit.

There will also be one panel focusing on connectivity in the Beaufort Delta region, which will discuss how to ensure more remote communities have better quality and cheaper access to the Internet.

Buell said the society hopes to make the conference a community event and will close out with a community feast on Oct. 11.

"We don't want this to just be a conference, we want to engage the whole community," he said. "We want it to be more of a celebration than a boring technical or policy conference. It's going to be great fun, I'm over-the-top excited!"

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