

First Ministers Statement

Nunatsiavut Assembly

November 2023

Illusuak Cultural Centre

- Mr. Speaker, the restoration of Illusuak is now underway, the team is working with Nunatsiavut Affairs to ensure this is completed as thoroughly as possible.
- Working with the Insurance Company, NG is overseeing the restoration project.
- We are working with our tenants Parks Canada and NGC to ensure they are aware of how the work is progressing.
- We anticipate that this work will take a few months as this requires extensive cleaning and renovations.
- Any resources that can be saved will be and items that need to be destroyed are being documented.

Membership and Enrolment

- *Mr. Speaker, NG is advertising for a new Assistant Registrar position in Nain.*

- *This position will assist the Registrar in fulfilling the duties required in the Mebership Office.*
- As of November 20, 2023, there is a total of 6936 beneficiaries on the Register.

Nain Airport Community Session

- Mr. Speaker, I travelled to Nain in October to complete open House Information Session on the Feasiability studies underway for a potential new Airport in Nain.
- The open house was very successful with approximately 30 individuals attending the meeting.
- There were many questions and concerns raised at the open house, as this is very important initiative for the community of Nain.
- Concerns raised include location of the Airport, length of Road to the airport, services required to allow residents access to the airport, current state of the current airstrip, crossing individual hunting and traditional areas to name a few.
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Affordable Warmth and Home Repair Program

- Mr. Speaker the Affordable Warmth and Home Repair Program 2023 is scheduled to finished in February 2024.
- Due to lack of materials onsite and the lateness of this construction season some of the work scheduled to be completed may be delayed.
- If there are delays, homeowners will be notified ASAP..

- There are 34 homes approved under the program, 11 for Nain, 9 for Hopedale, 3 for Makkovk, 8 for Postville and 3 for Rigolet.
- Colliers Project Management is overseeing the project.
- There were 4 Homes initially not approved for the Home Repair program due to amount of work required to complete the repairs. These homes were reassessed and determined that they did meet the requirements of the program.
- The RFP for these repairs did not receive any tenders for these homes, this work will be retendered to be complete in 2024.
- NG will attempt to complete critical items such as heat, plumbing in the SOW asap.

Emergency Home Repair Program

- Mr. Speaker there was on RFP released twice to complete emergency repairs in Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet.
- There were no tenders received to complete this work.
- NG is currently working towards completing critical components of the sow's such as heat, plumbing and electrical.
- NG will look to complete this work through open tender for summer 2024.
- There are an additional 10 Emergency repair applications approved to be completed.
- Where possible this work will completed asap.

- In addition to these there are still a high volume of applications submitted for emergency repairs, unfortunately due no uptake on tenders these repairs are taking longer to complete.
- NG will continue to take applications, and will look to complete those repairs as qualified contractors become available.
- A primary focus is to ensure Labrador Inuit have heat and water into their homes.

Nunatsivut Housing Commission

- Mr. Speaker, the position for Director of Housing is currently advertised, this position is advertised for Nunatsiavut and a 3 year term in Upper Lake Melville.
- A new Affordable Rental Program will now be offered by the NHC, this will program covers all rental units currently in Nunatsiavut
- A new Barrier Free Furnace and Oil inspection and Repair Program is moving to the next phase with inspections taking place in Rigolet and Makkovik this past summer.
- The next phase will begin in summer 2024, with communities to be determined.
- The NHC New Emergency Repair Program will begin in the very near future, this program is similar to the NG Affordable Rental Program focusing on emergency repairs required in the Inuit Communities.

