

## **First Minister Statement**

**Day 2**

**Nunatsiavut Assembly**

**November 2023**

### **Infrastructure**

Mr. Speaker, our small but dedicated Infrastructure team is working diligently to ensure that each project progresses efficiently, meeting high-quality standards and aligning with our vision for sustainable, thriving communities.

#### **1. Seniors units:**

- Nain 4-plex: all modular units in the community, as well as building materials, currently working on foundations, behind schedule.
- Nain Duplex: foundations finished and expecting to lift modules onto foundations this week.
- Hopedale 4-plex: all modular units in the community, materials in the community with the exception of roof truss on next ferry, site services prepared and site ready for foundations, project is behind schedule, project was due to be completed by end of 2023 but likely to run one year behind schedule
- Hopedale Single Unit: Tendered in August 2023 but no bids received. Infrastructure looking into other options of construction.

## **2. Nain Staff 6-plex:**

- 60 percent complete, contractor working on interior. Initial completion date was early 2025, however contractor is aiming to complete by June 2024.

## **3. Hopedale 4-Plex: Rapid Housing Initiative.**

- Hopedale: 20% complete, behind schedule.

## **4. Nain 4-Plex: Rapid Housing Initiative**

- Nain: 25-30 % shell up, behind schedule.

## **5. Makkovik 4-Plex: Staff Housing:**

- Contractor currently framing 20% complete, expected finish summer/fall 2024.

## **6. Regional Education Office:**

- Project is behind schedule, the project team have identified a path forward and are working to get the project back on schedule.
- Construction Package 1 (CP1) package for civil work to be completed by November 2023

## **7. Makkovik Duplex (Social Housing):** Tendered but was over budget. Project team is evaluating.

## **8. Postville Duplex (Social/Staff Housing):** Project to be tendered.

**9. Postville Office Addition:** Project to be retendered.

**10.Rigolet DHSD:** Some site preparation started for construction.

- Site services completed and materials on site to begin foundations.
- The substantial completion date is anticipated for August 31, 2025.

### **Long Term Infrastructure Planning**

1. NUNATSIAVUT GROWTH, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING STRATEGY  
(RFP Out to Public)
2. Economic Development Strategy of the Construction Sector (In progress)
3. Alternative Lands for Housing/Facilities: Feasibility Study (In progress)
4. Torngat Mountains Basecamp Infrastructure Action Plan (In progress)
5. Aggregate Resource and Quarry Development (In progress)
6. Nunatsiavut Heritage Repository: Feasibility Study (In progress)
7. Infrastructure Data Management/Mapping development (In progress)
8. Infrastructure Engagement Portal development (In progress)
9. Waste Management Strategic Plan for all communities (RFP under review)

These projects create a Long Term Infrastructure Strategic Plan which focuses on developing a long-term strategic vision for infrastructure in Nunatsiavut.

## **Nain Airport Feasibility Study:**

Summer 2023 marks significant progress in the development of the proposed new Nain airport, with all 12 projects either in progress or completed. The R12 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has commenced, benefiting from strong support from the NG Environmental division, and collaboration with provincial, federal, and Nunatsiavut Environmental regulators is streamlining the EIA process for efficiency.

Upon completing the EIA/IA process by 2026, the next phase entails a go/no go decision, detailed design and construction, requiring substantial investment and possibly extending over the next six years. As a result, the final airport construction is estimated to conclude after 2030.

R1 – Weather Station and collect data (phase 1) **Complete**

R2 – Topographic survey **Complete**

R3 – Environmental Review – Desktop Assessment **Complete**

R4 – Surficial geology, geomorphology, permafrost and hydrogeological investigations **In Progress**

R5 – Weather studies and report (phase 2) **In Progress**

R6 – Hydrological study **In Progress**

R7 – Electrical Power Supply Alternatives **In Progress**

R8 – Preliminary engineering services **In Progress**

R9 – Preliminary architectural design services **In Progress**

R10 – Construction and supply strategy **In Progress**

R11 – Cost estimation **RFP under Review**

## **NG ICG MOU**

- Mr. Speaker, the NEC has authorized Nunatsiavut Secretariat and Nunatsiavut Affairs to create a 10 year MOU with the ICG's. The MOU will allow the joint creation of a long-term plan to address engineering issues and harmonize policy and projects in the Inuit communities.
- As reported previously, the Government of NL's Municipal Affairs department has informed the ICGs that it will be terminating engineering support, NG has agreed to provide this support.

## **Alternative Lands/Housing**

- NG will be proceeding with Development of sustainable multi-unit housing in Nunatsiavut, starting with Nain and Hopedale.
- Preliminary studies have been complete and authorization given to proceed with a next phase of design for multi-unit housing projects in Nain (60 units) and Hopedale (50 units).
- The concept moves away from traditional, expensive land development towards housing construction that utilizes the land that is available in the communities.