



# NUNATSIAVUT

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Department of Finance, Human Resources & Information  
Technology

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Mr. Speaker, in August, the Assistant Controller, Lena Blake and two representatives from Sun Life, Hugh Shea and Krista Mennie, held information sessions with employees and Elected Officials in Nunatsiavut and in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Over 120 people participated in the group sessions; with some individuals also having face-to-face personal sessions with the Sun Life representatives. Others have since set up virtual meetings with them. These sessions presented information on the Nunatsiavut Government's group insurance plan, the employee assistance plan, the defined contribution pension plan and also discussed, retirement planning.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government will be participating in a career fair hosted by Memorial University and the College of the North Atlantic this month in St. John's. My staff will also be participating the Education division's career fair in early October 2024.

There have been two requests for proposals released this month by my department, Mr. Speaker. First, the Government is looking for a consultant to complete a comprehensive organizational review of each department, analysing the structure and performance of the department and review and evaluate the staffing levels and workload distribution as well. Secondly, the Government is looking to enhance the promotion of the Nunatsiavut region and the Nunatsiavut Government for the purpose of increasing tourism and successful recruitment activities. Mr. Speaker, the successful company will capture quality photographs and videography, and compile a video to demonstrate “Life and Work in Nunatsiavut”.

### **Information Technology**

There has been a lot of progress on the Labrador North Wireless Project this summer. Tower reinforcements were completed at three sites – Mulligan, Moliak and Nain. New equipment has been installed at the sites in Happy Valley – Goose Bay, Mulligan,

Double Mer and Moliak. There is still work in progress at the Zoar and Monkey Hill sites.

At the previous sitting, the Inuit Community Governments informed the Nunatsiavut Government of concerns with the negotiations of the land leases in Nain, Makkovik and Postville. I am pleased to inform the Assembly that significant progress has been made in this area. Memorandum of Understandings between these three Inuit Community Governments and Bell Canada have been executed; outlining a plan for the negotiations. This allowed geotechnical work to be completed on the three identified sites. Work will be winding down on the remote sites as the the winter approaches and will resume again in Spring 2025.

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