

Thank you, Mr. Speaker,

We have had some staff changes within the Department since our last Assembly sitting.

- Mark Andersen started his position on January 7<sup>th</sup> as Translation Filing Clerk. This is a term position for 6 months. Mark will be creating an electronic and paper filing system, archiving all translated documents within the NG. This is a very important role as no translations have been archived in the past. This will be extremely beneficial to the NG and to the translation staff.

**I would now like to highlight some key areas that we are working on Mr. Speaker, in tourism:**

- The Division of Tourism is continuing to work on many projects within our tourism strategy, a few including finalizing the 2025 Nunatsiavut Visitor's Guide, drafting job descriptions for tourism staff for each of the Inuit Community Governments, and ongoing tourism development support to communities.
- We are working on offering Storytelling and Inuit Games workshops within our communities. Our hope is to also offer hospitality training for front line

staff at the same time, to help community members who offer storytelling and Inuit Game demonstrations to visitors become more comfortable with the experience that they offer.

- The Division has been working on a long-term plan for Hebron for a few years. Now that we have extra Human Resource capacity, we are finalizing the plan to bring to the NEC for approval.
- The deadline for Request for Proposals for an Operator for the Torngat Mountains Base Camp / Research Station and Hebron National Historic Site has passed. Staff are reviewing proposals and working with other Departments that are involved on the file.
- Staff involved in the Base Camp file participated in strategic planning meetings in the beginning of December.
- We are working with the IBA Coordinator, Parks Canada and Innu Nation on a design concept for structures at Beaver Brook within the Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve to help support community programming and tourism development.
- We had five artists attend the Christmas Craft Fair in Torbay, Newfoundland together they made \$15,975.00 in sales. We had five artists attend the

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Ripples: Making waves in Inuit Art Symposium in Montreal, three of the five artists sold crafts and together they made \$6,625 in sales.

- A total of \$19,028 of crafts were sold during the online Nunatsiavut Christmas Craft Auction.
- For the second year we have partnered with VALE to have Craft Sales in Voisey's Bay. This year there were 2 days of sales with \$28,229.50 worth of crafts sold. During the months of November and December a total amount of **\$69,857.50** worth of crafts have been sold!
- An Expression of Interest for Artist to attend Aqsarniit Trade Show and Conference was released, and the deadline was January 16.

**I will now highlight some key areas that we are working on Mr. Speaker, in Language & Culture:**

- The Second Language Summit will take place in Nain from May 6-8, 2025. Invitations have been sent out and planning is taking place. An RFP is being created for the facilitation of the summit and drafting of the 2027-2032 Language Strategy.

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- A contract is being drafted for services through Pirurvik in Iqaluit. This will be the second contract with Pirurvik within our department. This contract will be for one year to aid in training Inuttitut Immersion Instructors through on the job training, creating Inuttitut immersion class material, and supporting housing initiatives for Nunatsiavut students attending Inuttitut Immersion programming in Iqaluit through Pirurvik Programming. We hope this contract will be finalized this month to begin in February.
  - The Terminology Workshop is taking place in Nain from January 28-30. 10-15 expert Inuttitut speakers are gathering to discuss and document terminology. The focus this year will be on Assembly Terminology. Once the Terminology workshop is complete, staff will gather all terms and create a booklet. This will be helpful in translating Assembly terminology and will be helpful for the interpreters at the Assembly as well.
  - The Aullâsimapvet Program preparations are taking place. We have launched the 2025 winter program. One family/group from each Nunatsiavut community will be selected. Training will be available to these

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families and they can travel to their Aullâsimapvet for 1-6 weeks. The 2025 winters programming will depend entirely on the ice conditions.

- The Nunatsiavut Kajak Book is close to completion. The manuscript was sent to Memorial University Press for review and now staff are working from the feedback given. Staff are planning for the book to be complete and sent to print this year. This book will be a collection of interviews from Elders, stories from archives, Kajak design, revival, etc. and will be shared with schools and available as a resource to anyone interested. This will be a very important book for the history of Nunatsiavut Kajaik.
- Staff are continuing to take lead from the Language Strategy. Year four activities are now occurring, these include the IlinniaKatigennik program, Tupik program, Elders socials, Language resources, sewing programs, flat making, etc.

**I will now highlight some key areas that we are working on Mr. Speaker, for the Nanilavut Initiative:**

- The Nunatsiavut Government Nanilavut Initiative, is happy to report the Mitsuk family was able to say a final farewell to their late Aunt on Oct. 19,

2025 who passed away in 1954, due to TB, and is buried in Northwest River.

There is a headstone placed in the Northwest River cemetery, with the two Nanilavut plaques on top to honour Inuit who did not come home from Tuberculosis treatments. Two plaques will also be placed in the cemeteries of Cartwright, HVGB, NWR, and St. Anthony as well in the Summer of 2025.

- There will be the Request for Proposals for Artisans/Artists teams to design and create a Monument in memory of Labrador Inuit who died of Tuberculosis which will be located in Hopedale. The deadline for RFP is February 15, 2025. The RFP also includes 4 smaller replicas of the Monument that will be for each of the other four Nunatsiavut communities.
- There will be an Unveiling Event for the Monument in Hopedale tentatively scheduled for Oct. 2025.

**Lastly Mr. Speaker, I will highlight some key areas that we are working on in Archaeology:**

- NG Archaeology is still has two vacant positions, which we hope to have filled within the coming months.
- The NG Archaeologist participated in the first round of training for the collections management software. This software will be the holding and inventory for all of Nunatsiavut heritage and archaeology collections currently within our possession with room to add items that are vested in the Nunatsiavut Government since the effective date.
- Repatriation requests are increasing, highlighting a potential need for dedicated staff for this important part of Inuit heritage management. The policy remains a priority to complete. The NG also has Inuit cultural material and artifact collections from archaeologists that are all currently being held externally. These items are linked to the identity of our people and should be considered when we think about repatriation.
- Thank you, Mr. Speaker.