

## **First Ministers Statement**

### **Nunatsiavut Assembly**

**March 2025**

#### **Membership and Enrolment**

- As of January 15, 2025, we have a total of ... beneficiaries on the Register of Beneficiaries.
- A Membership workshop was held in Nain on January 27, 2025.
- The workshop focuses in on training and development for the committee's and the appeal board to ensure that criteria is applied properly and decisions are clearly defined.
- Members of the Nain/North of Nain Committee are Beni Ittulak, Don Dicker Jr., Susan webb, Henry Lyall and Simon Kohlmeister.
- Members of the Hopedale committee are Shirley Broomfield, Ruth Flowers, Sarah Jensen, Christine Foltz-Vincent and Darlene Vincent.
- Members of the Makkovik/Postville committee are Kate Mitchell, Cameron Andersen, Tyler Edmunds, Annie Evans and Shirley Goudie.
- Members of the Rigolet/Upper Lake Melville committee are Inez Shiwak, Carol Matthews, Sam Palliser, Roger Shiwak and Jill Williams.
- Members of the Appeal Board are Edward Allen, Celeste Andersen, Elizabeth Evans-Mitchell, Trudy Flowers and Emma Rose Murphy.
- I would like to thank all members of the membership committees and appeal board for the dedicated service and hard work on these very important files for Labrador Inuit.

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- The Inuit Membership Database development project is entering its final phase which is likely to take another 18 months to complete.
- This phase includes the work required to continue adding family lines from Rigolet and Upper Lake Melville, Hopedale, and Makkovik and Postville.
- This database will become an invaluable tool to preserve the knowledge of Nunatsiavut's Membership Committees and support them in their ongoing work.
- Scanning the remainder of files held in Nain and to add relevant information to the database. We will meet with Knowledge Holders from each community to review family lines and record information about key individuals. Once the database has been updated with this information, Know History team will meet with all Membership Committees to review and confirm various ancestors.
- At the completion of the project, there will be training sessions, provide log-in credentials, and develop a plan for a transfer or longer-term database maintenance.

## **Housing**

- Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut is still in a housing crisis, NG will continue to build homes where we can, repair homes through the Housing Commission, acquire and develop new land in effort to address this crisis.

- This week our infrastructure team will be presenting to and consulting with members of this assembly on the development of a Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy.
- When finalized, this strategy will be the guide to addressing the housing needs in Nunatsiavut for many years to come.
- The strategy will guide us in developing housing and housing programs not just for our most vulnerable but for all Inuit in Nunatsiavut.
- I encourage all members of this assembly to engage thoroughly in this process as we work together to make housing better in Nunatsiavut.

### *2025 Home Repair*

- Mr. Speaker, there are approximately 200 homes that require either major, minor, critical repairs in 2025.
- This includes seventy-five in the Affordable Warmth & Home Repair Program scheduled to start in June 2025.
- This also includes 125 critical or emergency repairs, that will we addressed as soon as possible.

### *Nunatsiavut Housing Commission*

- Danielle Baikie is appointed as the new Chair of the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission replacing Nicole Dicker who had served as the chair for the past two and half years.
- NG thanks Nicole for her dedication to the NHC and housing issues in Nunatsiavut and welcomes Danielle as the Chair of the NHC.
- The NHC Board has appointed Margie Fox as Vice Chair.

## Infrastructure

- Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government's Public Property and Infrastructure team is intensively preparing for the 2025 construction season, prioritizing key projects and refining processes to ensure efficient delivery.
- This includes developing several large capital project tender packages, with plans to issue them by late winter. This strategic timing will provide contractors ample opportunity to prepare detailed bids and make necessary preparations for a successful construction season.
- There are approximately twenty infrastructure designs, strategies and plans ongoing or under development for 2025 from supporting ICG's to planning for Housing.
- There are approximately thirty five new or ongoing infrastructure construction projects planned for 2025.

### *Current Capital project updates:*

- Nain Staff housing 6-plex: Occupied
- Nain Office Extension: Finalizing for Construction Tender
- Nain Shelter: New construction 2025
- Nain 4-Plex: Occupied
- Hopedale 4-Plex: Occupied
- Nain and Hopedale Seniors units: Complete in 2025
- Makkovik 4-Plex: Staff/ Social Housing: Complete in Feb 2025

- Regional Education Office Makkovik: Complete in 2025
- Rigolet DHSD: Significant progression on the building has taken place in summer 2024. Work will continue on the building through winter 2024/2025 and is on schedule to be completed in summer 2025.

### Implementation Committee

- The Implementation Committee made up of representatives from Nunatsiavut Government, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada are mandated to oversee the implementation of the Land Claims Agreement.
- The IC will meet on March 12, 2025, on the agenda will Migratory Birds Harvesting outside of the claim area, amendments to the dispute resolution chapter, the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co management Board Workplan and the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board Workplan.
- Tracy Ann Evans-Rice has been hired as a new Senior Policy Analyst for Nunatsiavut Affairs, the Implementation file will be one her main files and we welcome her to this very important position.