

Address to the Nunatsiavut Assembly

President Johannes Lampe

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- Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
- This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Nunatsiavut Government and the implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. The theme we have chosen to mark this significant milestone is, “Inuit Voices, Inuit Vision”, and reflects our journey as a government and as a people.
- Over the past months, several anniversary events have been taking place in some of our communities, with more planned as we approach December 1. These celebrations are not only a tribute to two decades of self-governance and progress, but also a reminder of what we can achieve when our voices are heard and Inuit vision is respected.
- Planning is under way to hold an event in Ottawa in late November, as well as a community feast in Nain on December 1.
- The intent of the Ottawa event is to bring together Parliamentarians, provincial representatives, Elders, Inuit partners, and other dignitaries to reflect on our journey and reinforce our position on key issues, including our stance regarding the NunatuKavut Community Council. We are exploring the possibility of co-hosting with Ministers Rebecca Alty and Rebecca Chartrand, which would further elevate the significance of the occasion. We would be bringing drum dancers, throat singers and some culturally relevant food.
- In Nain, we are looking at also celebrating our culture, with drum dancing, throat singing and traditional foods. It will be an opportunity to gather, to honour our past and to look ahead with pride to the future. It will also be an opportunity to celebrate Inuit governance, and the nation-to-nation relationship with both Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Mr. Speaker, we are continuing to advance our energy initiatives with a strong focus on sustainability, efficiency, and community-driven solutions. Several key projects are progressing across renewable energy development, residential retrofits, and strategic planning. These efforts reflect a commitment to reducing reliance on diesel, improving energy security, and tailoring programs to meet the unique needs of northern communities.
- The Nain Wind Microgrid is nearing construction, aiming to offset over 1.2 million litres of diesel a year with 60 per cent renewable penetration.

- Tidal energy feasibility is under way near Rigolet following extensive data collection.
- The Nunatsiavut Energy Efficiency Retrofit program, or NEER, delivers tailored energy audits and upgrades households and businesses. So far, the program has seen the replacement of nearly 200 stoves in our communities this year.
- A new Nunatsiavut Energy Strategy is in development to guide future energy initiatives, building on past data. This strategy is expected to be completed the winter.
- Mr. Speaker, to conclude, I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the re-election of Natan Obed as President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, which took place last week in Cambridge Bay. A Beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, Natan continues to be a strong and principled voice for Inuit throughout Inuit Nunangat. His re-election is a testament to the trust and respect he has earned.
- Thank you, Mr. Speaker.