

First Ministers Statement

Nunatsiavut Assembly

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Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Centre – 2026 Operations

2026 Fuel Supply Challenge

- The most significant operational challenge during the 2026 season was securing the required fuel supply for Base Camp after the original supply plan could not proceed as anticipated due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The change occurred within a time-sensitive operating window, requiring the team to quickly develop an alternative approach that could deliver sufficient fuel to meet operational requirements without allowing fuel logistics to create a significant escalation in the overall cost of Base Camp operations.
- Despite the disruption to the original plan, the required fuel was successfully delivered to support the 2026 operating season.
- Fuel currently positioned at Base Camp is estimated to represent approximately 80% of the amount required to support next season's operations. This provides a strong starting position for 2027 and reduces the amount of fuel that will need to be mobilized immediately before or during the next operating season.

Nain Airport Project

- The Nain Airport project team continues to advance the environmental assessment process and is working through the applicable guidelines and additional information requirements.
- Results from the 2026 field work and winter analysis will be used to refine the 2027 field programs and identify any remaining information gaps before the environmental assessment can advance to its next stages.

Strategic Planning – Pingutitsinik Nunatsiavut: Create Nunatsiavut

- As part of the overarching Pingutitsinik Nunatsiavut: Create Nunatsiavut initiative, the Planning team is finalizing a comprehensive set of strategies aimed at improving the delivery of essential infrastructure, housing and community development across Nunatsiavut.

Current Strategic Initiatives

1. Waste Management Strategy

- Establishes a regional approach to improving waste-management practices and landfill operations across Nunatsiavut, with a focus on environmental protection, operational sustainability and long-term community needs.

2. ÂkKisiutsianik Nunatsiavummi: Build Nunatsiavut – Construction Sector Economic Development Strategy

- Establishes a strategic approach to growing a strong and sustainable construction sector in Nunatsiavut.

3. Nunatsiavut Aggregate Resources and Quarry Strategy

- Identifies long-term aggregate sources, quarry-development opportunities and improvements to the regional aggregate supply chain.

4. Piguvallianik Tugagutigijaujuk: Grow Nunatsiavut

- Establishes a shared, long-term vision for the growth of Nunatsiavut communities and a coordinated path for achieving that vision.

5. Illunik Piusivalliatitsinik: Housing Strategy

- Establishes a coordinated approach to determining the path forward for all elements of the housing system in Nunatsiavut.

Land Titles and Illukuluk Housing Development

- In parallel with the regional strategies, the Planning team is advancing the Land Titles project to address land availability for near-term housing development. This work is directly linked to the planned Illukuluk housing project in Nain and Hopedale and is intended to move identified lots through the required land process so they can support construction.

Build Canada Homes Funding Application and Housing Expansion

- An application for \$141 million has been submitted to Build Canada Homes to support a broader expansion of housing delivery in Nunatsiavut. The application includes expansion of the Illukuluk project into all five Inuit communities, as well as Illualuk high-density housing development in Nain and Hopedale.

Capital Planning, Funding and Strategic Partnerships

- Nunatsiavut Affairs continues to work with key stakeholders, partner organizations and funding agencies to strengthen the long-term capital program for Nunatsiavut. A major focus is maintaining strong relationships with funding partners, identifying new funding opportunities and ensuring priority projects are sufficiently advanced so that Nunatsiavut Government can respond when funding programs become available.

Housing and Land Development

- Land development is being advanced alongside housing planning so that future housing investments are supported by suitable building lots, access, water and sewer servicing, drainage and other required community infrastructure.
- A coordinated approach is intended to reduce delays between funding approval and construction by identifying land, servicing and design requirements earlier in the project-development process.

Building a Stronger Capital Project Pipeline

- Nunatsiavut Affairs is working to develop a stronger multi-year pipeline of capital projects at different stages of readiness, including feasibility, concept development, detailed design, tender readiness and construction.
- Advancing projects before funding is secured, where appropriate and feasible, allows NG to establish clearer scopes, better cost information and more realistic schedules, strengthening future funding applications and capital decisions.

- The overall objective is to position Nunatsiavut Government to move priority projects into construction more efficiently as funding becomes available, while ensuring investments are coordinated with community priorities and long-term infrastructure needs.

Implementation Committee

- NG has submitted a new map and associated wording to the Implementation Committee for a new area for migratory Bird Hunting outside of LISA.
- The new map had to consider indigenous claims in the Upper lake Melville area as well as the Mealy Mountain Park.
- The IC will meet to discuss the recommended new map and wording to find consensus
- The amendments to Chapter 21 of LILCA – dispute resolution are nearing finalization.
- The next steps are for the Main Table negotiators to meet and discuss the amendments and agree on the proposed amendments.