



# Premier's Pages

December 2016

Nunavut

Happy December, Nunavummiut! This is my monthly newsletter to update you on the work that I do both in Nunavut and across Canada.

As always, education is a priority for the Government of Nunavut. On November 23, the Honourable Paul Quassa, Nunavut's Minister of Education and Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, joined the Honourable Bardish Chagger, federal Minister of Small Business and Tourism, to announce substantial federal and territorial funding in infrastructure for Nunavut Arctic College. Investing in Nunavut's future allows us to empower Nunavummiut students.

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## Key Dates

**December 12**  
NTI election

**December 24**  
Christmas Eve

**December 25**  
Christmas Day

**December 31**  
New Year's Eve

## Congratulations Corner

I am constantly reminded of the strong sense of community, resourcefulness and resiliency that we Nunavummiut are known for.

Congratulations to the following Nunavummiut on their accomplishments – you all make Nunavut very proud!

- The Nunavut Speed Skating Association skaters, who won seven medals at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Atlantic Cup Speed Skating Championships in Charlottetown, PEI.
- The 2016 Order of Nunavut recipients: Louie Kamookak, Ellen Hamilton and Red Pedersen.
- Legendary singer-songwriter Charlie Panigoniak, who won the 2016 Nunavut Commissioner's Performing Arts Award.

## ***Housing Announcement***

On November 3, federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Jean-Yves Duclos, and Nunavut's Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, George Kuksuk, made an announcement regarding housing.

Over the next two years, the Government of Canada will invest \$84 million to help Nunavummiut access affordable housing.

Affordable housing continues to be a priority for the Government of Nunavut.

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## ***Youth Parliament in the Legislative Assembly***

On November 24, the Government of Nunavut welcomed Nunavut youth to take over the Legislative Assembly for the day. This valuable opportunity gives young people a chance to learn about Nunavut's democratic institutions firsthand.

Here is a photo of the Youth Cabinet Ministers!



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## ***Happy Holidays!***

**Happy holidays, fellow Nunavummiut!**  
**May the new year bring you health and happiness.**