



Premier's Pages

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Nunavut

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

As always, economic growth and development is a priority for the Government of Nunavut. On April 7, I visited Ottawa to address economic growth in the territories at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. There was positive discussion on economic growth in the North, as Nunavut is an emerging market and continues to experience growth across multiple sectors.

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Key Dates

June 21
National Aboriginal Day

July 1
Canada Day

July 9
Nunavut Day



Nunavut signs onto Canadian Free Trade Agreement

On April 7 in Ottawa, Nunavut became a signatory to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA), alongside all of Canada's province and territories. This national internal trade agreement allows Nunavut to participate in Canada's economic union equally.

The Government of Nunavut's participation in the CFTA highlights our commitment to a transparent and efficient public government. Participation in the agreement allows Nunavut companies to access the Canadian market and protection from barriers to trade.

It is my hope that our participation in the CFTA could reduce the cost of goods in Nunavut and enhance economic development in the food sector in the territories.

You can learn more about the agreement here: <http://www.premier.gov.nu.ca/en/news-releases/nunavut-signs-canadian-free-trade-agreement>

The 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge

On April 9, I was honoured to join Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Canadian delegation to attend the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge ceremony in France to pay respect to those who served.

Nominations for the 2017 Arctic Inspiration Prize

Reminder that nominations are now open for the 2017 Arctic Inspiration Prize! The prize recognizes and promotes the extraordinary contribution made by teams in the gathering of Arctic knowledge and their plans to implement this knowledge to real world applications.

More details can be found on their website: <http://www.arcticinspirationprize.ca>

APS National Survey

Statistics Canada is currently conducting The Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS). The APS is a national survey of First Nations people living off reserve, Métis and Inuit living in Canada.

The 2017 APS focuses on participation in the Canadian economy. The survey is open until June 30, 2017. More information about is available here: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/survey/household/3250>

Arctic Panel in Washington

On March 27, I travelled to Washington to take part in discussions on economic development, infrastructure needs and strategies to attract investments in the Arctic. These conversations with our sub-national counterparts about common challenges are very important.

