



Premier's Pages

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Nunavut

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

In early May, I celebrated mental health week and encouraged Nunavummiut to take time to learn, talk and connect with friends, family and Elders about mental health and wellness.

In May, the governments of Canada and Nunavut announced funding for nine community infrastructure projects, as well as a renewed Nunavut Wellness Agreement focused on supporting Inuit in defining and acting on their health priorities. As always, I look forward to continued collaboration with the federal government to ensure these investments benefit Nunavummiut.

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Key Dates

June 21
National
Aboriginal Day

July 1
Canada Day

July 9
Nunavut Day

Nunavut celebrates Mental Health Week

During Mental Health Week, I encouraged Nunavummiut to take the time to prioritize their mental health and wellness. If you or someone you know is struggling with a mental health challenge, remember, you are not alone. For more information on support please visit: <http://www.gov.nu.ca/health/news/nunavut-celebrates-mental-health-week-0>

Renewal of the Nunavut Wellness Agreement

On May 1, the Government of Canada's Minister of Health, Jane Philpott, the Government of Nunavut's Minister of Health, George Hicke and the President of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., Aluki Kotierk announced the renewal of the Nunavut Wellness Agreement. The renewed Nunavut Wellness Agreement is focused on supporting Inuit in defining and acting on their health priorities.

You can learn more about the agreement here: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2017/05/government_of_canadasupportshealthychildrenfamiliesandcommunitie.html

Governments of Canada and Nunavut announce funding for nine community infrastructure projects

The governments of Canada and Nunavut are providing over \$230 million in joint funding for nine infrastructure improvement projects across the territory. In all, 19 communities will receive funding for the projects ranging from water and wastewater upgrades to waste management improvements. You can find more information on the Government of Canada's website:

https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2017/05/governments_of_canadaandnunavutannouncefundingforninecommunityin.html

Nominations for the 2017 Arctic Inspiration Prize

A reminder that nominations for the 2017 Arctic Inspiration Prize are now open! The prize recognizes and promotes the extraordinary contributions made by teams in the gathering of Arctic knowledge, and their plans to implement this knowledge to real world applications for the benefit of the Canadian Arctic, Arctic Peoples and, therefore, Canada. Details can be found on their website: <http://www.arcticinspirationprize.ca>

Igloolik's Andy Attagutalukutuk picks up 1st prize at Nunavut Quest dog sled race

Congratulations to Andy Attagutalukutuk for winning this year's Nunavut Quest dog sled race! This was Andy's fourth win out of the last five Nunavut Quest dog sled races. Musher's travelled about 80 kilometres a day to make it from Arctic Bay to Igloolik in a week. Next year's race will run from Igloolik to Pond Inlet. You can read more about the races here: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/andy-attagutalukutuk-winner-nunavut-quest-2017-1.4093419>

Unveiling of Canada Post Nunavut Stamp

On May 30, I took part in the unveiling of the Nunavut Canada 150 Commemorative Stamp at the Legislative Assembly. The stamp highlights Nunavut's right to self-government as well as its entry into confederation in 1999. I am very proud of the role that Nunavut plays in Canada, and am honoured that it is being commemorated as part of the Canada 150 celebrations. You can view the commemorative video here: <https://youtu.be/hJSUshnx844>

