

NUNAVUT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

CONTEXT:

These terms of reference reflect the commitment by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), Regional Inuit Associations (RIA) and the Government of Nunavut (GN) to identify and take action on shared priorities through partnership. NTI, RIAs and the GN will collaborate to improve the economic, health, social and cultural well-being of Nunavut Inuit, and to help Nunavut realize its potential as a healthy and prosperous part of Canada.

Collaboration can contribute to common priorities and approaches, as assisted by the sharing of research data, information, analysis, and options. Working together in good faith can enhance success and allow both organizations to utilize resources more efficiently. A collaborative relationship within Nunavut can give Nunavut a stronger voice in wider Canadian and international forums.

The Nunavut Partnership Committee is tasked with advancing this relationship and creating prosperity for Inuit and all Nunavummiut through the development of policy guidance, by taking action to advance shared policy priorities, and facilitating inter-agency collaboration.

PURPOSE:

The creation of the Nunavut Partnership Committee is an important step toward advancing shared interests for Inuit and Nunavummiut through collaborative action. The overarching goal of this partnership is to foster Inuit prosperity. It will do so by identifying solutions, providing guidance, and addressing challenges. It is structured to ensure success through a unified approach that is based on partnership and accountability.

PRINCIPLES:

Successful collaboration requires consistent and practical work. The commitment is best applied at both the political and bureaucratic levels.

Successful collaboration can benefit from the active incorporation and application of traditional, current, and emerging Inuit societal values. It is vital to encourage and support such values within and across the public and private sectors and should extend to all relevant policy and program areas.

The Nunavut Partnership Committee is outcomes-focused, and its parties are committed to working together in the spirit of cooperation to advance shared priorities. The Nunavut Partnership Committee will operate on the principles of collaboration, consensus, transparency, integrity, fairness, partnership, and inclusion. Members will respect the *Nunavut Agreement*. Inuit rights and the human rights affirmed by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The work of the Nunavut Partnership Committee will enhance the whole of government approach to engaging with NTI and RIA's by introducing cooperation, implementation, and accountability to the vital work that is necessary to advance the relationship between NTI, RIA's and the Government of Nunavut in a sustainable and positive way. This work will complement and not impede existing Inuit–federal/provincial/territorial work underway.

Initiatives with significant policy and/or financial implications will require vetting through appropriate government and Inuit government/organization policy approval processes.

MEMBERS:

The Nunavut Partnership Committee is comprised of leaders, including the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Board of Directors and the Executive Council of the Government of Nunavut.

OBJECTIVES:

In fulfilling its purpose, the Nunavut Partnership Committee shall:

- Identify, plan for and support our shared goals in the development of policies, programs and services and their delivery as agreed to by the parties;
- Develop work plans between members that structure partnership and action on shared priorities;
- Exchange research data, research results, and all other information on shared priorities specific to Nunavut Inuit;
- Facilitate the development of stronger linkages with other Inuit, territorial, and federal partners;
- Identify emerging issues, opportunities and facilitate linkages with other existing policies and programs;
- Create accountability for success in shared priority areas; and
- Report on progress to Inuit and Nunavummiut.

Initial key areas of focus will include the implementation of the *Nunavut Agreement*, socio-economic and cultural development, and infrastructure development.

REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY RELATIONSHIPS:

Members are responsible for coordinating work plans, reporting activities, recommendations, and outcomes to their respective organizations and government. Meeting minutes will be reviewed and agreed upon by all parties in a timely way. The Nunavut Partnership Committee mechanism will enable annual priority setting, joint policy development, and measure progress against mutually agreed upon targets on an ongoing basis.

The Nunavut Partnership Committee will meet annually to review progress on priority areas and discuss possible amendments to priority areas. The GN Premier and NTI President will meet quarterly to measure progress. Meeting reports will be made available to all parties.

The GN and NTI agree to share information for the purposes of this partnership as outlined in the joint *Information Sharing Agreement*. This exchange will be mutual, free, and as expeditious as possible.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

The Nunavut Partnership Committee shall convene annually at locations determined by members. The NTI President and Premier of Nunavut shall preside over meetings, co-chairs may also appoint a designate to preside over meetings in their stead. Individual members shall meet as needed throughout the year in order to ensure continuity and progress of work. Quarterly meetings of the NTI President and Premier of Nunavut will be held to monitor and discuss progress regarding workplans and shared priorities.

Quarterly meetings of relevant Government of Nunavut Deputy Ministers, Assistant Deputy Ministers and representatives of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and Regional Inuit Associations will be held to monitor and guide the work of technical level working groups composed of subject matter experts. Political staff from participating Ministers' offices shall participate in meetings as observers in order to enhance efficiency and transparency.

Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Government of Nunavut and Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated will coordinate the Nunavut Partnership Committee meeting logistics on behalf of the parties.

FUNDING AND RESOURCING:

The Parties will work to develop mutually acceptable work plans and budgets to support Nunavut Partnership Committee. Any work plan, budget and funding agreement shall be consistent with the policies of the Government of Nunavut and the policies of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

AMENDMENT AND TERM:

The Terms of Reference may be updated and revised as needed with the agreement of all parties.