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Honourable Margaret Nakashuk
Minister of Family Services
Minister responsible for Homelessness
Minister responsible for Poverty Reduction
Minister responsible for Status of Women
Minister responsible for Workers Safety and Compensation Board

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## Minister's Mandate

Dear Minister Nakashuk,

As Premier of Nunavut, I am writing to confirm your mandate as **Minister of Family Services** (FS). We have agreed that you are responsible for the full range of activities undertaken by your department, including:

- Providing programs and services to enhance the well-being and self-reliance of Nunavummiut;
- Delivering programs related to career and labour market development, family wellness, income support, and poverty reduction; and
- Undertaking specific priority actions and initiatives to enable and support the achievement of our government's mandate, Katujjiluta.

## **PRIORITY ACTIONS**

Katujjiluta represents a set of actions and initiatives in five priority areas:

- Aging with dignity in Nunavut;
- Expanding the housing continuum;
- Enabling health and healing;
- Reinvesting in education; and
- Diversifying our local economies.

We have taken an integrated approach to our priorities, so no department or territorial corporation has lead accountability for all actions in a priority area.

We have agreed that you are accountable for leading the priority actions and initiatives identified below. This includes ensuring aligned and coordinated action across the Government of Nunavut and with our partners, where appropriate.

As a top priority, you have agreed to undertake immediate action on the following:

• Undertake community mapping of country food needs and consultation regarding Elders' needs and wishes (2023-24).

To help guide the future actions of our government, you have agreed to:

- Support United for Life partners in the renewal of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan to focus on multi-departmental response to suicide prevention and postvention initiatives in collaboration with the departments of Culture and Heritage (CH), Education (EDU), Health (HEA), Human Resources (HR), and Justice (JUS) (2022-23);
- Work closely with EDU to establish an interdepartmental working group to identify Nunavut's labour market needs and existing education and training programs, and develop a strategy to meet those needs (2022-2024); and
- Participate as a member of the Purpose-Built Housing Working Group (with HEA, JUS and the Nunavut Housing Corporation) in a housing need and demand study to identify priority communities for Elders' independent or assisted living units, emergency shelters and transitional housing units; gauge community capacity to provide support services; and develop a business case (2023-24).

## **ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

In addition to the mandate priorities listed above, you are also accountable as:

- Minister responsible for Homelessness
- Minister responsible for Poverty Reduction
- Minister responsible for Status of Women
- Minister responsible for Workers Safety and Compensation Board
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Diversifying the Economy
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Enabling Health, Healing and Aging
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Reinvesting in Education and Training

## **WORKING TOGETHER**

Katujjiluta is more than the title of our mandate. It is a guiding principle that emphasizes a fundamental shift in how we will work together to achieve the promise of Nunavut. As you address your priorities, I am confident that we will:

- Work within Cabinet and with Regular Members to implement our shared mandate;
- Extend and strengthen partnerships with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Regional Inuit Organizations to leverage our resources towards a common cause:
- Build capacity and support increased and enhanced Inuit employment in the public service; and
- Demonstrate Inuit societal values and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in action to achieve real and lasting change.

Your Deputy Head is accountable for assisting you to meet your commitments and fulfill the responsibilities of your portfolio. You are responsible for providing clear direction to your Deputy Head, including expectations for collaboration and partnerships within and beyond the Government of Nunavut.

I am proud and excited to work with you in developing enduring partnerships and taking coordinated and collaborative action that will improve the daily lives of Nunavummiut and lay strong foundations for our future.

Sincerely,

P.J. Akeeagok Premier of Nunavut

cc. Jimi Onalik, Deputy Minister and Cabinet Secretary, Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs