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Honourable Joanna Quassa
 Minister of Culture and Heritage
 Minister responsible for Languages
 Minister responsible for Seniors

November 7, 2022

Minister’s Mandate

Dear Minister Quassa,

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

- Providing leadership to preserve and enhance Nunavut’s culture, heritage, and languages by promoting Inuit Societal Values through the application of Inuit Qaujimagatuuqangit (IQ);
- Promoting the use of Inuit language in the workplace and throughout the territory;
- Encouraging on-going dialogue among Elders and youth and the government; 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 (GN) and with our partners, where appropriate.

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

- Continue to implement the Iviqtipalliajut Framework to strengthen IQ and Inuit Societal Values in GN workplaces and within policy and legislation (ongoing);
- Design IQ sessions for health care professionals (2022-23);
- Finalize the Inuktit Language Training Strategic Plan with the support of the Department of Human Resources for implementation beginning 2023-24 (2022-23); and
- Provide support for the development of an Elder and senior care strategy and implementation plan by ensuring that the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Katimajit (IQK) and /or Tuttarviit are engaged in consultations and by exploring possible engagement of Elders committees/groups (2022-23).

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

- Explore options to enhance Elders-related grants and contributions (G&Cs) and Arts-related G&Cs (2022-23);
- Explore options to enhance youth-related G&Cs and programs and to include efforts to harvest and share country food with Elders (2022-23); and
- Explore options to ensure staff in continuing care facilities are provided targeted language training (2023-24).

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

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

- Minister responsible for Languages
- Minister responsible for Seniors
- 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