



Honourable Craig Simailak
Minister of Justice
Minister responsible for Democratic Institutions
Minister responsible for the Human Rights Tribunal
Minister responsible for Labour

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Minister's Mandate

Dear Minister Simailak,

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

- Serving as the primary advisor to the Government of Nunavut on legal and legislative matters; 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:

- Provide broad support for Katujjiluta through legislative review and legislative development aimed at implementing mandate objectives (ongoing).

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), Family Services (FS), Health (HEA), and Human Resources (HR) (2022-23); and
- Participate as a member of the Purpose-Built Housing Working Group (with HEA, FS 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 Democratic Institutions
- Minister responsible for the Human Rights Tribunal
- Minister responsible for Labour
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Diversifying the Economy
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Expanding Housing and Infrastructure
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Priorities, Planning and Partnerships

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