



Honourable Pamela Hakongak Gross  
Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College

November 7, 2022

### **Minister's Mandate**

Dear Minister Gross,

As Premier of Nunavut, I am writing to confirm your mandate as **Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College (NAC)**.

We have agreed that through the NAC Board of Directors, you are accountable for the full range of activities undertaken by the College, including:

- Providing oversight to the College in its delivery of education, training, research, and publishing programs and services; 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:

- Establish a formal schedule of trades and industrial training program deliveries through community learning centers outside of the three main campuses (2022-23 and ongoing);
- Work with the Department of Health (HEA) to develop and deliver a home and continuing care certificate program (2022-23 and ongoing);
- Deliver the practical nursing program in Rankin Inlet and deliver the pre-health program in Cambridge Bay to feed the practical nurse program (2022-23 and ongoing);
- Continue training in trauma-informed practices in social work programming and in the Bachelor of Arctic Nursing (ongoing); and
- Continue to implement the recommendations from the early childhood education (ECE) review and continue to modify the ECE program to reflect the recommendations (2022-2024).

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

- Identify options for apprentices to gain necessary work experience in Nunavut and partner with NHC on building and renovation projects for Trades Students and Apprentices (2023-24);
- Review the results of the first Bachelor of Social Work cohort to determine the possibility of expansion of the program to other areas (2023-24); and
- Explore options for a mentorship/ training program to train Inuit instructors for the social service worker program (2023-24).

## **ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

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

- 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.

Through the NAC Board of Directors, 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 expectations to the Chair of the Board of Directors, 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