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Honourable David Joanasie Government House Leader Minister of Community and Government Services

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## Minister's Mandate

Dear Minister Joanasie,

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

- Providing services to Nunavut's communities and governments in ways that foster safe and sustainable communities to benefit all Nunavummiut; 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:

- Work closely with the departments of Economic Development and Transportation (EDT), Human Resources and Finance to develop options, a workplan and a timeline for the realignment of CGS and EDT (2022-23);
- Assume responsibility for the maintenance of continuing care facilities (2022-23);
- Work with the Department of Health (HEA) to complete construction of the Kivalliq Long-Term Care facility by 2023; and
- Collaborate with the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC) to support efficient lot development and opportunities for private land development and housing construction (ongoing).

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

- Work with HEA to explore options to expedite the construction of Qikiqtaaluk and Kitikmeot long-term care facilities (2022-23); and
- Work with NHC to examine GN assets across the portfolio that are either under utilized or deemed surplus and may be considered for redevelopment to support increased housing supply (2023-24).

## ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

In your role as Government House Leader, you are responsible for:

- Managing government business in the House;
- Chairing meetings of Executive Council in which legislative initiatives of the Government of Nunavut are reviewed; and
- Participating as a member of the Senior Personnel Secretariat, which is a Cabinet Committee.

I expect that you will maintain effective and productive relationships with all members of Executive Council, the Chair of the Regular Members' Caucus, and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in carrying out your role as Government House Leader.

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

- 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