



Honourable David Akeeagok  
Minister of Economic Development and Transportation  
Minister responsible for Nunavut Business Credit Corporation  
Minister responsible for Nunavut Development Corporation  
Minister responsible for Mines  
Minister responsible for Trade

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## Minister's Mandate

Dear Minister Akeeagok,

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

- Developing Nunavut's economy and transportation systems in ways that support a positive, self-reliant future for our people, our communities, and our land; and
- Undertaking specific priority actions and initiatives to enable and support the achievement of our government's mandate, Katujijiluta.

## 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 Community and Government Services (CGS), Human Resources and Finance to develop options, a workplan and a timeline for the realignment of EDT and CGS (2022-23);
- Participate in the renewal of the national Canadian Agriculture Partnership agreement for 2023-2028 and advocate for eligible programming to include Indigenous harvesting initiatives (2022-23);
- Increase training for employment in sectors such as mining, arts and crafts, tourism, and small business using existing departmental programs and in partnership with Inuit organizations and the private sector (ongoing); and
- Continue to work with communities to develop and implement community economic development plans (ongoing).

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

- Finalize the Mine Training Strategy (2022-23);
- Refresh strategic plans for sustainable economic development and diversification in all sectors, including the Fisheries and Sealing Strategy (2022-23), Parnautit (2022-2024), the Arts and Cultural Industries Strategy (2022-2025), and the Tourism Strategy (2022-2025); and
- Initiate and maintain a working group for Nunavut stakeholders and representatives to work on advancing Nunavut's access to its fair share of adjacent water allocations (2022-2026).

## **ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

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

- Minister responsible for Mines
- Minister responsible for Trade
- Minister responsible for Nunavut Business Credit Corporation
- Minister responsible for Nunavut Development Corporation
- Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Diversifying the Economy
- Member of the Cabinet Committee on Expanding Housing and Infrastructure

As Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Diversifying the Economy, your role is to enable and ensure cooperation among Ministers and departments on mandate priorities related to diversifying our local economies. You will also provide direction to coordinate the development of government positions and input to land and resource management institutions established under the Nunavut Agreement.

## WORKING TOGETHER

Katujijiluta 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