



Honourable Lorne Kusugak  
Minister of Finance  
Minister responsible for the Liquor Licensing Board

September 25, 2023

### **Minister's Mandate**

Dear Minister Kusugak,

As Premier of Nunavut, I am writing to confirm your mandate as **Minister of Finance** (FIN). 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 financial and budgetary 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 financial review, analysis, and budgeting recommendations aimed at implementing mandate objectives (ongoing); and
- Work closely with the departments of Community and Government Services (CGS), Economic Development and Transportation (EDT), and Human Resources (HR) to develop options, a workplan and a timeline for the realignment of EDT and CGS (2022-23).

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

- Work with the Nunavut Housing Corporation and HR on investigating opportunities to enable and encourage residents to move from Government of Nunavut staff housing and social housing into affordable rental units or homes of their own (ongoing).

## **ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

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

- Minister responsible for the Liquor Licensing Board
- Chair of the Financial Management Board
- Member of the Senior Personnel Secretariat
- 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P.J. Akeeagok', with a stylized flourish at the end.

P.J. Akeeagok  
Premier of Nunavut

cc. Jimi Onalik, Deputy Minister and Cabinet Secretary, Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs