

#### PREMIER AKEEAGOK'S

### **NEWSLETTER**



# Nunavut Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement signed

On January 18, 2024, the Government of Nunavut, Government of Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) signed the Nunavut Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement. This landmark agreement is the largest land transfer in Canada's history. Nunavummiut will now be able to make decisions on how public lands, freshwater, non-renewable resources are used in the territory.

Premier Akeeagok and NTI President Kotierk welcomed Prime Minister Trudeau to Iqaluit for the signing, which included a showcase of talented Inuit artists and an evening community event.











Following the historic signing, the Premier and Prime Minister met to discuss next steps in implementing devolution, housing, and Arctic security and sovereignty.

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While in Iqaluit, Premier Akeeagok and President Kotierk had the opportunity to take the Prime Minister and his son out on the land to enjoy activities such as a dog sledding and igloo building.











## Premier Akeeagok meets with Elders in Iqaluit

On January 19, Premier Akeeagok met with Elders in Iqaluit following the signing of the Nunavut Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement. The Premier was glad to hear the Elders' positive thoughts on the devolution signing.

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### NAM Conference and AGM takes place in Iqaluit

Premier Akeeagok and Minister Joanasie attended the 56<sup>th</sup> Nunavut Association of Municipalities Annual General Meeting and Conference held in Iqaluit November 27-30, 2023. This event allows Nunavut leaders to discuss common issues, share best practices, and learn from one another.



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### ArcticNet holds its annual scientific meeting in Iqaluit

In December 2023, ArcticNet held its annual scientific meeting in Nunavut for the first time. During the knowledge expo, Premier Akeeagok learned about DNA extraction with high school students from Igloolik and Sanirajak.

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Premier Akeeagok was honoured to speak at the 2024 Kitikmeot Trade Show held in Cambridge Bay in February. The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual event brought together businesses, governments, and Inuit organizations from the Kitikmeot Region and Canada to allow networking and business development.

Kitikmeot Trade Show

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#### **Chesterfield Inlet welcomes Premier Akeeagok**

Premier Akeeagok traveled to Chesterfield Inlet in January to meet with Mayor Simionie Sammurtok and council members as well as community members and school students. The Premier appreciated meeting in person to discuss the community's challenges and needs.

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#### The Premier visits Whale Cove

The Premier also visited Whale Cove in January, meeting with Mayor Ernie Bernhardt and the hamlet Council to discuss infrastructure and community priorities.







#### **Premier** Akeeagok visits Taloyoak

In February, Premier Akeeagok visited Taloyoak, meeting with Mayor Lenny Panigayak and council. The Premier also met with Elders and youth and enjoyed a community feast which included a show of local talented musicians and artists.













#### **Meetings in Cambridge Bay**

The Premier continued his community visits and stopped in Cambridge Bay in February. The Premier was pleased to meet with Mayor Wayne Gregory and hamlet council. He also met with local Elders and Kitikmeot Inuit Association and toured the community's schools.







### Premier Akeeagok visits Hope Bay Mine

In February, Premier Akeeagok toured the Hope Bay Mine Site near Cambridge Bay. The Premier looks forward to the future of this mine and potential for employing Inuit.

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## MOU is signed to keep healthcare workers in Nunavut

In November 2023, the Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut

Employees Union signed a Memorandum of Understanding to improve recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals in Nunavut. The agreement will allow the Department of Health to enhance access to quality healthcare in Nunavut.

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#### **Premier and Ministers tour Mary River**



Premier Akeeagok, along with Ministers Joanasie, Akeeagok, and Qavvik, toured Baffinland's Mary River Mine site. The tour included an update, as well as time spent meeting with the Aulattijiit Inuit Leadership Development Program participants. Read more

### **Upcoming Events**



MARCH 10-16, 2024 Arctic Winter Games

MAY 23 -JUNE 6, 2024

Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly

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