



PREMIER AKEEAGOK'S NEWSLETTER

Strategy launched to build 3000 homes

On October 18, 2022, Minister Kusugak announced the unveiling of Igluliuqatigiingniq – building houses together - the Nunavut 3000 strategy. This agreement is a collaboration between Nunavut Housing Corporation and NCC Development to address the housing crisis in Nunavut. Igluliuqatigiingniq Nunavut 3000 is committed to delivering 3000 new housing units in Nunavut by 2030.

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\$10/day childcare realized in Nunavut

Affordable daycare became a reality in Nunavut as of December 1, 2022. Parents can now access subsidies that reduce the cost of licenced childcare to \$10 per day. Earlier this year, the Government of Nunavut signed a Canada-wide Early Learning and Childcare Agreement with the Government of Canada. Affordable childcare is a key priority of the Government of Nunavut's Katujijluta mandate.

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Nunavut and Newfoundland and Labrador sign a Memorandum of Understanding

In February 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Nunavut and Newfoundland and Labrador. Nunavut's Premier Akeeagok and Minister Gross met with Newfoundland and Labrador's Premier Furey and Minister Dempster to sign this agreement which strengthens areas of collaboration, partnership, and future development between the two governments.

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Premier Akeeagok celebrates one year mark of Nunavut leadership

November 2022 marked one year since P.J. Akeeagok was elected as Premier of Nunavut. In one year, the sixth legislative assembly of Nunavut has negotiated \$10 per day daycare with the federal government, welcomed Pope Francis to Iqaluit and put in place an ambitious housing strategy for the territory.

Premier Akeeagok said, "I look forward to continuing to represent our territory. I know that by working together towards a common cause we can make significant improvements to our territory."

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Ministerial mandate letters tabled in fall legislative sitting

During the fall sitting of the legislative assembly, Premier Akeeagok tabled individual mandate letters for each cabinet portfolio. This is the first time a Nunavut premier has created and published ministerial mandate letters for a cabinet. These letters will guide Nunavut's ministers in their work to fully and transparently implement the Katujiluta mandate.

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Governments work together to improve health care

On February 7, 2023, Premier P.J. Akeeagok attended a meeting of First Ministers with Canada's premiers and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Discussions centred on improving Canada's health care system. At the meeting, the federal government announced it will increase health funding to provinces and territories by \$46 billion in new funds over 10 years.

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Territorial premiers meet at Northern Premiers' Forum

Premier P.J. Akeeagok, Yukon Premier Sandy Silver and Northwest Territories Premier Caroline Cochrane met virtually in December 2022 to discuss healthcare, economic development, and Arctic sovereignty. The Premiers have collaborated extensively throughout 2022 on these topics and renewed their commitment to territorial collaboration and to deliver on mutual northern priorities.

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Premier Akeeagok meets with Minister Carolyn Bennett

In November of 2022, Premier P.J. Akeeagok and Nunavut's Health Minister John Main met with federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Carolyn Bennett. Discussions centred around suicide prevention and strategies needed to promote positive mental health. The Premier looks forward to working with Canada to ensure all people in Nunavut have access to the mental health and addictions supports they need.

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Premier Akeeagok attends the Northern Lights Conference

Premier P.J. Akeeagok joined Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Andrew Furey at the Northern Lights Premier's Forum in Ottawa. The Premier also attended the annual Arctic Inspiration Prize awards ceremony and presented a youth laureate award to the Nunavut Youth Create Collective. The Premier was proud to see several projects from Nunavut as outstanding laureates this year, including the million dollar prize winner, Ilaitsiqiniq Nunavut Literacy Council for its Pilimmaksajuliriniq Project towards wellness in Inuit Nunangat.

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Premier Akeegok visits the Embassy of the United States of America

In February 2023, Premier P.J. Akeagok met with Ambassador David Cohen at the Embassy of the United States of America. The Premier was encouraged by conversations on infrastructure and security and looks forward to welcoming Ambassador Cohen to Iqaluit in the future.

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Grade 12 students impress judges

Inukshuk High School grade 12 students showcased their social studies projects in January. The Premier was impressed by the students' research and presentations on important topics in Nunavut, such as housing, addictions, and renewable energy.

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Nunavut competes at Arctic Winter Games

Premier P.J. Akeegok traveled to Alberta with Minister David Joanase and Commissioner Eva Aariak to attend the Arctic Winter Games. The Premier was honoured to be part of the opening ceremonies and is proud of all Nunavut athletes who competed in the games.

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Upcoming Events

**FEBRUARY 22 –
MARCH 16, 2023**

**Winter Sitting of the
Legislative Assembly.**



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