



PREMIER AKEEAGOK'S NEWSLETTER



Prime Minister visits Iqaluit

Premier P.J. Akeeagok welcomed Prime Minister Mark Carney to Iqaluit on March 18, 2025, for his first official domestic visit. This visit highlights a commitment by the federal government to strengthening Canada's Arctic sovereignty and security.

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Canada's Premiers meet with Prime Minister

Premier Akeeagok and fellow premiers met with Prime Minister Carney to discuss potential economic impacts stemming from the ongoing trade challenges with the United States. The Premier also emphasized the need to bolster Arctic security and fully realize the economic potential of Canada's North.

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Northern Premiers Forum

Premier P.J. Akeeagok travelled to Haines Junction, Yukon to join Premier Ranj Pillai and Premier R.J. Simpson for the Northern Premiers Forum. The leaders held important discussions on nation-building initiatives aimed at strengthening Canadian sovereignty and unlocking the North's full economic potential.

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Nunavut and Manitoba partner to advance Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link

On April 16, Premier P.J. Akeeagok and Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew signed a joint statement committing to advance the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link. This clean energy and communications corridor will help power Kivalliq Region communities, boost economic development, and strengthen Canada's Arctic sovereignty.

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Nunavut Agreement Implementation Contract signed

On March 8, Canada, Nunavut, and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. signed a 10-year Implementation Contract under the Nunavut Agreement, outlining \$1.5 billion in funding. This includes \$588 million for the Government of Nunavut and \$77.6 million in annual ongoing support.

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GN and NTI united on infrastructure priorities

In March, the Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) stood together to call for nation-building infrastructure that meets Nunavut's needs and strengthens Canada's Arctic sovereignty. The GN and NTI will form a joint working group to develop a made-in-Nunavut Arctic sovereignty and security strategy—one that puts Inuit priorities and Northern realities at the heart of Canada's future in the Arctic.

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Premier attends Arctic Inspiration Prize award ceremony

Premier Akeeagok was pleased to attend this year's Arctic Inspiration Prize (AIP) awards ceremony. The AIP provides funding to innovative, Northern-led projects that make a difference in Arctic communities. Congratulations to all the finalists—especially the four Nunavut projects selected to receive funding.

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Iqaluit Northern Operational Support Hub announced

In early March, Minister of National Defence Bill Blair announced the formation of the Iqaluit Northern Operation Support Hub and two other support hubs in Canada's North. The federal government will be investing \$2.67 billion over 20 years to establish these hubs, which will support Canada's sovereignty and security.

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Premier visits Kimmirut and Kugluktuk

Premier Akeeagok was pleased to visit Kimmirut for the grand opening of their new airport terminal. This was the first of six new terminals to open as part of the GN's effort to modernize Nunavut's airport infrastructure. In April, the Premier traveled to Kugluktuk to celebrate the return of the sun.

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Premier meets with federal ministers

In May, Premier Akeeagok met with federal Ministers François-Philippe Champagne, Rebecca Chartrand, and Minister Rebecca Alty to discuss Inuit-led nation building infrastructure priorities.

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Inuit Child First Initiative extended

The Government of Canada extended the Inuit Child First Initiative for one more year. This program provides funding for social, health, and educational support for all Inuit children in Canada. In Nunavut, it has helped fund school breakfast programs and grocery vouchers for families.

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Expansion of the School Food Program in Nunavut

On February 28, Premier Akeeagok and Ministers Pamela Gross and John Main joined federal representatives in Iqaluit for the announcement of the expansion of the school food program in Nunavut. This funding will provide essential infrastructure for school food programs across Nunavut.

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Premier Akeeagok awards King Charles III Coronation Medals

Throughout 2025, Premier Akeagok will be awarding King Charles III's Coronation Medals to 54 Nunavummiut who have made a significant contribution to Nunavut and Canada.

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Premier speaks at Nunavut Mining Symposium

In April 2025, the Premier was honoured to speak at the Nunavut Mining Symposium, emphasizing the importance of unlocking Nunavut's economic potential through responsible development and access to critical minerals.

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Premier celebrates Inuit culture and achievements

Premier Akeegok was honoured to attend Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami's Tapiriit event, celebrating Inuit food, art, and culture. He also proudly took part in the Nunavut Sivuniksavut graduation, which marked a record number of graduates this year. [▶ Read more](#)

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Premier attends Growth Summit 2025

Premier P.J. Akeeagok attended the Public Policy Forum's Growth Summit in Toronto, where he emphasized Nunavut's vital role in shaping Canada's economic future. [Read more](#)

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Upcoming Events



JUNE 1, 2025

COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION MEETING

JUNE 2, 2025

FIRST MINISTERS MEETING

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