

#### PREMIER AKEEAGOK'S

## **NEWSLETTER**

# Strategic action plan for Elders in Nunavut underway

In February 2023, the Government of Nunavut (GN) announced that work is underway towards a Strategic Action Plan for Elders in Nunavut. This strategy will look to coordinate existing supports in communities and help Elders navigate programs and services delivered by the GN, Inuit organizations, municipalities, and non-profits. Elder groups were engaged at regional gatherings, with two Elders joining from each Nunavut community. The Elder strategy framework will be completed in December 2023.

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## Premier Akeeagok tables Katujjiluta progress report

During the winter sitting of the Nunavut Legislature, Premier Akeeagok tabled the Government of Nunavut's Progress on Katujjiluta Mandate Priorities: Highlights of 2022 Achievements and Plans for 2023. This report includes a transparent summary of work accomplished in 2022, commitments the government is working towards in 2023, and performance indicators linked to each of the government's five key mandate priorities.

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## Nunavut on the Hill



On May 1-2, Nunavut's Executive Council promoted the Katujjiluta mandate priorities through a series of meetings with the federal government in Ottawa. "Nunavut on the Hill" was a two-day political working visit to Parliament to build Nunavut's partnerships with the Canadian government.

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## 2023-2024 Budget tabled

During the March sitting of the Legislature, the Government of Nunavut tabled it's 2023-2024 Budget. Through this budget, the GN is working to improve the lives of Nunavummiut and to deliver on Katujjiluta Mandate priorities. Highlights of the budget include \$27 million towards new public and staff housing, as well as funding towards supported living and alternative family care homes, new school community counsellors, and much more.

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### Minister Vandal visits Iqaluit

On April 3, Premier P.J. Akeeagok, Minister David Joanasie and Minister David Akeeagok met with met with federal Minister of Northern Affairs Dan Vandal to discuss the Government of Canada's budget and several important issues facing Nunavut, such as housing, healthcare, infrastructure and green energy.

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## Premier Akeeagok and Ministers visit the U.S. Embassy

On May 4, Premier Akeeagok, Deputy Minister Gross, and Minister Akeeagok visited the U.S. Embassy and spoke about road and port infrastructure for the Western Arctic.

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#### Northern Premiers' Forum in Inuvik

Premier P.J. Akeeagok met with Northwest Territories Premier Caroline Cochrane and Yukon Premier Ranj Pillai in Inuvik, N.W.T. for the Northern Premiers' Forum. The Premiers' discussions focused on shared priorities to continue to build a strong, vibrant, and resilient North, including housing, affordability, critical minerals and Arctic security and sovereignty.

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### **Premier Akeeagok visits Sanirajak**

In April 2023, Premier P.J. Akeeagok and Deputy Minister Pamela Gross travelled to Sanirajak to meet with MLA Joelie Kaernerk. While in Sanirajak, the Premier met with the Sanirajak Housing Association, Mayor Jaypetee Aulakiak and hamlet councillors, and Elder Nagleena Inuksuk. The Premier also visited Arnagiuag school and was honoured to recognize the bravery of the Sanirajak search and rescue team.



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## Premier Akeeagok visits Kugluktuk

Premier Akeeagok visited Kugluktuk in April and was pleased to participate in the Nattiq Frolics events while there. The Premier met with the Kugluktuk Housing Association and District Education Authority and visited Kugluktuk High School and the power plant. The Premier also met with the Kugluktuk hamlet council to provide an update on a new power plant planned for the community. The Premier thanks MLA Bobby Anavilok, Mayor Simon Kuliktana, and all of Kugluktuk for the warm welcome.



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## Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada opens Nunavut regional office



Premier Akeeagok extended his congratulations to Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada on the opening of a regional office in Iqaluit. Pauktuutit works to advance gender equality and support diversity for Inuit women in Canada. The Premier was also honoured to speak at their annual general meeting in February.

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### Assembly page steps in as Sergeant-at-Arms



The Legislative Assembly was proud to see assembly page Alexis Vincent-Wolfe step in as sergeant at arms to carry the mace during the winter sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

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## Skills Canada Nunavut competition is held in Iqaluit

The Premier was honoured to present awards to the winners of the Skills Canada Nunavut territorial competition this April. Youth from Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Gjoa Haven, Naujaat, Taloyoak, and Arviat took part in this year's competition.

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