



PREMIER AKEEAGOK'S NEWSLETTER

Nunavut commemorates National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th marked the fourth National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day. Premier Akeeagok was honoured to attend events in Iqaluit, organized by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, to recognize and pay respect to those lost in residential schools and impacted survivors, families and communities. September 30th was also an opportunity to celebrate the strength and resilience of Inuit communities in the face of systemic oppression.

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Direct flight between Iqaluit and Greenland returns

On June 26th, Iqaluit welcomed the first direct flight from Nuuk, Greenland with a community event. The creation of this route follows the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Nunavut and Greenland in 2022 to bolster cooperation in areas such as culture, fisheries, travel and tourism, and more.

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GN funds mobility vans for Elders

In support of the Katujjiluta Mandate priority, Aging with Dignity, the Government of Nunavut provided specialized mobility vans for Elders to five communities. These vans will offer Elders greater mobility within their community. Local drivers will gain training and skills in the operation of the vans.

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Canada's Premiers meet in Halifax

Premier Akeeagok attended the Council of the Federation summer meeting July 15-17 in Halifax. Canada's premiers discussed ways governments can work together to better support Canadians. Arctic sovereignty and security were key discussion points as well as infrastructure, housing, and critical minerals. During the meetings, Premier Akeeagok had a chance to hold side meetings with Prince Edward Island's Premier Dennis King, as well as Manitoba's Premier Wab Kinew.

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Premier co-hosts Arctic and Northern Policy Framework Leadership Committee meeting

In October, Premier Akeeagok co-hosted the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework Leadership Committee meeting with Minister of Northern Affairs, Dan Vandal. Through this committee, Indigenous, federal, territorial, and provincial partners are working together to implement the vision of the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework and develop long-lasting opportunities for the North.

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Premier Akeeagok attends Western Premiers' Conference

In June, Premier Akeeagok traveled to Whitehorse, Yukon to meet with Canada's western premiers. Discussions during the conference focused on affordability, economic prosperity, and improved quality of life for Western Canadians.

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Meetings in Ottawa

On September 16th, Premier Akeeagok met with Deputy Prime Minister Freeland, as well as Ministers LeBlanc and Vandal to highlight Nunavut's priorities, including housing, economic development, reconciliation and Arctic sovereignty and security. He also met with Nunavut's Member of Parliament Lori Idlout to coordinate joint efforts to advocate for Nunavummiut on Parliament Hill.

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Premier visits Kugaaruk

In September, Premier Akeeagok visited Kugaaruk, meeting with the Hamlet's Mayor and Council to learn about their goals and priorities. He also met with the local housing authority, as well as students and teachers from the local school, and had the opportunity to speak with Elders to better understand the needs of their communities. [➤ Read more](#)



Cabinet Ministers visit Qikiqtarjuak

On October 9th, Premier Akeeagok and Cabinet Ministers visited Qikiqtarjuak, meeting with the Mayor and Hamlet Council, Inuksuit School staff and students, and the local housing authority.



While in Qikiqtarjuak, Cabinet Ministers visited the location of the future deep sea port. This project will create offshore fisheries opportunities and improve deep water capabilities for military, search and rescue operations and cruise ships.

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Nunavut hosts Arctic Ambassadors

On September 29th, the Premier was pleased to join federal Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly to welcome the Arctic Ambassadors delegation to Canada. Representatives from Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and Canada met in Iqaluit to discuss collaboration on issues and priorities shared by northern communities.

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Premier attends Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik

The Premier attended the Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik, Iceland, from October 16-19, where he spoke at two sessions highlighting Nunavut's partnership with Greenland and Canada's role in Arctic security. During his time in Iceland, the Premier participated in several meetings and discussions with global leaders focused on circumpolar issues.

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Premier Akeeagok receives King Charles III's Coronation Medal

On July 8th, Premier Akeegok was honoured to receive King Charles III's Coronation Medal from Commissioner Eva Aariak. Recipients of this medal are recognized for making a significant contribution to Canada.

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Premier takes part in Nunavut Trade Show

Premier Akeegok took part in the 2024 Nunavut Trade Show and Conference in Iqaluit. This important trade show brings together governments, businesses, investors, and entrepreneurs to network, discuss opportunities, and foster economic development in Nunavut. [➤ Read more](#)

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NOVEMBER 4 - 7, 2024

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