

# PREMIER AKEEAGOK'S **NEWSLETTER**



# Nunavut marks the first official National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Premier Akeeagok participated in the September 30th events to recognize and pay respects to those lost in residential schools and to honour survivors, families, and communities in Nunavut and across Canada. The Premier was honoured to attend in-school events and a rally organized by Qikiqtani Inuit Association and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

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# Canada and Greenland sign new Memorandum of Understanding

In August, Prime Minister Egede and Premier Akeeagok signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the governments of Greenland and Nunavut. With this MOU, the governments recognize the interest and aspiration to bolster cooperation in key areas including culture and arts, education, travel and tourism, marine infrastructure, fisheries, and green energy.



# Summit on Arctic Sovereignty and Security

Premier Akeeagok provided the opening remarks for the Summit on Arctic Sovereignty and Security held in Iqaluit. The Premier welcomed Senator Patterson, Harry Flaherty, the Standing Senate Committee on National Defence, and the Inuit development corporations from all regions of Inuit Nunangat.

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#### **Canada's Premiers attend Council of Federation meetings**

In July 2022, Premier Akeeagok met with Canada's premiers in Victoria, British Columbia. The premiers discussed topics such as health care sustainability, economic renewal and affordability affecting all Canadians.

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### Pope Francis visits Iqaluit

On July 29, His Holiness Pope Francis visited Iqaluit and delivered an apology to residential school survivors. While the apology does not erase this dark chapter in Canada's history, it does provide another step towards healing. The Premier wishes to thank the organizations and individuals who worked tirelessly to prepare for Pope Francis's visit.

A special thank you to Alexina Kublu, Andrea Tautu, Jack Anawak and Piita Irniq for sharing their insights and stories to raise awareness about the truth of what Inuit endured at residential schools.

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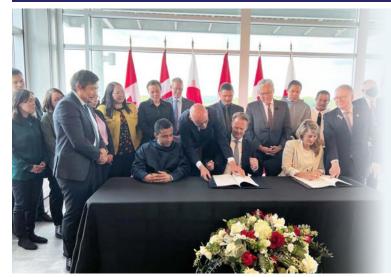
### Premier Akeeagok attends Arctic Circle Greenland Forum

Premier Akeeagok traveled to Nuuk, Greenland to participate in the Arctic Circle Greenland Forum. He presented with the Premiers of Northwest Territories and Yukon on strengthening security and sovereignty in Canada's North. He also had important conversations with the Prime Minister of Greenland on the prosperity of the North.



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# Canada and Greenland reach agreement on Tartupaluk

On June 14, Canada and Greenland resolved outstanding boundary issues over Tartupaluk, a maritime boundary. Inuit from Nunavut and Kalaallit Nunaat were consulted during agreement negotiations. This agreement is a significant historic milestone in the relationship between friends and neighbours and is the culmination of years of discussions.

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### 2022 Community trips

This summer, Primier Akeeagok visited Arviat, Grise Fiord, Naujaat, Rankin Inlet, and Sanikiluaq and received a warm welcome in each community. He met with Hamlet staff, students and community members and toured Elder's facilities, schools and Nunavut Arctic College campuses.

#### **Nunavut Trade Show**

Premier Akeeagok was honoured to be the keynote speaker at the Nunavut Trade Show & Conference. This was the first in-person trade show since 2019.





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# Nunavut supports hurricane relief in Eastern Canada

To assist in the recovery efforts for communities impacted by hurricane Fiona, the Government of Nunavut is responding with a \$25,000 donation to the Canadian Red Cross to help those directly affected.

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# 2022 COF Literacy Award winner announced

Every year the Council of the Federation Literacy Award celebrates the valuable contributions made by Canadians in the field of literacy. Premier Akeeagok was pleased to announce that the winner of the 2022 Council of the Federation Literacy Award is Jeela Palluq-Cloutier. This award recognizes Jeela Palluq-Cloutier's tireless work towards revitalizing and strengthening Inuktut languages for many years.



# Pride flag raised at the legislative assembly

June is pride month. For the first time in Nunavut's history, the pride flag was raised at Nunavut's Legislative Assembly. Celebrating inclusion and diversity in our communities makes us stronger as a territory.

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## **Upcoming Events**

#### **OCTOBER 26 - NOV 9**

Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly

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### NOVEMBER 22, 2022

National Housing Day

#### **DECEMBER 6, 2022**

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

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