



PREMIER AKEEAGOK'S NEWSLETTER



Premier commemorates National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Nunavut marked the third National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th, also known within Indigenous communities as Orange Shirt Day. Premier Akeeagok attended events in Iqaluit, organized by Qikiqtani Inuit Association, to recognize the children taken to residential schools and to honour survivors, families, and communities.

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Nunavut and Ontario sign new agreement

In August 2023, Premier P.J. Akeeagok and Ontario Premier Doug Ford signed a Memorandum of Understanding to deepen cooperation on a wide range of joint priorities, including health care, transportation, infrastructure, and Indigenous relations.

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Executive Council welcomes new ministers

In September, the Executive Council welcomed two new members. Premier Akeeagok assigned the Culture and Heritage, Languages and Qulliq Energy Corporation portfolios to the Honourable Joelie Kaernerik. The Honourable Daniel Qavvik accepted the Environment, Energy and Nunavut Arctic College portfolios.

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Nunavut provides aid to NWT wildfires

The Government of Nunavut donated \$250,000 to the United Way Northwest Territories Emergency Response Fund to support residents impacted by wildfires this summer. The funds went toward the work of organizations that directly helped evacuees fleeing the NWT wildfires.

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Premier visits Gjoa Haven

In July, Premier Akeegok visited Gjoa Haven and met with hamlet council members and the Kikitak Housing Association. He also visited the Kativik Health and Social Services Centre, Gjoa Haven's continuing care centre, and location for future Nunavut 3000 housing



construction. He was honoured to witness the community's talented drum dancers and singers and hosted a community feast.

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Cabinet Retreat in Kinngait

Premier Akeegok and Nunavut's cabinet ministers met in Kinngait in September. During his visit, the Premier toured Kinngait's power plant, health centre, and Peter Pitseolak School. The visit concluded with a community feast. The Premier thanks Kinngait for the warm welcome.

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Premier visits Kimmirut

In October, Premier Akeegok traveled to Kimmirut and visited with hamlet council members, students at Qaqalik School, and staff at the health centre.

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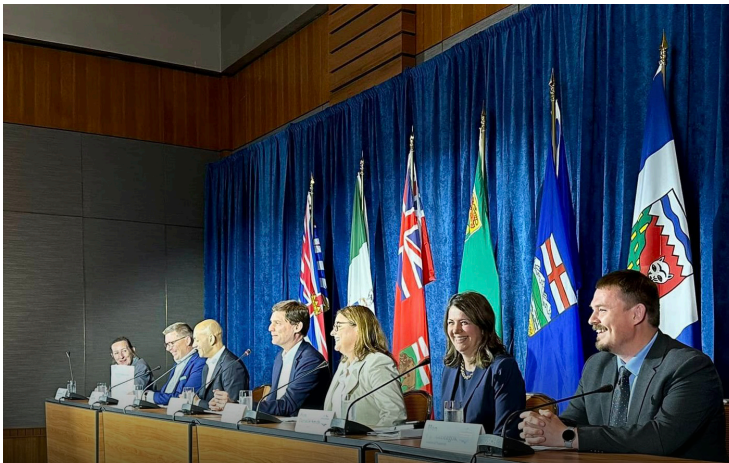




Canada's premiers meet in Winnipeg

Canada's premiers met in July to discuss public safety, labour, affordability, housing, economic growth, and Arctic security and sovereignty. The premiers also gathered for a meeting with national Indigenous organizations to work towards reconciliation.

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Atlantic Premiers Council meeting

The Council of Atlantic Premiers met virtually in June to collaborate on shared priorities. The Government of Nunavut is keen to see partnerships built between the Atlantic coastal regions.

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Western premiers meet in Whistler

Premier Akeegok travelled to Whistler, British Columbia in July to meet with Canada's western premiers. Discussions included shared priorities including infrastructure, trade corridors, critical minerals, and Arctic security and sovereignty.

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QEC head office completed in Baker Lake

While Premier Akeegok was pleased to travel to Baker Lake to participate in the grand opening of Qulliq Energy Corporation's head office, weather interfered in the QEC board's ability to make it into the community. Thanks to the hamlet's help, the Premier nevertheless hosted a community feast to celebrate the contributions of QEC employees.

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Nunavut hosts ambassadors to Canada

Premier Akeegok was honoured to host a group of 23 ambassadors to Canada during the Iqaluit portion of their tour across the North. The ambassadors also visited Cambridge Bay, Resolute Bay, and Pond Inlet.

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Iqaluit celebrates deep sea port

In July, Iqaluit welcomed the first sealift of 2023 with a grand opening for its new deep sea port. The Government of Nunavut partnered with the federal government to bring this critical infrastructure to Nunavut's capital city.

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Premier speaks at trade shows

In September, Premier Akeegok was a keynote speaker at the Nunavut Trade Show & Conference in Iqaluit, as well as the Kivalliq Trade Show in Rankin Inlet.

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Upcoming Events



**OCTOBER 19 –
NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

Fall Sitting of the
Legislative Assembly

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