HAPPY NUNAVUT DAY!

What a year it has been – COVID-19 hit our territory, leading to several community outbreaks, and Nunavummiut showed their strength, perseverance and kindness. For all your hard work and patience, I cannot thank you enough.

The pandemic has definitely shifted priorities and caused some delays in our mandate goals. However, we have also proven to be adaptable and able to balance more priorities than ever before.

Despite the urgency of responding to COVID-19, I'm proud of what our government has achieved. We have lots of work still to do, but I'm more confident than ever that we're in a better position that we were four years ago. Let's keep our momentum going and keep building and strengthening Nunavut together!

Joe Savikataaq, Premier

TURAAQTAVUT YEAR THREE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the last year, the Government of Nunavut:

- Started construction on the Kivalliq Long-Term Care facility in Rankin Inlet.
- Provided direct support to Nunavut small businesses up to $100,000 through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund.
- Successfully completed the delivery of the Law Program with the University of Saskatchewan, with 21 graduates.
- Completed the Sanikiluaq and Kinngait Community Health Centres.
- Built 20 housing units, and 173 more are expected to be completed by the end of the year.
- Provided $7.9 million in funding for community-based initiatives that preserve, promote and revitalize our culture and languages.
- Increased funding for four new family violence shelters in Gjoa Haven, Baker Lake, Pangnirtung and Pond Inlet.
- Named as one of Canada's "Top Employers for Young People" and "Best Employer for Recent Graduates" for the fourth year in a row.
- Put *Bill 25 An Act to Amend the Education Act and the Inuit Language Protection Act* into force on November 10, 2020, to strengthen the development of an education system that reflects the culture and values of Nunavut.
- Increased the Senior Citizens Supplementary Benefit to $300 per month and the Senior Fuel Subsidy to 4000 litres per year.
- Organised territory-wide training workshops for childcare facility staff on best practices, give opportunities to collaborate, and provide financial literacy training.
- Partnered with Microsoft to launch an Inuktut translations tool.
- Passed the new made-in-Nunavut *Mental Health Act*.
- Translated millions of words during the pandemic, to ensure that Nunavummiut had access critical information in all official languages.
- Developed and launched 14 new Inuit employment initiatives to train and support Inuit employees to qualify for higher jobs and achieve a representative workforce.
- Continued to develop language and culture-based education resources like themed activity kits, books, training videos, music, play rugs, posters, vocabulary stickers, puppets and dolls.
- Offered three rounds of $5000 grants for small businesses affected by the pandemic under the Small Business Support Program.
- Secured $78 million for health care funding through the Non-Insured Health Benefits program.
- Announced the Bachelor of Social Work Program in Cambridge Bay with Memorial University of Newfoundland.
- Delivered the Nunavut Essential Workers Wage Premium to Nunavut employees, HTOs and hamlets to help support our essential workers through the pandemic.
- Passed the *Tobacco and Smoking Act.*
- Developed and implemented the ᐃᖅᑲᓇᐃᔭᖅᑎᓄᑦ ᑲᔪᖏᖅᓴᐃᒍᑎᒃᓴᐃᑦ ᐸᕐᓇᐅᑎᒋᔾᔪᑎᑦ Iqqanaijaqtinut Kajungiqsaigutiksait Parnautigijangit Human Resource Strategy to increase Inuit employment and strengthen human resource capacity.
- Started construction of a new energy efficient power plant in Arctic Bay.
- Began expansion of the territory's district heating systems in Sanikiluaq and Taloyoak, to reduce carbon emissions and save costs.
- Continued the construction of deep sea port projects in Iqaluit and Pond Inlet.
- Continued the planning and design of the Rankin Inlet Airport and five air terminals.
- Launched the Nunavut Public Art Initiative to support local artists in eight communities during COVID-19.
- Secured $45.6 million in federal funding for sealift infrastructure for our communities.
- Conducted a population survey of the Dolphin and Union Caribou Herd – the largest area ever surveyed.

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS, YOUR PRIORITIES, WHAT YOU'D LIKE US TO FOCUS ON. LET ME KNOW AT:

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