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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER



It was through self determination, use of Inuit societal values, and hard work over many decades that Nunavut was created. Ten years have now passed since Nunavut and our government formally came into existence. It is a time to recognize and celebrate our accomplishments and be proud of what has been done. It is a time to define ourselves by our accomplishments and strengths, not our limitations.

It is also a time to look at where we are as a Territory and assess what is working and what is not. With a solid understanding of our strengths, we will be able to set clear direction for the future.

In 1993, the Inuit of Nunavut signed the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, Canada's largest, which our government remains committed to implementing fully. Inuit have always been able to adapt to change, and change is happening very quickly. We are adapting, but at some cost to our health,

families, and culture. We are making a commitment – taking a firm stand against the things that are causing harm to people – and making positive, manageable change that will better prepare us for our future.

Entering into the next ten years, and the ten years after that, we need to know what we can count on from ourselves as Nunavummiut, what we can count on from the government and from others outside of Nunavut.

The mandate of the Third Legislative Assembly is focused on making improvements here in Nunavut while also increasing our influence and having a stronger presence in Canada and in other parts of the world. Together with our partners, as individuals, communities, and government, we can and will make a positive difference - implementing changes that lead to success and confidence.

We want to acknowledge all the good work that has been done to get us to where we are now. Many people have already shared their thoughts and ideas to help shape our priorities and direction, and we thank them. We urge all Nunavummiut to share their thoughts about these priorities with their MLA on an ongoing basis, so that together we will be able to complete this government's Mandate by crafting a detailed Action Plan for implementing these priorities.

We know that our job is to continue to work toward the dream and vision of Nunavut. It is to honour and remember those who have come before us and to hold ourselves to a promise to those yet to be born.

We believe in Nunavut and its vibrant communities. Our strength is in our history and the future is in our hands.

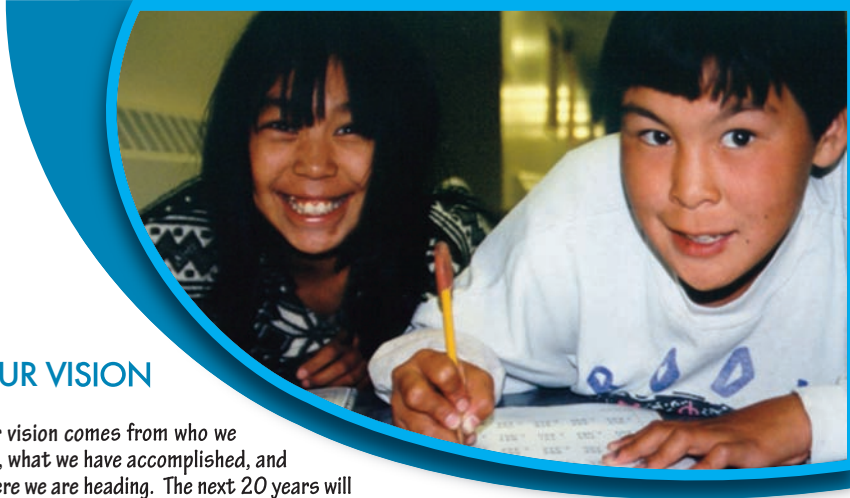
We are building our future together! TAMAPTA.



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OUR VISION

Our vision comes from who we are, what we have accomplished, and where we are heading. The next 20 years will come and go very quickly.

Guided by Inuit values and culture, by the year 2030:

- *Nunavummiut will continue to have a highly valued quality of life and a much better standard of living for those most in need.*
- *Individuals and families will all be active, healthy and happy.*
- *Communities will be self-reliant, based on Inuit societal values, with reduced dependence on government.*
- *Nunavut will be recognized for our unique culture, our ability to help one another, and for our useful contributions to Canadian and global issues.*

TOGETHER WE CAN REACH OUR VISION

It will take all of us working together, for the next two decades, to reach our vision. The 2030 vision for Nunavut acknowledges and builds on our history as a Territory and the good work that has already been done. But there is still much more to do and government cannot act alone.

The actions we take today will have a big impact on tomorrow. With this in mind, the mandate from 2009 – 2013 addresses our most important priorities for people and for our communities. It ensures that for generations to come Nunavut is a wonderful place to live with a wide range of opportunities and a variety of economies.

OUR PAST, THE PRESENT, AND OUR FUTURE

In the first ten years (1999 – 2009) Nunavut came into formal existence and is now well established as a Territory. In the beginning, the focus was on developing a system for governance, infrastructure, basic programs and services and making a good start on cultivating our ability to govern ourselves.

In this mandate (2009 – 2013) we will keep going - maintain the momentum - by working together with Nunavummiut. Our focus will be on communities and people working with government to build our future. We will review where we are, and build on our successes while improving the things that are not working well.





Over the next ten years (between now and 2020) we will continue to actively pursue the goals of the first two Assemblies, without losing sight of our long-term priorities.

Through steady progress (between now and 2030) Nunavut will be better able to realize and live up to its potential and will allow us to reach our vision.

DECLARATION OF CONFIDENCE

WE BELIEVE IN NUNAVUT!

*We have hope for its vibrant future,
built by our people pursuing their dreams.*

WE SHOULD ALL HAVE WHAT WE NEED

All Nunavummiut *deserve* to have their basic needs met. This means working together with families and communities to ensure:

- Affordable, healthy food, safe water, and a home
- Safety
- A sense of belonging and purpose
- Family support and friendship
- Education and opportunities to learn
- Communication in our preferred language
- Personal responsibility
- Pride in our culture and in who we are
- Stewardship of our environment and wildlife
- Access to the land for personal growth
- Opportunities for fun, recreation and cultural activities





GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Inuit have always lived in a harsh climate. Survival is only achieved by working together and passing on life skills and principles for living. Over the past ten years, our government has been guided by Inuit societal values, including those outlined in *Pinasuaqtavut*.

We will continue to be guided by these principles from now into the future:

Inuuqatigiitsiarniq:

respecting others, relationships and caring for people.

Tunnganarniq:

fostering good spirit by being open, welcoming and inclusive.

Pijitsirniq:

servicing and providing for family and/or community.

Aajiiqatigiinni:

decision making through discussion and consensus.

Pilimmaksarniq/Pijariuqsarniq:

development of skills through observation, mentoring, practice, and effort.

Piliriqatigiinni/Ikajuqtigiinni:

working together for a common cause.

Qanuqtuurniq:

being innovative and resourceful.

Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq:

respect and care for the land, animals and the environment.

TAMAPTA: BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

We can improve the quality of life for all Nunavummiut. Our government is making a solid commitment to undertake and support the following priorities in the years 2009 to 2013:

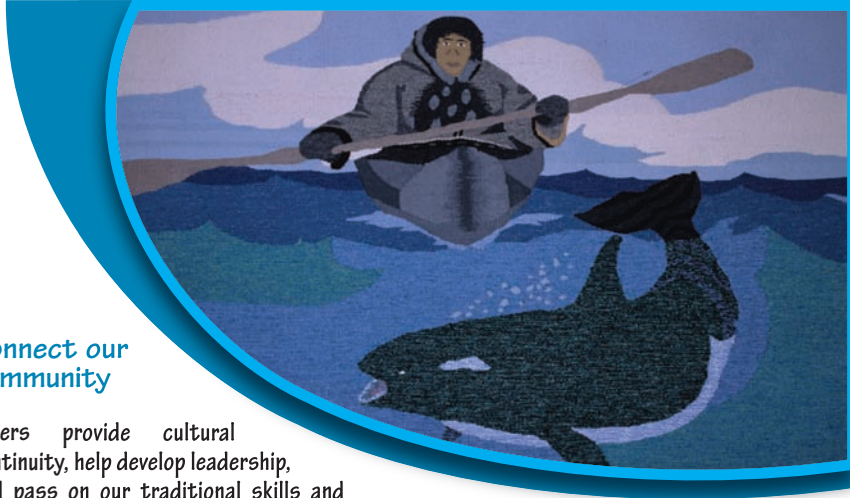
Improve education and training outcomes

Nunavut should have a wider range of options for education, adult learning and training. We need to recognize all types of accomplishments to empower our youth to take on leadership roles that reflect their personal aspirations and culture. Our goal is to have more graduates and to reduce the gap between unemployed people and job opportunities. Families will be encouraged to work with schools to find more ways to support students and help them continue learning.

Reduce poverty

Too many Nunavummiut live in poverty and suffer its effects. We believe that everyone should have their basic needs met and we are committed to doing this. Developing a standard for Nunavut's quality of life will be a start to ensuring that all Nunavummiut will have what they need.





Connect our community

Elders provide cultural continuity, help develop leadership, and pass on our traditional skills and knowledge. All generations, from youth to elders, will be encouraged and supported in expanding their individual roles in governance and leadership. We will increase opportunities and programs to support social, sports, recreational and traditional activities in communities and on the land.

Increase housing options

Everyone deserves to have a home. As our population continues to grow, we will build more housing and provide better diversification in the type of housing available. In doing this, we will provide opportunities for Nunavummiut to learn new skills and be gainfully employed while addressing one of our most important needs.

Increase support for culture and the arts

Nunavut is recognized for its unique language, culture, heritage and rich artistic presence. By taking active ownership of our cultural identity, we will provide more opportunities for all aspects of the arts to flourish. We will work together with communities, artists, and businesses to build a more cohesive culture and arts sector. It will include traditional and contemporary visual arts, language, performing arts, and all other forms of artistic expression.

Help those at risk in our communities

There are too many people experiencing personal pain and hardships without enough assurance that they will be helped. We will establish an office for advocacy and action on behalf of challenged and disadvantaged individuals and groups. Government support will be inclusive and integrated, offering help for all those experiencing serious difficulties but targeting help to those at most significant risk or disadvantage.

Support community-based, sustainable economies

Inuit have historically worked together as families and communities to provide for themselves while caring for our land and natural resources. We should all have opportunities to take care of our family needs in a way that is consistent with our interests and abilities, our cultural values and current realities. By working in partnership with government, communities will become more economically active, productive and self reliant and Nunavummiut will continue to be stewards of our environment.





Address social concerns at their roots

We have spent a long time talking about issues and finding ways to resolve them. It is essential to be more holistic in our approaches and to understand what is causing the problems in the first place. Early prevention and intervention will help to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, suicide and crime, especially if the solutions are driven by community members. Many people are already actively involved in helping their communities as volunteers. Enhancing our cultural pride and asserting our identity will further strengthen our self-sufficiency and ability to help each other as families and communities.

Improve health through prevention

Health and wellbeing of all Nunavummiut is critical to improving northern quality of life. We all have a role to play in being active, healthy and happy. Our focus will be on early prevention of health problems

and improving the overall standard of living in Nunavut. Emphasis will be placed on those who are the least able to look after themselves.

Enhance our recognition in Canada and the world

Nunavut is a wonderful and welcoming place to live, with a vibrant mix of many cultures. Climate change and its impact on the Northwest Passage have increased awareness of the north and the ways of Inuit. The eyes of the world are on our Territory. We must now show the determination and ability to present our views and ideas on matters of national and global importance. We will assert our presence, establishing our credibility and voice outside of Nunavut.