

STATEMENT

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## **Report released on the Nunatukavut Community Council's Land Claim**

Today the Nunatsiavut Government released a report examining the land claim and assertions of Inuit identity of the Nunatukavut Community Council (NCC). Recently, the Nunatsiavut Government released a statement declaring that it does not recognize the NCC proposed land claim and has come to the conclusion that the NCC has not established that it is a collective entitled to Inuit rights.

Because of existing concerns about the NCC land claim, and the significant issues seen in the NCC report "Unveiling Nunatukavut", the Nunatsiavut Government contracted a researcher to complete an analysis. The subsequent report forms one pillar of the Nunatsiavut Government's review process. It illustrates a range of inconsistencies in "Unveiling Nunatukavut" and supports the Nunatsiavut Government's assessment that while there are likely members of the NCC in south-central Labrador who have Indigenous ancestry or backgrounds, the nature and scale of the NCC's claims aren't supported by the evidence it brought forward.

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