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## **Nunatsiavut Assembly prepares for first-ever virtual sitting**

The Nunatsiavut Assembly will sit virtually next week for the first time, with the proceedings being streamed live at [Nunatsiavut Government - Assembly Meeting \(livemeetings.ca\)](https://www.livemeetings.ca) and on the Nunatsiavut Government Facebook page.

The sitting which will be simultaneously translated in both Inuttitut and English, will also see the swearing-in of newly-elected Ordinary Member for Canada, Susan Onalik of St. John's, as well as the presentation of the Nunatsiavut Government's 2021-22 budget.

A Special Standing Order passed last fall allows for the Nunatsiavut Assembly to hold sittings virtually under extenuating circumstances.

"In order to conduct the necessary business of the Assembly, and in light of the fact that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic with public health orders in place and restrictions on travel, we were left with very little choice but to invoke the Special Standing Order," says the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Marlene Winters-Wheeler. "I believe this sitting will be the first time the public will be able to view the Assembly proceedings in real time, so hopefully all goes well."

The sitting is scheduled to take place on Monday and Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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