

First Ministers Statement

Nunatsiavut Assembly

June 2023

Membership and Enrolment

Ancestry Database

- Nunatsiavut Affairs has contracted Know History to develop an Ancestry Database for the Nunatsiavut Government.
- Working closely with the Membership office over the next few months a first phase which we will include consultation with membership committee's, community members, developing family trees, and workshops for Nain and North of Nain.
- Once Nain is complete another community will be selected to complete this work until all communities are done.

Change of Address

- The membership department at the Registrar's office would like to remind all Beneficiaries to contact the Nain admin office if you have moved or have a change of address, you can call 1-866-922-2942 Ext. 251.

Beneficiary Cards

- If you would like to replace your old Labrador Inuit Association (LIA) beneficiary card, please request a new Nunatsiavut Government beneficiary card by calling the Membership Office.

Newborns

- The department also would like to advise all new parents to apply for their child's beneficiary status at their earliest convenience. Membership Committee's need to assess each application, which may take up to a few weeks to complete.

- Children are covered under their mother/father's beneficiary number up to 2-year-old, after their 2 then it's the responsibility of the parents for any medical cost etc.

19 Year olds

- A reminder to all reapplying 19-year-olds, you should complete your application within the 120 days from the date of your first letter that the Registrar send to the address the registry has on file, again it's important that you update your address to ensure you receive your letter. If you're going to post-secondary school, then you can advise the Registrar's office as to where you would like your mail sent as they cannot change your address to where you're going to school as this will affect your travel with the education department.

Deceased

- If there is a family member that has passed whom was a beneficiary member, please ensure the family member contact the Registrar's office and provide proof of document of deceased so their name can be removed off the register.

Committee Vacancies

- The Makkovik and Postville membership committee is in the process of filling two vacancies, any applications that are processed and sent to the committee will be processed as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- As of June 9, 2023, there is a total of 6,944 beneficiaries on the Register.

Public Property

Mr. Speaker, this summer we are on schedule to start the construction of over \$50 Million worth of Capital infrastructure for the Nunatsiavut Government.

Projects

1. **Seniors units:** Construction underway

- Nain 4-plex
- Nain Duplex
- Hopedale 4-plex
- Hopedale Single Unit (Another single unit will be constructed when we get legal title to lots)

2. Nain Staff 6-plex: Construction Underway

3. Hopedale 4-Plex: Rapid Housing Initiative (CMHC): Construction Underway

4. Nain 4-Plex: Rapid Housing Initiative (CMHC): Construction Underway

5. Makkovik 4-Plex: Staff Housing: Construction Underway

6. Regional Education Office:

- Construction Package 1 (CP1) package for civil work has completed. Construction Package 2 (CP2) building construction starts June 12th

7. Makkovik Duplex (Social Housing): Project team is evaluating.

8. Postville Duplex (Social/Staff Housing): Planning underway

9. Postville Office Addition: Tender package issued and construction will start Summer 2023

10. Rigolet DHSD: Contract awarded, some site preparation started for construction. Will be constructed during the 2023 construction season

Long Term Infrastructure Planning

Pingutitsinik Nunatsiavut: Create Nunatsiavut Infrastructure project is still advancing. The project team have issued a total of 7 RFPs

1. Economic Development Strategy of the Construction Sector
2. Alternative Lands for Housing/Facilities: Feasibility Study
3. Torngat Mountains Basecamp Infrastructure Action Plan
4. Aggregate Resource and Quarry Development
5. Nunatsiavut Heritage Repository: Feasibility Study
6. Infrastructure Data Management/Mapping development
7. Infrastructure Engagement Portal development

We will be issuing 3 more larger strategic planning projects in the upcoming weeks looking at the following:

1. Climate Change impacts on Infrastructure in Nunatsiavut
2. Community Growth Areas and Residential Land Concept Plans
3. Waste Management Strategic Plan for all communities

These projects will provide the foundation of Pingutitsinik Nunatsiavut with the objective to create a Long Term Infrastructure Strategic Planning which focuses on developing a long-term strategic vision for infrastructure grounded upon shared ambitions from stakeholders that aims to enhance the economic, cultural, natural, and social impacts, which underpins well-being, sustainable and inclusive growth competitiveness and public service delivery. Designing a clear and coherent long-term strategic plan is challenging, yet the integration of some pivotal processes can help Nunatsiavut Communities towards quality infrastructure and removing infrastructure barriers.

Nain Airport Feasibility Study:

Feasibility Studies relating to the Proposed New Nain airport are still advancing 10 of 12 projects are in progress or are completed at this point. R12 environmental Impact assessment has commenced to start data collection and other minor field activities throughout the summer 2023. This summer the project team will be conducting an extensive Archeological investigation of identified high potential areas along the alignment of the access road and airstrip.

Environmental Impact Land Use study will be starting in fall 2023 which will involve extensive consultations with the public in Nain and mapping activities to identify areas that are used for hunting, gathering and other cultural activities.

R1 – Weather Station and collect data (phase 1) Complete

R2 – Topographic survey Complete

R3 – Environmental Review – Desktop Assessment Complete

R4 – Surficial geology, geomorphology, permafrost and hydrogeological investigations In Progress

R5 – Weather studies and report (phase 2) In Progress

R6 – Hydrological study In Progress

R7 – Electrical Power Supply Alternatives In Progress

R8 – Preliminary engineering services In Progress

R9 – Preliminary architectural design services In Progress

R10 – Construction and supply strategy Not Started

R11 – Cost estimation Not Started

R12 – Environmental Impact Assessment In Progress

Housing

NHC

- Mr. Speaker, The Nunatsiavut Housing Commission received 165 applications for housing repairs, these repairs will be completed in the summer/fall 2024. Inspections for repairs has begun in Nain. There will 50 inspections completed this year.

Affordable Warmth and Home Repair Program

- The RFP is posted for the 2022 Affordable Warmth and Home Repair Program, this RFP closes on June 23, 2023. A project manager will oversee the project which is due to commence on July 2nd and be complete by December 31, 2023.

Housing Construction

- There are 22 units scheduled to be constructed this for housing in Nain, Hopedale and Makkovik
- These include twelve seniors units and 10 social housing units.
- The deadline to have these substantially complete is December 31 2023.

Transportation

- Mr. Speaker, I attended a meeting with Labrador Marine Inc. on April 18, 2023 regarding the 2023 Kamutik W service. Due to the number of stakeholders on the call I requested that LMI set up another call with just Nunatsiavut participants. LMI agreed to do that.
- On April 25, 2023 that second meeting with Myself and the AngajuKkak took place. Issues raised include Air Passenger service, service directly to the Island, wifi onboard the vessel, schedule to accommodate tourists in all Nunatsiavut Communities.
- I also reached out to the Minister Loveless, responsible for Transportation and Infrastructure and met with the Minister on June 8, 2023.
- I raised these important issues with the Minister, most importantly the need for Air service for those passengers from Makkovik to Nain who had planned to travel on Kamutik W now that the first trip to these communities is delayed by a week.
- I also raised the issue that Nain and Rigolet are unable to promote tourism to tourists who travel on the vessel due to the time the vessel is in each of those communities.
- If Tourism is to be a priority for the Government then it needs to be reflected in an appropriate schedule.