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Nunavut Corrections Planning Committee presents final report

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 26, 1999) - The Nunavut Corrections Planning Committee presented its final report to Justice Minister Jack Anawak in Rankin Inlet.

"I am pleased with the report as it was presented to me," Minister Anawak said. "I look forward to implementing some of the recommendations in the very near future, and examining in more detail those recommendations which will need a more extensive review."

Minister Anawak established the Corrections Planning Committee to examine all aspects of justice within Nunavut and to identify new directions that would benefit Nunavummiut now and in the future.

While the Committee looked at the need for corrections facilities in Nunavut, it also placed an emphasis on community-based approaches to preventing crime, and to healing and reintegrating offenders into their communities.

Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice Rebecca Williams chaired the Committee, which included members representing communities across Nunavut and representatives of the Correctional Service of Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The Committee's recommendations include:

- Dedicated community corrections workers to provide probation supervision, parole supervision and related services.
- Culturally relevant programs in correctional facilities, with an emphasis on healing.
- Training and development of Inuit and non-Inuit staff.
- Halfway houses in locations outside Iqaluit.
- A joint planning process between Nunavut Justice and the Correctional Service of Canada for a correctional facility in Nunavut that would allow territorial and federal inmates from Nunavut to serve their sentences within Nunavut.

The report has been provided to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and is being released to the public for comments.

Minister Anawak and his department will be reviewing the report and its recommendations and developing a detailed response.

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