

News Release

Nunavut moves to Central Daylight Saving Time

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 3, 2000) – The Government of Nunavut announces that after listening to Nunavummiut, Nunavut will remain on a single time zone, but with a significant amendment.

On October 29, 2000 the clocks in Nunavut will not change, nor will they change in April, 2001. The Central Daylight Saving time zone will become the single time zone for Nunavut, and Nunavummiut will no longer be required to adjust their clocks semiannually. As a result of this decision Nunavut time will be the same as Ottawa time during the winter months (October to April) and in the summer months (April to October) Nunavut time will be the same as Winnipeg time.

"The Government has listened to the discussions following the implementation of the single time zone last year and this decision is a direct result of what we've heard from residents throughout Nunavut," Premier Okalik said.

Letters will be distributed to Nunavut groups and organizations from Justice Minister Jack Anawak, Minister Responsible for the Interpretation Act.

"This decision was made to support the aim and desire of all Nunavummiut to simplify communications and promote unity," Minister Anawak said.

There will also be a public information campaign throughout Nunavut in the coming weeks.

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