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Iqaluit receives Order for official city designation

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 19, 2001) - Community Government and Transportation Minister Jack Anawak will present Iqaluit Mayor John Matthews with the Order designating Iqaluit's official status as a city during the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Conference in Victoria, B.C.

"This is just one more step in the development of Iqaluit as the capital of Nunavut," Minister Anawak said. "Iqaluit will now represent all Nunavummiut as a true capital city."

As a designated capital city, Iqaluit is now an equal member in the Capital Cities Conference, a meeting of leaders from the capitals of Canada's provinces and territories to exchange information, experiences and ideas.

Iqaluit was selected to be the capital of Nunavut through a plebiscite on December 11, 1995, and was officially declared such on April 1, 1999.

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