



## News release

### **Implementation of new NEU Collective Agreement well underway**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 4, 2001)** – Finance and Human Resources Minister Kelvin Ng announces that new monetary initiatives in the collective agreement, signed June 20, 2001 between the Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Employees Union, will begin to benefit employees on July 6.

“Starting on the July 6 pay, Government of Nunavut employees affected by the new collective agreement will see their base pay increase,” Minister Kelvin Ng said. “We are also following through with our commitment to make the Nunavut Northern Allowance payable in a lump-sum payment which will give employees greater freedom to choose how they spend their hard-earned income.”

The new agreement allows for wage increases of 3.50% retroactive to April 1, 2000, 2.75% retroactive to April 1, 2001 and 2.75% effective April 1, 2002. The target date for retroactive pay to active Government of Nunavut employees is September 14, 2001.

A new initiative being launched will allow Government of Nunavut employees to begin accumulating their Nunavut Northern Allowance so that it can be paid out as a lump sum. Currently, the Nunavut Northern Allowance is paid out bi-weekly. Employees who choose not to participate in this new initiative will continue to have their Nunavut Northern Allowance paid bi-weekly. All employees, including those under the Federation of Nunavut Teachers’ Agreement, wishing to participate in this program must register by July 31.

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