



## News release

### Premier Okalik strengthens ties with Manitoba

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 25, 2001)** – Premier Paul Okalik said the relationship between Nunavut and Manitoba continues to strengthen after a meeting with Premier Gary Doer in Winnipeg earlier this week.

Premier Okalik and Premier Doer met to discuss a number of common issues, in particular the working relationship between the jurisdictions since the Premiers signed the Nunavut-Manitoba Memorandum of Understanding in Rankin Inlet in February 2000.

“Our working relationship continues to expand as we pursue work on a number of key initiatives, including a transportation link to connect our jurisdictions,” Premier Okalik said. “We also discussed the potential within the tourism industry in each of our regions.”

The MOU outlines areas in which Nunavut and Manitoba can further develop and strengthen ties, including in the areas of transportation, mining, health, value-added processing and arts and crafts.

Premier Okalik said the working relationship between Nunavut and Manitoba, especially in the areas of transportation and energy, will be further strengthened next month when a Manitoba delegation visits Iqaluit.

Premier Okalik said he appreciates Premier Doer’s support at the national level on issues related to aboriginal health care. He added they agreed there are substantial economic stresses to providing quality health care to residents in remote communities.

-30-

For more information, contact:

Annette Bourgeois  
Press Secretary  
Office of the Premier  
Government of Nunavut  
☎ (867) 975-5059  
✉ (867) 975-5051  
Email: [abourgeois@gov.nu.ca](mailto:abourgeois@gov.nu.ca)