



News Release

Tasilik Arena officially opened

KIMMIRUT, Nunavut (January 28, 2002) – Minister of Community Government and Transportation Maniok Thompson travelled to the Hamlet of Kimmirut last week to celebrate the official opening of the Tasilik Arena with the community.

To commemorate the event, Minister Thompson presented the hamlet with a plaque at a ribbon cutting ceremony. The minister was accompanied by Kimmirut MLA Olayuk Akesuk and a number of other Members of the Legislative Assembly.

“We are delighted to offer our congratulations to the hamlet of Kimmirut on the opening of their new arena,” Minister Thompson said. “This arena will contribute to the health and well-being of the citizens of Kimmirut.”

The Government of Nunavut funded construction of the Tasilik Arena through the Department of Community Government and Transportation. Work on the arena began in June 2001, and was completed on December 7, 2001.

A draw was held at the ribbon cutting ceremony to present an autographed jersey and other memorabilia generously donated by the NHL’s Calgary Flames and Montreal Canadiens for the event. The ceremony was followed by a hockey game pitting local residents versus a team including Members of the Legislative Assembly. Team Kimmirut won handily.

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