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Pond Inlet Celebrates Opening of New Health Centre

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 26, 2004) – Health and Social Services Minister Levinia Brown was joined by Premier Paul Okalik to officially open Pond Inlet’s new health centre that will bring comprehensive health care closer to the community.

“Providing health and social services in your community is what our Care Closer to Home vision is all about,” Brown said.

The \$8.1 million facility is the second health centre in Nunavut, and the first in the Baffin Region, to offer planned integrated health and social services including health care, public health programs, home care, social services, and mental health counselling.

At full staffing, it will employ:

- 5 nurses
- 1 community health representative
- 1 home care nurse
- 3 home care workers
- 1 wellness counselor
- 1 social work supervisor
- 2 social workers
- 1 physician
- 2 housekeepers
- 1 caretaker
- 2 medical clerk interpreters

“This health centre is a result of successfully setting health care and the creation of healthy communities as one of our government’s top priorities,” Okalik said.

Dozens of Mittimatilingmiut joined the celebrations at the community hall and in front of the health centre.

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