



## News Release

### Minister, Premier open new Kitikmeot Health Centre

**Cambridge Bay, Nunavut (October 12, 2005)** – Health and Social Services Minister Leona Aglukkaq and Premier Paul Okalik formally opened the new Kitikmeot Health Centre in Cambridge Bay today, in the company of mayors, community health committee chairs and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

“The Kitikmeot Health Centre means people will no longer have to travel outside of Nunavut to access advanced diagnostic and care services,” said Aglukkaq. “The regional centre will work with community health centres and advanced medical centres outside of Nunavut to provide a full range of services.”

“The Kitikmeot Health Centre brings health care closer to home for the people of the Kitikmeot,” said Okalik. “The new facility is an important step to bringing care closer to home and supports the Government of Nunavut’s commitment to healthy communities.”

The Kitikmeot Corporation was responsible for the design and construction of the project, which cost just over \$19.5 million.

The new facility will provide services within the next two weeks, pending the completion of inspections. In the meantime, furniture and medical equipment have been moved in and staff trained on the new systems.

The new facility will be staffed by a 52-member team of nurses, physicians and other professional and support staff that will provide out-patient, maternity, laboratory and emergency services. Over the coming months, additional services will come on-line, including acute pediatric care, in-patient care, and palliative care. These services were not available in the Kitikmeot before.

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