



News Release

GN seeking input on barriers to business.

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 13, 2005) – The Government of Nunavut will begin conducting surveys in communities to examine and make recommendations about unnecessary regulations that impede business development, Minister of Economic Development & Transportation Peter Kilabuk announced today.

As part of this exercise, the government is seeking input from the business community, Inuit organizations and other stakeholders to find the right balance between business interests and the public interest

“We want to boost our economy by simplifying the regulatory process in a manner that is consistent with the vision and objectives set out in the Nunavut Economic Development Strategy and *Pinasuaqtavut*, the government’s mandate document,” said Kilabuk. “The information gathered from the surveys will help the department find ways to simplify and enhance access to business development programs and increase self-reliance” Kilabuk continued.

This initiative is to streamline the business regulatory system, a key economic initiative for the Nunavut Government.

Most of Nunavut’s business regulations were created long before 1999.

“There is a growing sense among Nunavummiut that this regulatory system no longer serves us well. It is outdated and does not reflect our own distinctive economy,” said Kilabuk.

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(Backgrounder attached)