



News Release

Capital Plan Focuses on Community Infrastructure

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 1, 2007) - Community and Government Services Minister Levinia Brown announced today that more than \$130 million will be spent over the next five years to improve Nunavut's infrastructure. The Community and Government Services (CGS) capital plan sets out direction for this funding over the next five years aimed directly at community infrastructure needs.

"Nunavut's communities have a tremendous need for new and improved infrastructure," said Brown. "This five year plan gives us a good start in addressing the known needs of our communities and providing some of the much-needed improvements that range from community centers and sports arenas to road upgrading."

A territory-wide consultation was conducted by the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee (NCIAC) last spring and the priority projects were compiled, by community, through this process. The five year plan released yesterday is a result of this consultation.

The NCIAC was created over a year ago in an effort to bring the decision making process on community capital projects closer to hamlets. The NCIAC is comprised of equal number of Nunavut Association of Municipalities officials and Government of Nunavut officials.

The funding base for the capital plan was created by the Government of Canada through the Gas Tax Initiative and the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund and the Government of Nunavut's capital allocation.

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