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Communities Receive Funding to Offset Fuel Costs

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 19, 2007) Community and Government Services Minister Levinia Brown announced today that Nunavut municipalities will receive \$1.5 million for the 2006/07 operating year to help reduce the impact of increased power and fuel costs.

“The hamlets play a vital role in the lives of Nunavummiut by providing many essential services,” said Brown. “This funding will help communities cover many of the higher costs of providing services and utilities and allow them to continue to focus on their infrastructure and economic development needs.”

Nunavut uses fossil fuels to meet all its energy needs and the fuel purchase this year was affected by extremely high oil prices on the world market. The Government of Nunavut protected Nunavut consumers from the full impact of higher oil prices by keeping the fuel price increase to a minimum.

The additional funding announced today will be an enhancement to the municipal base funding for this fiscal year. Over the past five years Community and Government Services has increased base funding to municipalities by over 30 per cent.

Municipalities across Nunavut will receive this funding in the upcoming weeks.

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