



## News Release

### Minister opens new Community Health Centre in Igloolik

**IGLOOLIK, Nunavut (February 4, 2007)** – Health and Social Services Minister Leona Aglukkaq today opened Nunavut's newest health facility, the Igloolik Health Centre.

"The Department of Health and Social Services is committed to building healthy communities and promoting self-reliance," said Aglukkaq. "Igloolik now has a facility that's the right size for population it serves, and allows staff to provide integrated care to clients, placing people first."

The \$8.8 million facility serves the 1,400 residents of Igloolik by providing acute care services, home and community care, social services, public health and emergency services. Dental services will also be offered out of the new building come spring once the new dental equipment is installed.

The new facility has more examination rooms than the old health centre, and allowances have been made for expansion in future. New lab equipment (urinalyser), an x-ray machine and an automatic film developer are also installed in the new building. Social services are now based in the health centre as well. Staff moved into the new building in August, once all furniture and equipment were installed.

The building design was completed in 2003/04 and incorporated suggestions from community members. It took just over two years to construct the 1,244 square metre facility. It replaces the health centre that was built in 1976.

"The people of Igloolik will benefit from social services and health care being offered in the same building for the first time in this community," said Aglukkaq. "All levels of government working together will strengthen Nunavut and help us achieve our goal of Inuuqatigiittiarniq which will help build Healthy Communities."

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