



News Release

Nunavut Implements Passport Photo Solution

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 1, 2007) – The Government of Nunavut has partnered with Nunavut communities to provide passport photo services to all Nunavummiut. The government has provided the passport photo equipment and training for each community so Nunavummiut will have on-going, local and affordable photographic services for passports.

“Now that security is a world-wide priority, passports are an essential piece of identification when traveling,” said Minister Responsible of Immigration Ed Picco. “Having passport photo services in each community will make a big difference in the time it takes for Nunavummiut to have their passport applications processed.”

Hamlets currently have a contract with the Government of Nunavut to take photos for territorial identification such as drivers’ licenses and identification cards. Providing hamlets with the equipment and training needed to take passport photos enhances the services they provide to Nunavummiut.

“Our partnership with hamlets brings a much needed service to Nunavummiut when they need it, without any delays,” said Picco.

Each community received a digital passport system which includes a camera, printer, electronic flash tripod, backdrop, chair and mini-cutter. The system is self-contained and can produce fast photo-lab quality colour prints once a picture has been taken.

Hamlets will be able to charge a fee of up to \$40.00 for each passport photo to cover the cost of supplies needed for this service.

MLA for Quttiktuq Levi Barnabas, who has been a strong advocate of local passport services stated, “Now my constituents in the most remote areas of Canada have the same access to this service as other Canadians. I’m pleased that our government has stepped in to deliver this important service.”

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