

News Release

New Energy Rebate Program for Homeowners

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 1, 2007) – Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation announced today a new energy rebate program, the Homeowners Energy Efficiency Rebate Program (HEERP) that will help to make homes more energy efficient.

This program provides a rebate to homeowners for up to 50% of expenditures that improve the energy efficiency of dwellings, to a maximum rebate of \$1000.

The rebate is available to all homeowners who own and occupy the home as their primary residence.

The rebate can be applied toward the costs of items and upgrades that improve energy efficiency, the purchase of energy-efficient appliances and equipment, to offset eligible labour and shipping costs, and for home energy audits.

The HEERP is funded through the Nunavut-Canada EcoTrust Program to improve energy efficiency for homeowners in Nunavut.

"The Nunavut Housing Corporation is committed to proactive energy efficiency measures and contributing to the cost-efficiency of Nunavut homes, in line with the Pinasuaqtavut goal of self-reliance," said Akesuk.

In the spring session of the Legislative Assembly, Minister Akesuk announced improvements to the income criteria for eligibility into NHC's homeownership and repair programs, as well as an increase of \$15,000 in the Home Repair Program for the purpose on energy efficiency projects.

Additional information on the new rebate program and other existing programs are available at the Corporation's regional offices, as well as on the website www.nunavuthousing.ca.

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