



News Release

Government to Build a New Office in Grise Fiord

GRISE FIORD, Nunavut (April 23, 2008) – Premier Paul Okalik, Minister of Community and Government Services Levinia Brown, and MLA for the High Arctic and Minister of Human Resources Levi Barnabas today announced plans to construct a new Government of Nunavut (GN) office in Grise Fiord.

“This investment shows progress in meeting the goals set out in Pinasuaqtavut,” said Premier Okalik. “Key infrastructure like this will allow both the hamlet and the GN to better deliver programs and services.”

“The community of Grise Fiord has waited patiently for this new office building,” said Minister Barnabas. “We are glad to see the government’s commitment to improve facilities.”

Grise Fiord Mayor Meeka Kigutak was delighted to hear the news. “We are truly grateful for the announcement of the planned office building from the Government of Nunavut. We look forward to the construction beginning and, even more so, the construction ending so staff can start working in this new facility.”

The GN recognizes the infrastructure needs throughout Nunavut’s communities and is listening to the concerns raised by the people of Grise Fiord. The Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee has just completed visits to communities where they consulted on specific needs in order to update the capital priorities for all communities. The GN will be considering these priorities during reviews of the five-year capital planning process.

The Honourable Ann Hanson, Commissioner of Nunavut, is accompanying the Premier, Minister Brown and Minister Barnabas on the High Arctic visits to Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord. They will take part in community feasts and Commissioner’s Awards will be presented.

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