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WHALE COVE CELEBRATES NEW COMMUNITY HALL

WHALE COVE, NUNAVUT (December 12, 2008) Today, the town of Whale Cove, Nunavut officially opened the new John Adjuk Community Hall – a joint Canada/Nunavut investment under the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

“Our Government is proud to work with our territorial partners in support of projects such as these,” said the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for Nunavut, on behalf of the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians. “This new community hall reflects our commitment to ensure Nunavummiut have solid infrastructure that will help their communities thrive.”

“Congratulations to the residents of Whale Cove on your new community hall and this great addition to your community,” said Minister Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community and Government Services, Government of Nunavut. “This new facility is a solid step in meeting Whale Cove’s infrastructure needs and will surely benefit everyone.”

“The new hall has given Whale Cove a larger and more efficient space to gather as a community,” said Mayor Percy Kabloona. “I look forward to seeing you all here for feasts, recreational events and other community gatherings over the coming years.”

The new Whale Cove community hall was named after John Adjuk, a respected elder who was an active community member. Mr. Adjuk was originally from Gary Lake but spent most of his life in Whale Cove.

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Background

The Canada-Nunavut Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund

Infrastructure Canada's Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund assists smaller communities across Canada in meeting specific infrastructure needs. In Nunavut, this fund is administered by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

The Canada-Nunavut Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund supports smaller-scale municipal infrastructure projects that meet pressing infrastructure needs in Nunavut communities. These projects include infrastructure required for clean drinking water, wastewater, culture, recreation, tourism, and "green" projects that reduce community environmental impacts.

Under the Canada-Nunavut Municipal Infrastructure Fund, the federal and territorial governments together committed \$38.3 million.

John Adjuk Community Hall

The new Community hall was designed to provide Whale Cove community members with a place to gather to share in celebrations and help retain the spirit in Inuit culture. Construction work of the new community hall was completed in the summer of 2008.

Project highlights

- Floor area of 408 square meters
- The facility includes an assembly hall, kitchen, office, lobby, washrooms and service spaces.
- Approximately 21 Inuit beneficiaries were employed during the construction of the new hall.

Canada-Nunavut Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Investment

Government of Canada contribution: \$2,050,000

Government of Nunavut contribution: \$2,050,000

Total MRIF contribution: \$4,100,000



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