



News Release

Government of Nunavut Invests in Repulse Bay Projects

REPULSE BAY (NAUJAAT), Nunavut (July 02, 2008) – Premier Paul Okalik along with MLA for Akulliq Steve Mapsalak today announced \$1.813 million in critical infrastructure investments for Repulse Bay including a new health centre design. Funds will also support constructing a community hall and garage as well as renovating community housing stock and access to a new gravel supply.

“This demonstrates our commitment to enhancing the health and well-being of Nunavummiut by providing health care closer to home and other critical infrastructure for Naujaat,” said Premier Okalik during his visit to Repulse Bay.

Mr. Mapsalak is pleased with the support. “This community has been calling for these types of investments for some time now. We are happy our concerns are receiving attention and we welcome the news.”

The Nunavut Legislature has approved an investment of \$200,000 in 2008-09 to design a new health centre for Repulse Bay. The new facility which is currently targeted for completion in 2011 will replace the current health centre which is too small to provide services to the community.

Repulse Bay will receive \$450,000 in 2008-09 to purchase and mobilize materials to start construction of a new community hall in late fall 2008. This project will cost an estimated \$5 million and is expected to be completed in fall 2009.

The Government of Nunavut will invest \$900,000 in 2008-09 for a four bay parking garage. The parking garage project will be tendered this fiscal year with construction next fiscal year. The Hamlet of Repulse Bay and the Government of Nunavut are currently working together to select a site for the garage. The Hamlet is receiving a further \$46,000 to conduct an environmental impact study on an access road to help manage the community’s gravel shortage.

Housing in Repulse Bay will also get a top up. In addition to the 15 new public housing units under the Nunavut Housing Trust and three staff housing units, the Government of Nunavut will invest an additional \$217,000 in upgrades to existing housing units. Overall this will improve the quality of housing in Repulse Bay and help reduce serious overcrowding.

These investments demonstrate the Government of Nunavut’s progress in building healthy communities.

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