



## News Release

### The Mobile Passport Unit of Passport Canada Coming to Iqaluit

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (July 30, 2008)** – Minister Responsible for Immigration Ed Picco welcomes the Mobile Passport Unit of Passport Canada and its officials to Nunavut. They are arriving in Iqaluit on Wednesday, July 30. They will have a Mobile Passport Unit from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Frobisher Inn to both REVIEW passport applications and ACCEPT completed passport applications.

In Iqaluit, passport application forms can be obtained at Minister Picco's legislative assembly office, 975-5020 or his constituency office 979- 3954 next to the Gas Bar, as well as at the Canada Post Office. The form can also be downloaded from Passport Canada's website. [www.passportcanada.gc.ca](http://www.passportcanada.gc.ca)

Last year, in response to the demand for photo identification for Nunavummiut, the Government of Nunavut provided equipment to each hamlet, while a professional photographer was hired to train each Administrative Officer. "The site visit of the mobile unit is an important first step in providing better access for Nunavummiut's passport needs. A permanent passport office like what most Canadians enjoy is the logical next step" said Minister Responsible for Immigration Ed Picco.

Passport Canada Officials will not accept cash. They will accept the following credit cards, VISA, Master Card and American Express. In addition to certified Cheques and money orders made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada".

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