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Government of Nunavut Provides Aid to Pangnirtung

Iqaluit, Nunavut (June 18, 2008) – Levinia Brown, Minister of Community and Government Services (CGS), was joined today by Premier Paul Okalik and Pangnirtung Mayor Mosesie Qappik to view the damage done by recent water flow and to announce an estimated \$510,000 in aid.

“We thank and commend the people of Pangnirtung for their ongoing patience and cooperation during this local state of emergency,” said Minister Brown. “To ensure public safety, we encourage residents to continue to listen to the hamlet safety advisories while work is being done.”

Premier Okalik acknowledges this is a difficult time for the community. “We have worked closely with the hamlet to stabilize essential services. This collaborative work will continue so that we can minimize damage and find solutions.”

The Government of Nunavut contribution will cover preliminary engineering assessments of the ground and bridges, construction services, freight and materials. Materials arriving in Pangnirtung include culverts, trash pumps, hose and bladders.

The Pangnirtung project team includes the CGS, the Hamlet of Pangnirtung, engineers and local contractors. They are currently focused on finding a fix to the sinkholes near the Duvall River which result from recent permafrost erosion and activity. No buildings have been affected and the situation is being regularly assessed.

Municipal services including garbage collection, water delivery and sewage pump-out were all affected since they require crossing the bridge. As a result, municipal services have been restored using temporary solutions. Both bridges remain closed.

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