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Municipal Grant to help Celebrate Nunavut at 10

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 11, 2009) – As the 10th year since the inauguration of the territory of Nunavut approaches, the Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community and Government Services, is pleased to announce a $5,000 grant for each Hamlet to go towards commemorating the significant occasion.

"A decade has passed since the dream of a new public government for Nunavut became a reality," says Minister Kusugak. "The municipal governments have been an integral part of the formation of Nunavut and together we would like to celebrate Nunavut after 10 years."

This one-time grant is available to each Nunavut Hamlet to cover eligible expenses associated with celebrating the first 10 years of the Nunavut territory. Minister Kusugak encourages Hamlets to host events that may be unique to their communities. To apply for funding, contact Margaret Taylor by phone to (867) 645-8109, by email to mtaylor@gov.nu.ca or by fax to (867)-645-8141.

April 1, 1999 was the day the territory of Nunavut was officially created and when the map of Canada was redrawn to form the country's third and largest territory. This anniversary provides Nunavummiut with a chance to pause and reflect upon past successes and look forward to a healthier, promising and productive future.

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