



## News Release

### **Housing Allocations for \$100 Million of Federal Funding for Housing**

**IQALUIT (March 31, 2009)** - The Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Housing Corporation announced housing allocations for the two-year \$100 million federal investment in affordable housing construction.

This funding is seen as an important recognition of the particular housing challenges facing this territory and a significant contribution to Nunavut's communities.

“On Nunavut's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this new federal funding will ensure that the work of addressing the territory's staggering housing needs is carried into the next decade,” says Hunter Tootoo, Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. These monies are seen as a sign that Ottawa is recognizing the needs as outlined in the 10 Year Inuit Housing Action Plan developed in partnership with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

“It is anticipated that 285 much-needed affordable housing units will be constructed from this new investment in housing from the federal government,” said Tootoo. “This allocation is an important step in the effort to meet the actual housing needs of our growing territory.”

The methodology used for the allocation of these units is the same methodology used for the Nunavut Housing Trust, which was based on the total number of Public Housing tenants in each community.

“This methodology is seen as being fair and equitable, and ensures that all communities are the recipients of new Public Housing units,” Tootoo said.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation will begin working with the Communities and the Department of Community and Government Services to ensure that the appropriate land is prepared for the construction of new housing.

The delivery strategy for the 285 units is currently being developed. A variety of housing types, including single family dwellings, will be constructed throughout 2009 to 2011.

Through the provision of housing, the Nunavut Housing Corporation and the Government of Nunavut are working with the federal government to build a healthier future for Nunavummiut.

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<b>Community</b>	<b># of units</b>
Iqaluit	20
Baker Lake	20
Arviat	20
Rankin Inlet	16
Igloolik	16
Pangnirtung	15
Pond Inlet	14
Cape Dorset	14
Kugluktuk	13
Taloyoak	12
Gjoa Haven	12
Clyde River	12
Cambridge Bay	12
Sanikiluaq	11
Repulse Bay	11
Hall Beach	10
Coral Harbour	10
Arctic Bay	10
Qikiqtarjuaq	9
Kugaaruk	9
Kimmirut	5
Whale Cove	4
Chesterfield Inlet	4
Resolute Bay	3
Grise Fiord	3