
News Release

GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND NUNAVUT INVEST IN COLLEGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN NUNAVUT

ARVIAT, Nunavut (September 23, 2009) — The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology), along with the Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, Nunavut Minister of Environment, Minister of Human Resources and Minister responsible for the Nunavut Arctic College, today announced funding of more than \$4.9 million for infrastructure investments at Nunavut Arctic College campuses and community learning centres.

“Our government’s investment will create jobs in these communities today and strengthen Nunavut’s capacity for education and innovation for the future,” said Minister Aglukkaq. “Renewing college facilities will ensure that students receive the training they need and that Nunavut Arctic College will be able to attract, train and retain highly skilled workers.”

As part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada introduced the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, a two-year \$2-billion economic stimulus measure to support infrastructure enhancement at Canadian post-secondary institutions, including community colleges and universities. Today’s announcement celebrates the projects that qualify under the program in Nunavut.

The program is helping to provide economic stimulus and promote employment by creating jobs for engineers, architects, trades people and technicians. It is also helping to generate the advanced technological infrastructure needed to keep Canada’s research and educational facilities at the forefront of scientific advancement.

The investment announced today includes \$2.2 million from the federal government and \$2.76 million from the territorial government.



“This joint investment will allow the Government of Nunavut to move forward with the Cyber Infrastructure Project, a communication network that will make online learning and research accessible to Nunavummiut in all 25 communities,” said Minister Shewchuk. “This technology will allow Nunavummiut to explore a vast number of educational opportunities in their home community.”

“We are expanding our ability to deliver more programs and courses in our communities, using technologies that until now were not accessible to us. The opportunities created by this investment will revolutionize the way we learn, and teach, in Nunavut,” said Mike Shouldice, Acting President of Nunavut Arctic College.

Canada’s Economic Action Plan sets out to stimulate the Canadian economy over the next two years and to improve our long-term competitiveness through \$12 billion in new infrastructure investment, which includes the \$2-billion Knowledge Infrastructure Program. This new support is the next substantive investment in the Government of Canada’s multi-year Science and Technology Strategy, *Mobilizing Science and Technology to Canada’s Advantage*.

For more information, visit the [Knowledge Infrastructure Program website](#) or [Canada’s Economic Action Plan website](#).

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