



Backgrounder

The Minister of Languages is preparing a Comprehensive Plan to coordinate the activities and government resources needed to implement and administer the *Inuit Language Protection Act* and to prepare for the new *Official Languages Act*.

The Plan will include two components: the first will address the delivery of territorial government services in the official languages, and the second will outline measures to revitalize and promote the Inuit Language, with emphasis on youth and the communities most threatened by language lost.

The Government is committed to consultation with those who will be affected by the language legislation and its implementation, including territorial institutions, municipalities, businesses, community organizations, Inuit, Francophones and Anglophones. The following roundtable dates and locations have been set for consultation.

Roundtable dates and locations:

- 🏔 Kitikmeot roundtable: September 24-25, Cambridge Bay.
- 🏔 Qikiqtaaluk roundtables: October 8-9, Igloolik and Pangnirtung.
- 🏔 Kivalliq roundtable: November 4-5, Rankin Inlet.
- 🏔 Iqaluit public meetings:
 - October 9, in French.
 - October 13, in Inuktitut.
 - October 14, in English.

The Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth has hired Pirurvik Center to assist with the planning and development of the comprehensive implementation plan, including facilitating discussions at regional roundtables and the Nunavut Language Summit.

The Nunavut Language Summit will take place in February 2010, at which time the recommendations from the roundtables will be finalized into the plan which will put into effect the new language laws.

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