



Backgrounder – Northern Cooperation Accord

The three northern Premiers will renew the Northern Cooperation Accord for a five year term tomorrow at a signing ceremony in Iqaluit following the Northern Premiers' Forum. The Northern Co-operation Accord was first negotiated between the three territories in 1999 and was later renewed in 2003 and 2006.

The accord commits the territorial governments to collaborate on matters of mutual concern and interest, to explore opportunities to share information and to develop a common voice on northern issues. At the same time, the accord does not constrain any of three governments from exercising their own powers and responsibilities.

This pan-Northern approach has been successful for all three territories resulting in increased health funding, territorial formula financing that reflects Northern realities and increased economic development funding.