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## **Nunavummiut voices reflected in suicide consultation report**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 22, 2010)** Nunavut's Suicide Prevention Strategy working group today released a summary report of the 2009 community consultations on the development of a territorial suicide prevention strategy.

The working group focuses on public engagement to ensure all voices are heard in the process of developing a strategy. The intent of sharing this summary is to report back to Nunavummiut about what was shared by community members during the consultations.

A total of 54 consultations were conducted in Nunavut in 2009, reaching more than 500 people. The feedback was split into two categories: general comments on factors associated with suicide and suicide prevention; and comments that lead to the development of seven focal points discussed in today's summary report.

Based on the responses from the consultation and the findings of the working group, a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan is now being drafted. The expected completion date is June, 2010. The summary report, entitled, *Towards the development of a Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy: A summary report on the 2009 community consultations*, will be distributed to all communities and can be accessed through the Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. website, [www.tunngavik.com](http://www.tunngavik.com), or the Government of Nunavut website, [www.gov.nu.ca](http://www.gov.nu.ca).

The Suicide Prevention Strategy working group is comprised of representatives from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the Government of Nunavut, the Embrace Life Council and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 'V' Division.

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