

News Release

New Pangnirtung Health Centre and Social Services Office Opens

PANGNIRTUNG, Nunavut (July 14, 2010) –The Honourable Tagak Curley, Minister of Health and Social Services, officially opened Nunavut's newest health facility today.

"The Department of Health and Social Services is committed to delivering high quality health and social services to Nunavummiut throughout the territory," said Curley. "The new facility in Pangnirtung increases our capacity to serve these residents and supports staff in providing integrated health care and social services."

This new facility provides the 1,300 residents in Pangnirtung with acute care services, home and community care, social services, public health and emergency services. It has more space than the previous facility with additional examining rooms, a doctor's room for visiting doctors, offices for home care nurse and workers, offices for social services staff, and a larger x-ray room, lab and pharmacy.

Additionally, there is an in-patient unit for after-hours emergencies, an adult observation unit with walled-in oxygen and suction equipment, and a well equipped obstetrics room for emergency deliveries. The new design provides a brighter space with large windows and skylights, creating a welcoming atmosphere for patients. The centre has been serving residents of Pangnirtung since June 21, 2010.

"Providing high quality, modern health and social services facilities aids our staff in working towards our goal of Pijitsirniq – serving and providing for families and communities," said Minister Curley. "The people of Pangnirtung will benefit from the atmosphere, added space, new equipment, and the fact that social services and health care are now offered in the same building."

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