
News Release

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES ARENA NOW OPEN

Iqaluit, Nunavut, October 13, 2010 – The official re-opening of the Arctic Winter Games Arena was celebrated today in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Canada's Minister of Health, Regional Minister for the North and Member of Parliament for Nunavut, joined the Honourable Eva Aariak, Premier of Nunavut and Elisapee Sheutiapik, Mayor of Iqaluit for the celebration.

“Our Government is investing in projects that create jobs for Canadians and provide a boost to our economy,” said Minister Aglukkaq. “The Arctic Winter Games Arena is a great example of a project that will benefit our communities, our families and our youth, making a real difference to the residents of Iqaluit.”

“Increasing financial partnerships in order to reach the goals of our mandate, *Tamapta/CL^{CC}: Building our future together*, is vital for the future of our territory,” said Premier Aariak. “The re-opening of the Arctic Winter Games Arena will help us to continue to build healthy communities and promote active living in our young population.”

“I am very pleased that the three levels of Government were able to work together for the betterment of our community,” said Her Worship Elisapee Sheutiapik, Mayor of Iqaluit. “This project could only have been realized through this partnership. The people of Iqaluit have been anxiously waiting for the repair of the Arctic Winter Games Arena and we are thrilled that this is once again operational. This project is very important to the City of Iqaluit and will add social and economic value to our community.”

The Arctic Winter Games Arena is a multi-purpose arena used to host major community events and promote physical activity among youth in the region. The arena will provide residents with more recreational and sporting activities, including figure skating, ice hockey and broomball. The arena can also be used to host major national and international events, such as the upcoming 2014 Arctic Winter Games.

The Government of Canada contributed \$748,740 towards the Arctic Winter Games Arena. The Government of Nunavut and the City of Iqaluit each provided \$748,740 to this project. The total eligible cost for this project was \$2.2 million.

The federal contribution to these projects comes from the \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, which provides funding to provincial, territorial and municipal construction-ready infrastructure projects. Overall, the Government of Canada has invested over \$3.5 million in 2 projects across Nunavut under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

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For further information on infrastructure projects in Nunavut, visit www.creatingjobs.gc.ca.

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