

News Release

Cabinet meets to set roadmap for future

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 15, 2010) – Setting a roadmap for the future, with achievable objectives to be reached by the end of this government's mandate, was the focus of this year's three-day strategic Cabinet Retreat. The Cabinet Retreat was held from September 13-15 in Iqaluit.

"During the first part of our mandate, we got off to a tremendous start in terms of listening to Nunavummiut, developing our priorities, and laying the foundation for our mandate, *Tamapta/CL^CC*: *Building our future together*. Our government is now focusing priorities to ensure practical shortterm and long-term outcomes that will benefit the whole territory" said Premier Eva Aariak

While the first Cabinet Retreat (2008) created a 20-year vision, this year's focus was on the immediate implementation of key deliverables. Cabinet will work together to provide community freezers in all 25 communities, and additional support for hunters; to strengthen community self-reliance by increasing investment in the mobile equipment fund; and to support our children by enhancing the school breakfast program, focusing on parenting skills, and increasing daycare availability.

Long-term goals include preparing for growth in Nunavut's economy, as well as in its population, and continuing to build a more efficient, and responsive public service. The Cabinet agreed to cut down on duplication in the Government of Nunavut, contribute to capacity building, and re-profile vacancies. This will make the best use of each position in each department with an emphasis on frontline workers, without disruption to essential services. Increasing financial partnership with the federal government, Inuit organizations and private partners is also a high priority.

As part of this week's Cabinet Retreat, Premier Eva Aariak today announced changes to Cabinet, which will realign responsibilities for the next phase of the government's mandate.

"It is important to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of our communities and to be proud of the progress we have made. I am confident together we will reach our goals. I am looking forward to discussing with regular Members of the Legislative Assembly, and all Nunavummiut, the specific actions we are taking to collectively prepare for a bright and promising future," said Premier Aariak.

Attachments: List of Accomplishments 2010 List of Changes to Cabinet

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