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Nunavut Announces Plans for Tourism Consultations

IQALUIT, **Nunavut (March 22**, **2011)** – The Government of Nunavut is starting stakeholder and community consultations to help guide the creation of a new Tourism Sector Development Strategy.

"Tourism plays an important role in our territory's economy," said Economic Development & Transportation Minister Peter Taptuna. "Tourism opportunities are present in every community. We would like to hear from each community about how we can ensure they develop and benefit from these opportunities."

Community consultations will be conducted in four communities in the Qikiqtaaluk, three communities in the Kitikmeot and three communities in the Kivalliq region. Consultation feedback will be used to develop a strategy that includes each organization, such as outfitters, hotel operators and airlines, and community's commitment to tourism development.

Nunavummiut interested in providing their input on the new Tourism Sector Development Strategy will have the opportunity to participate in Community Consultation taking place in the following communities during the next two months:

- Cape Dorset Friday, March 25 (9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Community Hall)
- Pond Inlet Tuesday, March 29 (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Community Hall)
- Kugluktuk Friday, April 1 (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Community Hall)
- Cambridge Bay Monday, April 4 (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Community Hall)
- Gjoa Haven Thursday, April 7 (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Community Hall)
- Chesterfield Inlet Tuesday, April 12 (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Community Hall)
- Rankin Inlet Friday, April 15 (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Community Hall)
- Arviat Monday, April 18 (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Community Hall)
- Iqaluit Wednesday, April 20 (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Nova Inn)
- Iqaluit Thursday, April 21 (7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. Nova Inn)

Please check out this web page for more information:

http://www.edt.gov.nu.ca/apps/Authoring/dspPage.aspx?page=tourism_consultations

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