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GOVERNMENTS CELEBRATE OFFICIAL OPENING OF TALOYOAK HAMLET OFFICE

Taloyoak, Nunavut, July 12, 2012 – Celebrations were held in Taloyoak today where the governments of Canada and Nunavut together celebrated the construction of a new hamlet office.

The \$6.78 million project is a joint Canada-Nunavut investment under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF). As part of Canada's Economic Action Plan, the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund supported more than 4,000 projects across the country.

“Thanks to Canada's Economic Action Plan and our infrastructure investments, this new hamlet office will strengthen the community and serve residents of Taloyoak well for decades to come,” said the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Member of Parliament for Nunavut, Minister of Health and Minister of the Canada Northern Economic Development Agency. “The construction of this building created jobs, supported the local economy and is an excellent example of the Government of Canada's commitment to improve infrastructure in Nunavut.”

The former Taloyoak Hamlet Office was aged and unable to meet the needs of the growing community. This new energy efficient building includes staff offices and a larger council chamber, allowing for public meetings and lower operational costs for the hamlet.

“Today we commemorate the official opening of the Taloyoak Hamlet Office,” said the Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Nunavut Minister of Community and Government Services. “This joint investment provides the Hamlet of Taloyoak with the ability to provide municipal services to the community more efficiently and will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable asset for the people of Taloyoak.”

“The joint investment by our territorial and federal governments, in the creation of our new municipal offices has ignited a spark in our community which will be hard to extinguish,” said Tommy Aiyout, Mayor of Taloyoak. “A renewed sense of hope and optimism has touched us all and we look forward to a much brighter future. On behalf of our entire community, thank you to all who have made this possible.”

The Government of Canada contributed \$2.81 million through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund towards the construction of the new building. The Government of Nunavut contributed the balance of the total project cost of \$6.78 million.

Investing in infrastructure is a key part of the Government of Canada's plan for jobs, growth and long-term prosperity. Over the course of the summer, the Government of Canada is meeting with provinces, territories, and municipalities through municipal associations and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, as well as other key stakeholders in a series of roundtables to develop a new long-term

infrastructure plan. This plan will focus on investments that support job creation and economic growth, while building strong, prosperous communities across the country. In addition, the Government of Canada will hold a roundtable with national stakeholders and private sector representatives at the end of the summer. Working together to develop this plan will provide new opportunities for all orders of government and the private sector to build partnerships to improve public infrastructure in Canada

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