

Statement

Premier Aariak meets with Alberta Premier Redford

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Premier Eva Aariak released the following statement:

"I was very pleased to meet with Premier Redford yesterday in Edmonton and provide my support for the Premier's efforts to create momentum for a Canadian energy strategy.

I emphasized the importance of a Canada-wide strategy including a northern component. I highlighted that Nunavut seeks a strategy that includes a dedicated long-term commitment to build infrastructure to move our energy to the global market, that will provide the territory with the control and benefits of development, and that will bridge Canada's energy divide by bringing stable, renewable energy projects to remote communities.

We also discussed broadening our collaboration on education and training, recognizing that developing a skilled labour force requires an long-term investment in education. Alberta has much experience in this area that Nunavut can profit from even further.

We also recognized the strong economic links between Alberta and Nunavut – both historically and today. Alberta is a good confederation partner to Nunavut and I look forward to working with Premier Redford to deepen our partnership."

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