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GN invests in Chesterfield Inlet and Baker Lake infrastructure projects

IQALUIT, NU (January 10, 2013) – The Government of Nunavut (GN) is contributing funding to upgrade the Chesterfield Inlet hamlet complex and Qamanittuaq Arena in Baker Lake, Community and Government Services Minister Lorne Kusugak announced today.

"Investing in infrastructure builds stronger, healthier communities across Nunavut. These upgrades will extend the use and lifespan of these facilities, and will ensure they can be enjoyed by the community for many more years to come," said Minister Kusugak. "The Government of Nunavut is proud to be a partner on these important community infrastructure projects."

The GN's Department of Community and Government Services is contributing up to 25 per cent of the cost of upgrading and updating the 26-year old Chesterfield Inlet hamlet complex. The hamlet complex is home to the hamlet council offices, internet computer centre, youth drop-in centre and an elders' drop-in centre.

Baker Lake will receive over \$143,000 in GN funding to install an eco-ice system at the Qamanittuaq Arena. The eco-ice system uses cold outside temperatures to keep the indoor ice surface frozen during winter months. The new eco-ice system will increase availability of ice in the arena from three months to nine months per year.

The federal government announced this week that it would also contribute funding to both projects through the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency's (CanNor) Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund; a program established to aid municipal governments with infrastructure retrofits.

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