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## Premier and cabinet hold priority discussions in Whale Cove

WHALE COVE, NU (October 17, 2014) – Premier Peter Taptuna and cabinet met in Whale Cove from October 14 to 16 to review action plans under this government's mandate, Sivumut Abluqta. The meeting comes almost one year into the mandate.

Nunavut's cabinet reaffirmed its government's direction and continues to focus on education and training and the addition of the current devolution negotiations. As well, cabinet expects to address new legislative and departmental initiatives in the upcoming Assembly.

"While leading this government, it is not only necessary to spend time operationally on Sivumut Abluqta, but also dedicate focused time for cabinet to primarily concentrate on these discussions," said Premier Peter Taptuna. "It's important for cabinet to continue to examine our priorities and what we have achieved and what needs to be achieved in the short and long-term for the betterment of all Nunavummiut."

During their time in Whale Cove, cabinet visited Inuglak School, the local health centre, government offices, and met with Mayor Stanley Adjuk Sr. and hamlet council. The government's cabinet retreat was also hosted in Whale Cove to provide more perspective of the challenges facing smaller Nunavut communities.

Premier Taptuna and his cabinet colleagues thank Whale Cove for their hospitality and the opportunity to see community needs, first-hand, and learn directly from hamlet representatives on how to address solutions within the government's mandate moving forward.

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