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# NEW HAMLET OFFICE OFFERS MORE SPACE AND MODERN FACILITY FOR RESIDENTS OF CLYDE RIVER

March 19, 2015 Clyde River, Nunavut

Today representatives from three levels of government joined with community members to celebrate the official opening of the new Clyde River hamlet office.

The new office, which houses the Hamlet council chambers and a supporting translation booth, also features a large reception area and a kitchenette that can be used to host community gatherings. This modern facility is large enough to allow all the Hamlet staff to work under one roof, making services more accessible for residents while also increasing operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The facility also incorporates office space for community organizations such as economic development officers and search and rescue staff, and is home to the community radio station. The building is also equipped with an emergency power generator in case of electricity outages.

## **Quick Facts**

- The Government of Canada and Nunavut are jointly contributing \$7 million under the Provincial-Territorial Base Fund toward this project.
- The Provincial-Territorial Base Fund is part of the 2007 Building Canada Plan and is designed to address core infrastructure priorities.
- The Government of Nunavut has fully committed its total allocation of \$182.68 million under this fund to various infrastructure initiatives across the Territory.

### Quotes

"Our Government's support for public infrastructure has never been stronger. We will continue to work with the Government of Nunavut to support projects that support the well-being and safety of our communities. This project is important for the community of Clyde River and initiatives such as it are creating jobs, promoting growth, and building strong, and prosperous communities across the North."

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq Minister of the Environment, Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, Minister for the Arctic Council, Regional Minister for the North and Member of Parliament for Nunavut

"Investing in quality infrastructure within the territory is important to strengthen our communities' economy, wellness and self-reliance. The Government of Nunavut is committed to helping all communities prosper and succeed. Facilities like this become the cornerstone for community development programs and initiatives in our communities."

The Honourable Peter Taptuna Premier of Nunavut

"The new hamlet office will be a centre of activity for the whole community; a place where residents can participate in local governance, create new economic development opportunities and contribute to

community initiatives. This project is another example of how the Government of Nunavut supports building strong, self-reliant communities across the territory."

The Honourable Tom Sammurtok Minister of the Department of Community and Government Services Government of Nunavut

#### **Associated Links**

Learn more about the Provincial-Territorial Base Fund.

For additional information on the New Building Canada Plan, visit <u>http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nbcp-npcc-eng.html.</u>

To learn more about the Government of Canada's focus on jobs and the economy consult Canada's Economic Action Plan at <u>http://www.eap.gc.ca</u>.

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