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Transfer of Nunavut's museum and archive collections to the Canadian Museum of Nature

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 7, 2017) – The Department of Culture and Heritage is pleased to announce that Nunavut's prized museum and archive collections have begun their move from the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife, to the Canadian Museum of Nature's (CMN) research and collections facility in Gatineau.

"The Government of Nunavut is taking steps to ensure the proper care of its arts, culture and heritage collections until Nunavut has its own territorial heritage facility," said Minister of Culture and Heritage, George Kuksuk. "Having our museum and archives at the CMN will open up new opportunities for collaborative research, education and exhibition programs."

The transfer of Nunavut's archives presents the Government of Nunavut (GN) with new opportunities to build on its partnership with the CMN, while reducing the cost of the collections' storage by more than \$3 million over the next five years. Housing the collections at the CMN will also offer an exceptional resource for Nunavut Sivuniksavut, Students on Ice, and similar educational organizations situated in the National Capital Region.

For more information about the GN's Museum Archive Collections, visit www.ch.gov.nu.

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