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GN reacts to the 2018 federal budget

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 27, 2018) – Federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau today tabled the Government of Canada’s 2018 budget plan, *Equality + Growth: A Strong Middle Class*.

The budget announced \$109.5 million over 10 years to combat tuberculosis in Inuit communities and co-create a permanent Inuit Health Survey, and \$161 million over five years to provide Inuit employment training.

“We welcome these much needed investments in Inuit health and employment training,” said Premier Paul Quassa. “We will be working closely with our partners in the federal government, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. to affirm our roles in delivering Inuit-specific funding and programs in Nunavut.”

In addition to financial commitments, the federal government has proposed to amend the *Nunavut Act* in order to allow the Government of Nunavut to manage wildlife when it applies to harvesting country food.

The federal plan announced increases to the Canada Child Benefit to keep up with changes in the cost of living and an enhancement of tax benefits for low-income workers.

“Canada’s increased investment in low-income workers and families with children will continue to help Nunavummiut who need it most,” said Minister of Finance David Akeeagok. “I will continue to advocate on behalf of all Nunavummiut, to ensure our financial priorities are heard and fully understood by our federal partners.”

Full details of the 2018 federal budget can be found on the Government of Canada’s website at <https://www.budget.gc.ca/2018/home-accueil-en.html>.

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