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Opening of the Kivalliq Regional Visitor Centre

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut (June 16, 2018) – The Kivalliq Regional Visitor Centre has officially opened in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut.

"The Kivalliq Regional Visitor Centre will provide a vital link between outfitters, tourist establishments, guides and tourists," said Premier Joe Savikataaq. "The Government of Nunavut (GN) is committed to supporting the tourism industry and ensuring Nunavummiut benefit from this growing sector of Nunavut's economy. *Tunnganarniq*—fostering good spirits by being open, welcoming and inclusive—is one of the guiding principles of *Turaaqtavut*. The visitor centre will give those who reside in the Kivalliq an opportunity to showcase their art and culture and provide visitors with a welcoming experience."

This is the first regional centre for visitors in the Kivalliq. It was built at a cost of $3.8 million, funded by the GN. The centre will employ three staff, who will formally welcome visitors and showcase taxidermy wildlife. They will also encourage visitors to tour other Kivalliq communities.

The centre will advertise Kivalliq tourism outfitters and provide an avenue for regional businesses to promote their services. The Nunavut Development Corporation will also sell Nunavut artwork at the centre, in partnership with the Department of Economic Development and Transportation.

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