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Cabinet wraps up mid-term retreat

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 9, 2019) – Nunavut's cabinet completed their mid-term retreat in Arviat last week, with renewed vision and objectives for the successful implementation of *Turaaqtavut*.

"We are a united executive council, with clear goals and strong ideas for Nunavut. We are now close to halfway through our mandate, and we remain committed to accountability and ensuring the Government of Nunavut achieves the goals of our mandate," said Premier Joe Savikataaq. "After a productive two days, we have specific direction to move forward and accomplish our work to benefit all Nunavummiut."

Significant outcomes from the retreat include direction to:

- Establish a Nunavut Mine Training Centre in Rankin Inlet, with engagement from industry partners in the territory.
- Foster Inuit employment across the public service by substantially increasing the number of direct appointments of long-term casuals.
- Ensure the Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students program returns to the Department of Education, to support life-long learning.
- Renew partnerships with the regional, territorial and national Inuit organizations to strengthen planning and amplify our voices.
- Move the Fisheries and Sealing division from the Department of Environment to the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, with enhanced support for the viability of the sector's potential.
- Engage more proactively and frequently with the new federal government to provide Nunavummiut the same standards and opportunities as Canadians in other jurisdictions.

"On behalf of cabinet, I want to assure Nunavummiut that we are on track and dedicated to the growth and development of our territory. Our main priority has always been the success and well-being of our people. We look to enhance the services and programs we provide, and give Nunavummiut every opportunity to thrive," said Premier Savikataaq.

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