

News Release

For Immediate Release

GN services impacted by fire in Gjoa Haven

Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 28, 2022) – Today, Minister of Community and Government Services David Joanase responds to the loss of the NCC building due to a fire on March 26, 2022, which housed several Government of Nunavut (GN) services in Gjoa Haven.

“Over the weekend, a fire in Gjoa Haven destroyed a government building and its contents,” said Minister Joanase. “The NCC building was a telecommunications hub within the community and served as an office space for employees of several GN departments. I want to extend my thanks to all staff who are working diligently on restoring essential services to the community and to all those impacted, for their continued flexibility during this challenging time.”

As part of the GN's response plan, the assessment of all internal and external impacts of this loss is underway. Staff and resources will be deployed in the following days to Gjoa Haven to help re-establish essential services in the community. Work-from-home measures will be implemented for affected GN staff where possible.

The NCC building served as the Government of Nunavut's (GN) primary telecommunications hub for the community, housing the main fibre connection, workstations, community data centre, servers, and hosting services for the community such as telephone and video conferencing.

Further updates on the impact of GN services in the community will be made public when available. For a list of the current impacts on services in Gjoa Haven, please visit www.gov.nu.ca.

###

Media Contacts:

Sierra LeBlanc
A/Director, Communications
Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs
867-975-6004
sleblanc@gov.nu.ca

Suleikha Duale
Communication Specialist
Department of Community and Government Services
867-975-5406
sduale1@gov.nu.ca

ᐱᓐᓇᓕᓕᓐᓇᓐ ᐱᓐᓇᓕᓕᓐᓇᓐ ᐱᓐᓇᓕᓕᓐᓇᓐ ᐱᓐᓇᓕᓕᓐᓇᓐ ᐱᓐᓇᓕᓕᓐᓇᓐ ᐱᓐᓇᓕᓕᓐᓇᓐ, www.gov.nu.ca.
News releases are available in Inuktitut, English, Inuinnaqtun, and French on www.gov.nu.ca.
Tuhagtaghat itut Inuktitut, Qablunaatitut, Inuinnaqtun Uiviititullu talvani www.gov.nu.ca.
Les communiqués de presse sont disponibles en inuktitut, en anglais, en inuinnaqtun et en français au www.gov.nu.ca.