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G N and the GoC sign new Canada-Nunavut Agreement on French Language Services and Inuktitut Language

Iqaluit, Nunavut (March 24, 2025) - The Government of Nunavut (GN) and Government of Canada (GoC) have signed an agreement that will provide the GN with federal funding for French and Inuktitut language services totalling \$34.3 million from 2024-25 to 2027-28.

Under the new four-year agreement, \$20.4 million is to support Inuktitut language initiatives and \$13.9 million is to support French language services. This funding will augment the GN's current \$11.3 million annual investment in the Inuit Language Implementation Fund, which will kickstart in 2025-2026.

“The Government of Nunavut is committed to working with our partners to prioritize the protection and promotion of Inuktitut, and to support our three official languages,” said the Minister of Culture and Heritage, Premier P.J. Akeeagok. “This new funding coupled with the investments made by the Government of Nunavut will go a long way to advance the use of Inuktitut and revitalize our mother-tongue.”

The funding is provided to support the continued delivery of French language communications and services by the Government of Nunavut departments, boards and agencies, and to support essential Inuktitut initiatives, including the development of resources in Inuktitut for kindergarten to Grade 12, the delivery of language training and the support of various community initiatives through the Official Languages Grants and Contributions program.

Multi-year funding under the new agreement will play a vital role in ensuring the stability, support and delivery of services for Nunavut in all official languages.

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