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Government of Nunavut unveils new polar bear licence plate design

Iqaluit, Nunavut (May 26, 2025) – Inspired by the 25th anniversary of Nunavut, the Government of Nunavut (GN) is proud to introduce a new licence plate design featuring the iconic polar bear, a symbol of Nunavut's geographical and cultural identity.

The Department of Community Services' Motor Vehicles Division will begin issuing new plates in early summer 2025.

"After listening to the public feedback over the years, the return of the bear-shaped plate is a proud reminder of who we are as Nunavummiut," said Community Services Minister David Akeeagok, expressing appreciation to residents for their cooperation during this transition.

All existing plates will be replaced when vehicle owners renew their registration stickers, or, if desired, by demand with valid paid registration for the current year. All new plates will come with a new plate number.

The new plate will be required for all motor vehicles registered in Nunavut, including:

- Private passenger vehicles
- ATVs
- Trailers
- Government vehicles
- Commercial vehicles
- Heavy equipment

All vehicles must be registered with Motor Vehicles and must present a clear validation sticker affixed to the licence plate in accordance with the *Traffic Safety Act*.

Registrants may keep their old plates for posterity, but the new plate must be attached to the rear of the vehicle.

[A sample of the new design is attached to this announcement.]

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