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Premier Main announces cabinet portfolios

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 20, 2025) – Premier John Main today announced portfolios for the Executive Council of the 7th Legislative Assembly.

“There is a great deal of work to be done, and we are ready to face the challenges,” said Premier Main. “We hear you and will put our attention to the issues you face every day. In the coming weeks, in consultation with our partners, we will set the mandate for the next four years, and build our future step by step.”

Premier Main will also serve as Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Finance. Cabinet ministers have been assigned the following departmental portfolios:

- Deputy Premier, Minister of Justice and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, the Honourable George Hickes.
- Government House Leader, Minister of Education and Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, the Honourable David Akeeagok.
- Minister of Health, the Honourable Janet Pitsiulaaq Brewster.
- Minister of Family Services and Minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation, the Honourable Gwen Healey Akearok.
- Minister of Environment and Minister of Culture and Heritage, the Honourable Brian Koonoo.
- Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, the Honourable Cecile Nelvana Lyall.
- Minister of Community Services, the Honourable Craig Simailak.
- Minister of Human Resources, the Honourable Annie Tattuinee.

“I am proud to be part of this strong group of leaders, who are called to lead from all regions of Nunavut and a wide range of backgrounds. I am excited to move Nunavut forward beside these four women and four men, who are ready serve Nunavummiut,” said Premier Main.

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Full portfolio listing enclosed.

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Honourable John Main, Premier of Nunavut
Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs
Minister of Finance
Minister of Indigenous Affairs
Minister responsible for Immigration
Minister responsible for Utility Rates Review Council
Minister responsible for Seniors
Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission
Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board

Honourable George Hickes, Deputy Premier
Minister of Justice
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut
Minister responsible for Labour
Minister responsible for Human Rights Tribunal

Honourable David Akeeagok
Government House Leader
Minister of Education
Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College

Honourable Janet Pitsiulaaq Brewster
Minister of Health
Minister responsible for Suicide Prevention

Honourable Gwen Healey Akearok
Minister of Family Services
Minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation
Minister responsible for Status of Women
Minister responsible for Homelessness
Minister responsible for Poverty Reduction

Honourable Brian Koonoo
Minister of Culture and Heritage
Minister of Environment
Minister of Languages
Minister responsible for Energy

Honourable Cecile Nelvana Lyall
Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation

Honourable Craig Simailak
Minister of Community Services
Minister responsible for Nunavut Business Credit Corporation
Minister responsible for Nunavut Development Corporation
Minister responsible for Mines
Minister responsible for Trade

Honourable Annie Tattuinee
Minister of Human Resources
Minister responsible for Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission

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