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Members of the Legislative Assembly conclude Full Caucus retreat to inform Executive Council mandate

Iqaluit, Nunavut (January 22, 2026) – Members of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut have concluded a Full Caucus retreat in Iqaluit to provide input and direction toward the development of the Executive Council's mandate for the Seventh Legislative Assembly.

The retreat brought together all MLAs to reflect on the needs of Nunavummiut, discuss opportunities and challenges facing the territory, and share perspectives to help inform the priorities and focus of the government's mandate. Discussions were grounded in the principles of Inuit qaujimajatuqangit and informed by dialogue with the board of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) and Elders.

In Nunavut's consensus system of government, the mandate is developed by the Executive Council, with input from all elected members. The Full Caucus retreat provided an opportunity for open discussion, shared reflection, and early alignment before the Executive Council continues its work to finalize the mandate document.

Over the course of the retreat, members discussed their vision for Nunavut, highlighted areas of alignment, and explored the choices and trade-offs required to focus government efforts over the next four years. This input will help guide the Executive Council as it continues drafting and refining the mandate.

"The mandate retreat with Full Caucus in Iqaluit was an important step in the process of developing our government's mandate," said Premier John Main. "Building on the work started in Arviat through the Cabinet retreat in December and the support of our partners

at NTI, we have a strong footing towards progress we will make as a territory over the next four years.”

“I want to express my appreciation to the Premier for welcoming input from all Members of the Legislative Assembly. I look forward to the final mandate statement being tabled in the House during our upcoming winter sitting,” said Full Caucus chair Daniel Qavvik, MLA for Sanikiluaq.

The Executive Council will continue refining the draft mandate in the coming weeks. Once finalized, the mandate will be tabled in the next sitting of the Legislative Assembly in March, and will guide government planning, implementation, and progress reporting throughout the term of the Seventh Legislative Assembly.

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