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Government of Nunavut News Release re. Road Paving in Iqaluit

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier today, I presented a petition on behalf of my constituents in Igloolik, who are calling on the government to initiate a road paving program in the community to help combat the health risks posed by dust.

Mr. Speaker, it is always a good idea to keep past precedent in mind when considering today's issues, which is why I am tabling a copy of the 2008 news release that announced the Government of Nunavut's \$12.0 million contribution for road paving in the capital city, which was described at that time as being an initiative to "improve the health" of the community by "getting rid of dust around the city." I encourage the government to keep this precedent in mind when responding to the petition from Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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News Release



GN and City to Improve Iqaluit Roads

IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 10, 2008) – Premier Paul Okalik and Elisapee Sheutiapik, Mayor of Iqaluit, were joined today by Ed Picco, MLA for Iqaluit-East and Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre to announce \$12 million in road improvements in the territorial capital. The funding will pave 20 kilometres of new road, upgrade culverts and make other road improvements over the next two years.

"This is good news for Iqaluit," said Premier Okalik at an event held in downtown Iqaluit. "Not only will road conditions improve but with less dust, Iqalummiut can look forward to a healthier, more livable community in the near future."

Mayor Sheutiapik greeted the announcement with enthusiasm. "The people of Iqaluit welcome this announcement. This capital project will certainly improve the health and overall quality of life in our community by getting rid of some dreaded potholes and dust around the city."

This investment is part of the 2008 territorial budget and demonstrates the Government of Nunavut's commitment to building healthy communities.

The City of Iqaluit has awarded the project contract to Kudlik Construction. Work will begin this summer.

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