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Historic Caucus Retreat Shows Unity on Core Mandate Priorities

CAMBRIDGE BAY, Nunavut (December 13, 2021) - The Legislative Assembly of Nunavut's Full Caucus successfully concluded its strategic planning Retreat on December 10, 2021.

“Our Caucus Retreat began with an historic dialogue between Members of the Legislative Assembly and the leadership of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and all Regional Inuit Organizations,” said Premier P.J. Akeeagok. “We are committed to a renewed and reenergized relationship based on mutual respect and a shared commitment to taking collaborative action to achieve meaningful improvements in such critical areas as housing.”

Caucus identified five core priorities for inclusion in the new government's formal mandate statement:

- Implementing a Comprehensive Elder Care Strategy;
- Reinvesting in Education;
- Enhancing Health, Mental Health and Addictions Services;
- Expanding the Housing Continuum; and
- Diversifying the Economy.

The mandate statement will be tabled in the House by Premier Akeeagok in March when the Commissioner's Opening Address is delivered to open the 2nd Session of the 6th Legislative Assembly.

In early January 2022, the Cabinet will gather for another retreat to discuss specific tangible measures associated with the identified themes for the mandate. That draft will be shared with the Full Caucus in late January and with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. in early February before being finalized.

Chair of the Regular Members' Caucus and Aivilik MLA Solomon Malliki said, “My colleagues and I look forward to the tabling of the new government's mandate statement, which will guide the implementation of our shared vision for the territory through the budgetary and legislative process.”

Members also confirmed that an electoral boundaries commission will be established in 2022, as provided for under the *Nunavut Elections Act*. Speaker Tony Akoak said, “The Legislative Assembly will be issuing a public invitation for applications to serve on the Commission.”

While in the community, Members were formally hosted by Deputy Premier and Cambridge Bay MLA Pamela Hakongak Gross. Members participated in a number of events, including the opening of Nunavut Arctic College’s new Kitikmeot Campus, the opening of the Arnat Qimavik Women’s Shelter, and site visits to the Cambridge Bay Continuing Care Centre and the Canadian High Arctic Research Station.

The 1st Session of the 6th Legislative Assembly reconvenes on February 21, 2022.

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