

The Bathurst Mandate Pinasuaqtavut : that which we've set out to do

Healthy Communities

We believe that:

The health of Nunavut depends on the health of each of its physical, social, economic and cultural communities, and the ability of those communities to serve Nunavummiut in the spirit of *Inuuqatigiittiarniq*; the healthy inter-connection of mind, body, spirit and environment.

Principles that will guide us are:

- People come first;
- People are responsible and accountable for their own well being;
- Nunavut needs to provide options and opportunities which build the strengths of individuals, families and communities;
- We acknowledge and will respond to the challenges of substance abuse, violence and loss as individuals, families and communities;
- Building the capacity of communities will strengthen Nunavut;
- All levels of government working together will strengthen Nunavut.

In 2020, Nunavut is a place where:

- Self assured, caring communities respond to the needs of individuals and families;
- We respect the accumulated wisdom of our elders, examining and evaluating our actions based on the best of both modern knowledge and traditional ways;
- Well informed individuals and communities have the capacity and exercise responsibility for decision making; Nunavummiut own and manage a strong mixed economy where residents have productive choices for economic participation;
- Strong transportation and communication links exist between communities and southern Canada, and increase communities' land and water access;
- Health and social conditions and indicators are at or better than the Canadian average;
- Families and individuals in Nunavut have fair access to a range of affordable housing options;
- The raising and teaching of children and the care of those in need, '*Ilagiinniq*' (kinship) and '*Inuuqatigiinniq*' (community kinship), are a collective community process.
- We enjoy and manage a clean, pristine environment, in our communities and on the land and waters.

Over the next five years, Departmental Business Plans and activities will give priority to completing these objectives:

- Open and maintain a public dialogue on housing issues, while developing and implementing immediate and long-term plans to respond to housing shortfalls as one of the two primary commitments of this government's mandate;
- Evaluate spending on courts and corrections, evaluate alternative program options and put in place long-term plans;
- Develop, with our land claims partners, a new Wildlife Act that recognizes the co-management regime of our resources;
- Recruit, train, and retain Health and Social Services staff at full capacity in all communities and facilities;
- Under the leadership of the departments of Sustainable Development, Community Government and Transportation and Health and Social Services, work with communities to:
 - create within each department of the Government of Nunavut the ability to support community capacity building; and, on a community by community basis:
 - create a *Capacity Plan* to develop and support the people, assets and authorities needed to build strength and diversity in each community;
 - develop and maintain *Wellness Plans* for each Nunavut community, identifying strengths, gaps and needs.
 - create long-term plans to sustain and improve community resources and access for each identified community need;
 - create and maintain an *Economic Strategy* for Nunavut.
 - and move to support and fund communities and programs in a manner consistent with these plans.
- Develop and implement a Nunavut-wide volunteer strategy.