

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

Self Reliance

We believe that:

As individuals we are each responsible for our own lives and responsible through our own efforts and activities to provide for the needs of our families and communities;

As communities and as a government we are connected to and reliant on each other to care for those in need, to establish common goals, and to secure the resources required to achieve those goals;

As Nunavummiut we look to support ourselves and contribute to Canada through the potential of our land, the responsible development of our resources and the contributions of our peoples and our cultures.

Principles that will guide us are:

- We will work within our means;
- We will incorporate traditional activities and values into new strategies to participate actively in the development of our economic resources;
- We will build on our strengths, respecting and highlighting the unique elements of our residents, communities, and the environment and economy in Nunavut;
- Nunavut residents should receive every opportunity to benefit from public dollars spent in and by Nunavut;
- Full and willing commitment to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement will be the standard;
- Nunavut can and will contribute to our country, as a committed and active participant in the life of Canada, and to the circumpolar world as an active Arctic neighbour.

In 2020, Nunavut is a place where:

- The Government of Nunavut meets its obligations under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement in a spirit of active cooperation;
- There are options for individuals to achieve personal growth within Nunavut communities;
- Nunavummiut are active in taking up an increasing number of economic opportunities and have low levels of dependency on government;
- An informed society is making decisions for self, family and community;
- Access to programs and services are seamless; straightforward, understandable and efficient;
- Nunavut enjoys growing prosperity while remaining debt-free;

- Nunavut is an active and respected contributor, nationally and internationally.

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

- Conduct a review of Income Support and related issues to find common commitments, then implement a revised program, putting in place incentives for individuals and families to achieve self-reliance;
- Fulfill the commitments of government to deliver employment to decentralized communities;
- Working with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, create new municipal legislation that will respond to the need for local options and opportunities for governance;
- Develop and implement monitoring and evaluation systems for Government of Nunavut programs at all levels;
- Build local employment and strengthen and support local businesses and organizations while promoting effective competition;
- Conclude agreements with the Government of Canada for public investment in key infrastructure (connectivity, roads, wharves, geoscience, mapping);
- Bring to Nunavut, or review and re-negotiate, all government functions contracted to the Government of the NWT on April 1, 1999;
- Commence negotiations and work towards agreements with the Government of Canada to assure Nunavut of a fair share of the resources of its lands and waters and to govern allocations and royalty regimes;
- Work to allow Nunavut to take its place and develop its role as an active, articulate, patient and conciliatory partner within Canada and the circumpolar world;
- Build an effective, functional and skilled public service, which is responsive to the public it serves and increasingly representative of the population of Nunavut.