



# Makivik Inquires

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## Q&A Between Makivik and provincial election candidates

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1. During the 1975 James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement an Inuit Governing System for North was never addressed. Since then the Inuit have called for a governing system with powers of legislation on areas such as Wildlife and Justice. What is your stand on this issue and what are you planning to do to help the Inuit gain Self Determination?

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During the last Parti Québécois government, we solidified our relationship with the Inuit Nation. Whether it's through Nation-to-Nation meetings with the Prime Minister or the signing of the social housing agreement, we believe that our governing time will have contributed to the development of our relationship. A government of the Parti Québécois will continue to build on this foundation and we will work with the Inuit Nation to emancipate and strengthen its governance.

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2. The cost of living on the Ungava Riding of Nunavik is sometimes 4 times higher than in Montreal making it extremely difficult for businesses and individuals to survive. What do you think the Quebec Government should do in the next 10 years to help start a process whereby the cost of living becomes more at par with the rest of the province?

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3. The lack of housing in Inuit communities is in a crisis. Just over 100 houses are built each year but never enough to meet the housing needs of the region. Nunavik lacks 800 units to eliminate the housing shortage and that number is not being addressed. How do you see a "catch up" housing construction program being established to eliminate the overcrowding in Inuit communities?

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2-3 Indeed, the extremely high cost of living and the housing crisis in Inuit villages are two very important issues. For me, these two issues are inseparable because they have a direct impact on the quality of life of Nunavik residents. At Parti Québécois, we propose to establish the first Nordic Policy in Quebec's history.

This policy will be done in collaboration with all the people living in the territory. Housing and cost of living will be addressed specifically within this policy. This policy will also address economic and social development, arctic shipping routes, natural resource development, climate change, culture, Nunavik governance and the integrity of our territory.