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Cost-of-living funding and Sanarrutik extended

Makivvik and Kativik Regional Government sign agreements supporting Nunavik Inuit and regional development

Montréal, Québec, August 27, 2026 – Makivvik and the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), together with the Government of Québec, have signed two agreements addressing immediate pressures on Nunavik Inuit, and supporting the continued social and economic development of the region.

The agreements provide \$155 million over six years for Nunavik's Cost-of-Living Reduction Program and extend the Sanarrutik Agreement for two years. Together, they maintain essential support for Nunavik Inuit, protect the continuity of regional programs and provide a basis for negotiating a sustainable long-term funding framework.

The renewed cost-of-living agreement responds to one of the most pressing realities facing Nunavik Inuit. The high cost of food, fuel, household goods, air travel, and harvesting equipment places considerable pressure on individuals and families throughout the region.

The two-year extension of Sanarrutik will ensure the continuation of funding, programs and initiatives that have supported Nunavik for more than two decades. Signed in 2002, Sanarrutik established a partnership among Makivvik, the KRG, and the Government of Québec to advance the economic and community development of the region.

The extension will allow existing initiatives to continue while the parties work toward a renewed agreement that reflects Nunavik's current and emerging priorities. Discussions will focus on establishing a viable, predictable, and long-term framework that gives regional organizations the capacity to respond effectively to community needs.

Quotes:

These agreements bring greater certainty to Nunavik at an important time. They recognize that lasting progress depends on Inuit having the resources and authority to shape solutions grounded in the realities of our communities. We will use this opportunity to pursue a stronger and more equitable partnership for the years ahead.”

– Pita Aatami, President, Makivvik

“Improving the quality of life in Nunavik remains important and requires immediate action and sustained commitment. The agreements signed today help address the realities faced by Nunavimmiut while ensuring the continuation of programs and measures that contribute to the social, economic, and community development of the region. Together, they strengthen the capacity of Nunavik organizations to respond to community needs and support the future development of Nunavik.”

– Maggie Emudluk, Chairperson, Kativik Regional Government

About Makivvik

Makivvik is the organization mandated under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement to represent Nunavik Inuit and protect their rights and interests. Makivvik works to advance the political, social, cultural and economic well-being of Nunavik Inuit and supports the sustainable development of the region.

About the Kativik Regional Government

The Kativik Regional Government delivers a wide range of public services to Nunavik residents under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. KRG is governed by a 17-member Regional Council composed of representatives appointed by the councils of Nunavik’s 14 Northern Villages, an elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and the Chief of the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach.

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