



News Release

Regional Roundtables to Identify “Options for Action” for Poverty Reduction Plan

IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 18, 2011) – The second stage of the public engagement process for the preparation of *Nunavut’s Poverty Reduction Action Plan* begins this week when the Kitikmeot Regional Roundtable meets in Cambridge Bay.

The Cambridge Bay Roundtable will be co-chaired by Government of Nunavut Finance Minister, Keith Peterson and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Vice-President, Jack Anawak. The Roundtable brings together participants from each community in the region, as well as representatives from government, Inuit organizations, non-profit organizations and the business community.

Participants will review *Ideas for Change*, a report from the community dialogues on poverty reduction held across the territory earlier this year. The Roundtable will discuss the possible policy responses to the report, which will be included in an “Options for Action” document to be published early this summer.

In addition to Cambridge Bay (May 17-19, 2011), Regional Roundtables will be held in:

- Rankin Inlet (May 25-27, 2011), co-chaired by Economic Development & Transportation Minister, Peter Taptuna and NTI Vice-President, Jack Anawak
- Pond Inlet (June 13-15, 2011), co-chaired by Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Minister, James Arreak and NTI Vice-President, Jack Anawak
- Iqaluit (June 22-24, 2011), co-chaired by Economic Development & Transportation Minister, Peter Taptuna and NTI Vice-President, Jack Anawak

“We are extremely pleased with the participation of Nunavummiut during the community dialogue phase of public engagement,” said Minister Taptuna. “Communities have provided many good ideas for the changes we need to make to reduce poverty. Our task now is to translate these ideas into practical policy options.”

“Change is not easy, but to reduce poverty we all must agree and take responsibility for action to tackle this problem,” said Vice-President Anawak. I am looking forward to the Regional Roundtables, and our discussions about what actions we can take together.”

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