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NTI Partners with Nunavut Sivuniksavut to Support Inuit Representation and Workforce Development Initiative

(May 15, 2025 – Ottawa, ON) Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) President, and Makigiaqta Inuit Training Corporation (MITC) Chairperson Jeremy Tunraluk is pleased to announce \$2.2 Million contribution agreement with Nunavut Sivuniksavut (NS) to support their Inuit workforce development initiative over the next 4 years.

Through recent strategic planning, the NS Board of Directors have identified essential roles needed to ensure its long term operations run efficiently and effectively. The funding from Makigiaqta will enable NS to create new positions, invest in operational resources, and prioritize mentorship for existing staff.

“This funding marks a significant step forward for Nunavut Sivuniksavut,” says NS Executive Director, Martha Kayak. “Through our partnership with Makigiaqta, we are creating invaluable training opportunities that will prepare Inuit for meaningful roles—not only within NS, but also in Nunavut.”

The training initiative will provide staff with the mentorship and resources necessary to succeed in their roles, with a focus on returning to Nunavut after their training to apply their newly acquired skills. This sustainable approach ensures that the benefits of the program will continue to support the community long after its completion.

“Makigiaqta is proud to support this initiative, as it’s an important step in strengthening Inuit self-determination and creating meaningful employment opportunities for Inuit,” said Makigiaqta Chair Tunraluk. “By investing in the training and mentorship of Inuit staff, we are not only addressing immediate staffing needs, but also laying the foundation for a sustainable, skilled workforce that will continue to benefit Nunavut for generations to come.”

This partnership will enable NS to make meaningful improvements to its programming and workforce, benefiting both the institution and the broader community it serves.

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“I would also like to take this opportunity to again congratulate the 2025 class of graduating NS students,” said President Tunraluk. “During your education journey you’ve been shaping the next chapter for Nunavut Inuit. Wherever life takes you, we know you will carry your values, your strength, and your identity with you. We are excited to see the paths that you will forge from today into the future.”

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