News Release

Nunavut calls for investment in infrastructure to help build one Canadian economy

Nunavut features prominently in the Canada Investment Summit Deal Book, giving the territory a significant presence in Canada's investment and nation-building agenda

TORONTO, ON – September 14, 2026 – Nunavut leaders brought the territory's major infrastructure priorities to Bay Street today, making the case that investing in the Arctic can make a significant contribution to building one Canadian economy.

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) and the Government of Nunavut (GN) hosted *Nunavut: Building Canada's Arctic Future*, bringing Premier John Main, NTI Vice-President Paul Irngaut, project proponents, investors, industry leaders and infrastructure partners together for a focused discussion on the projects and partnerships needed to move Nunavut's major infrastructure priorities forward. The event took place alongside the Canada Investment Summit, where Nunavut features prominently in the Deal Book and has a significant presence in Canada's broader investment and nation-building agenda.

The message from Nunavut was clear: investing in major Arctic infrastructure builds Canada's economy. It strengthens Canadian supply chains, opens new transportation and trade corridors, enables critical-mineral development and creates new economic activity in Nunavut that contributes directly to national growth.

Canada is focused on building a stronger and more resilient economy, and Nunavut has an important role to play," said Premier John Main. "There are incredible opportunities in the territory that we are sharing with the world this week. The Nunavut Government wants foundational infrastructure built to benefit residents now and into the future. These Inuit-led projects are investments in Nunavut, but they are also investments in Canada's economic future."

Nunavut's Projects of National Interest span clean energy, telecommunications, transportation and marine infrastructure. Together, they would provide more reliable power and communications, improve access to ports and markets, support new resource development and strengthen infrastructure that works three ways: for communities, for industry and for Canada's defence and security needs.

"Nunavut's economic potential is Canada's economic potential," said NTI Vice-President Paul Irngaut. "But development in our territory must be done with Inuit. Inuit are rights holders, landowners, businesses, workers and partners. If Canada is going to build its economy through the North, Inuit must help shape that growth and share in the opportunities it creates."

The projects also advance the objectives of the Nunavut Arctic Sovereignty and Security Strategy, which recognizes that Canada's presence in the Arctic depends on reliable infrastructure, strong communities and sustained economic activity. As Canada directs public and private investment toward major projects of national significance, NTI and the GN are calling for Nunavut's full infrastructure agenda to be part of that effort.

Building one Canadian economy means investing in the infrastructure that allows every region of the country to contribute to it.

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Background

Nunavut's four Projects of National Interest are:

- Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link;
- Iqaluit Nukkiksautiit Hydro Project;
- Grays Bay Road and Port, a key element of the Arctic Economic and Security Corridor; and
- Qikiqtarjuaq Deep-Sea Port.

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