



PREMIER AKEEAGOK'S NEWSLETTER

Nunavut has been collaborating with Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Team Canada to address the potential threat of U.S tariffs on Canadian goods.



Canada's Premiers visit Washington

On February 12th, Canada's premiers met with key members of the new United States Administration, Congress, and business leaders to advocate for maintaining strong Canada-U.S. relations. Premier P.J. Akeeagok also participated in meetings with U.S. and Danish representatives to discuss shared priorities, including economic development and Arctic security.

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First Ministers unite to discuss Canada-U.S. relations

Premier P.J. Akeeagok joined fellow Canadian premiers on January 15th for a meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to discuss Canada's relationship with the United States. The discussions focused on protecting Canada's economy and addressing concerns around potential tariffs. Premier Akeeagok emphasized the importance of Arctic sovereignty and security as areas of shared interest, highlighting the unique challenges and opportunities in the North. [▶ Read more](#)



Meeting with Nunavut industry

Premier Akeeagok met with Nunavut business leaders in February to discuss the potential impacts of U.S. tariffs on the north and to explore strategies to strengthen Nunavut's economy.

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Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy

In December, Premier Akeeagok attended the launch of Canada's new Arctic Foreign Policy. This policy prioritizes northern interests and a more secure, prosperous and resilient Arctic for all Canadians.

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Premier Akeegok welcomes the sun in Igloolik

Premier Akeegok visited Igloolik in January to participate in the Return of the Sun festivities. He met with Igloolik's mayor and Hamlet council, attended a community feast and celebration, and judged a traditional clothing fashion show. The Premier extends his gratitude to MLA Joanna Quassa and the community of Igloolik for their warm hospitality and the opportunity to share in this meaningful celebration of culture and community.

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Federal government funds Iqaluit hydroelectricity project

On February 4th, federal Minister Anandasangaree announced a \$6 million investment to support Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's Iqaluit Hydroelectric Project. This funding will advance the engineering and design work needed to develop a sustainable water power plant near Iqaluit, marking a significant step towards clean energy in Nunavut.

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Launch of the Inuusivut Annirnaqtut Action Plan

On October 30, 2024, the Government of Nunavut, in partnership with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the RCMP, and Embrace Life Council, launched the fourth Inuusivut Annirnaqtut Action Plan. This action plan is a significant step forward in addressing suicide prevention and promoting mental health in Nunavut.

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Aqsarniit Trade show and conference

Premier Akeeagok attended the Aqsarniit Trade Show and Conference in Ottawa this February where he was honoured to be a keynote speaker. The Premier shared thoughts about the need for unity in the Canadian North in the wake of U.S. tariffs and threats to Arctic sovereignty.

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Premier visits Nunavut's art

In November 2024, Premier Akeeagok had the opportunity to view Nunavut's Inuit art and ancestral belongings at the WAG-Qaumajuq in Winnipeg, Manitoba and the Canadian Museum of Natural History in Gatineau, Quebec. The visits reaffirmed the importance of bringing Nunavut's cultural treasures home, so Nunavummiut have easy access to connect with their history, creativity, and identity.

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Meeting with Premier Kinew

In November, Premier Akeeagok was pleased to meet with Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew to discuss shared priorities including ensuring that Indigenous voices help to shape Canada's future.

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Premier attends swearing-in of Chief Justice

On January 24th, Premier Akeeagok attended the swearing-in ceremony of the Honourable Susan Cooper as Chief Justice of the Nunavut Court of Justice. The Premier extends his congratulations as Chief Justice Cooper takes on the role of leading the territory's courts. [▶ Read more](#)



Premier celebrates Inuuki Burke's RCMP graduation

Premier Akeegok was honoured to attend the graduation of Nunavut's own Inuuki Burke from RCMP Academy on January 6th. Inuuki is the first Inuk graduate from RCMP Academy since 2023. [▶ Read more](#)



GN Welcomes Government of Canada Employees

Following the Nunavut Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement in January, the Government of Nunavut has been preparing for its new responsibilities. A key step came in December 2024, as federal employees affected by devolution joined the GN team, strengthening Nunavut's capacity for independent land and resource management. [▶ Read more](#)



Premier attends AME Roundup Conference

Premier Akeegok, along with the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines, attended the Association of Mineral Exploration's Roundup Conference in Vancouver. This event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with industry leaders and learn about projects essential to driving economic recovery, securing critical materials for energy needs, and supporting Northern communities for generations to come. [▶ Read more](#)



Upcoming Events



APRIL 1 - NUNAVUT DAY

26th Anniversary of Nunavut becoming a territory

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