



# Statement

## Premier Taptuna offers congratulations on discovery of Franklin ship and artifacts

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Premier Peter Taptuna released the following statement:

“I would like to congratulate Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister Leona Aglukkaq, Parks Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard on their tireless efforts and dedication in finding Franklin’s lost ships. The discovery of one ship marks a turning point in Nunavut’s history.

I would also like to applaud the Nunavut archeology team for their work in locating the heel of the davit and the deck hawse plug on the land. This is a great example of the Inuit societal value of *Piliriqatigiinni*q, working together for a common cause.

Inuit oral history was instrumental in locating the ship and the terrestrial artifacts. This is conclusive evidence that our traditions remain vital in modern times.”

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