

bDDJ**22** Building *Nunavut* Together *Nunavul* liuqatigiingniq Bâtir le *Nunavut* ensemble

2019-20 Budget Highlights

- As outlined in the Government's mandate document, *Turaaqtavut*, the GN is focused on four themes:
 - o Individual and community self-reliance and well-being (Inuusivut).
 - Developing our **infrastructure** and growing the **economy** (*Pivaallirutivut*).
 - **Preparing** people for good jobs (*Sivummuaqpalliajjutivut*).
 - Strengthening Nunavut as a **distinct** territory in Canada and the world (*Inuunivut*).
 - Working in **partnership** to advance the goals and aspirations of Nunavummiut (*Katujjiqatigiinnivut*).
- The Government of Nunavut is working to improve the lives of Nunavummiut and to deliver on these priorities. This includes the following new investments:
 - **\$4.6 M** in new funding for the treatment of addictions and related trauma.
 - **\$2.8 M** towards law enforcement.
 - **\$2.7 M** to expand the Medical Travel program to allow more mothers and guardians to bring infants on medical travel, and provide escorts to accompany pregnant women during childbirth.
 - **\$2.0 M** to strengthen emergency shelters, set up transitional housing for women, and improve emergency services for women and children.
 - \$1.6 M to support Team Nunavut's participation in the 2020 Arctic Winter Games.
 - **\$0.7 M** to create more clinical positions in communities for the screening and testing of TB.
 - **\$0.6 M** in new funding for the Qikiqtani General Hospital to support improved services and plan for a pediatric unit.
- Restrained spending and modest own-source revenue growth will moderate the GN's deficit in 2019-20.
 - **Revenues:** The GN forecasts **\$2,162 M** in revenues, consisting of federal transfers (nearly \$1,738 M), third-party agreements (\$201 M), and own-source revenues (\$224 M).
 - Spending: The GN plans to spend \$1,913 M on programs (\$1,736 M) and capital (\$178 M) in 2019-20. When we consider spending under third-party agreements and by revolving funds, and after making other adjustments, the GN projects total operations expenses of \$2,166 M.
 - **Contingencies:** The GN is setting aside an additional **\$30 M** to manage supplementary spending requirements over the year. This is to cover spending overruns, revenue shortfalls, and emergencies.
 - Deficit/Surplus: The GN forecasts a fiscal planning deficit of \$12 M in 2019-20. This assumes the GN fully spends the \$30 M set aside for contingencies and does not consider revolving funds, which operate outside the GN's core and so are not part of usual departmental planning. When we include revolving funds and accounting adjustments related to capital, we project an operating deficit of \$34 M in 2019-20.
 - Borrowing: The Government of Canada currently limits GN borrowing to \$650 M. As of December 31, 2018, total government borrowing stood at \$432 M, most of which relates to capital leases, the Qulliq Energy Corporation, and the Iqaluit airport. Roughly \$218 M in debt room remains.