2021-22 Budget Highlights

- As outlined in the Government of Nunavut's mandate, *Turaaqtavut*, the GN is focused on five themes:
  - 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*).

- Examples of new investments in 2021-22 include:
  - **$10.6 M** to support out-of-the territory mental health and addictions treatment.
  - **$8.7 M** to support the hiring of new educators, and a higher student-educator ratio, across Nunavut
  - **$5.8 M** to continue to secure and strengthen computer networks.
  - **$4.8 M** to fund a Pandemic Response Secretariat.
  - **$4.5 M** to support health services, including enhanced security at health centres.
  - **$2.9 M** to staff the Aaqqiqiqiarvik correctional facility, set to open this fall.
  - **$2.7 M** to support residential placements for youth with complex needs.
  - **$2.0 M** to improve school bussing services.
  - **$1.3 M** additional funding to boost shelter capacity.
  - **$1.2 M** in funding for a new colorectal cancer screening program.
  - **$0.7 M** to develop a Bachelor of Social Work program at the Arctic College.
  - **$0.7 M** to boost the supplementary benefits program for low-income seniors.

- Despite restrained spending and healthy own-source revenue growth, the GN expects a modest deficit in 2021-22.
  - **Revenues:** The GN forecasts **$2,387 M** in revenues, made up of federal transfers ($1,893 M), third-party agreements ($237 M), and own-source revenues ($255 M).
  - **Spending:** The GN plans to spend **$2,022 M** on programs ($1,858 M) and capital ($164 M) in 2021-22. When we consider spending under third-party agreements and by revolving funds, and after making other adjustments, the GN projects total operations expenses of **$2,327 M.**
  - **Contingencies:** The GN is setting aside an additional $75 M to manage supplementary spending requirements over the year. If allocated, operations expenses will reach **$2,402 M**.
  - **Deficit/Surplus:** The GN forecasts an operational deficit of **$14.3 M** in 2021-22, assuming the $75M set aside for contingencies is fully spent.
  - **Borrowing:** As of December 31, 2020, total government borrowing stood at **$446.6 M**, most of which relates to capital leases, the Qulliq Energy Corporation, and the Iqaluit airport. The Government of Canada currently limits GN borrowing to $750 M, leaving $303 M in remaining debt room.