

2009 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2009 Budget is a transitional budget for the Government of Nunavut that will continue to pursue the goals of previous Assemblies, and at the same time begin to incorporate the priorities of the new Government as set out in the *Tamapta* mandate. The Premier has recently announced the Government's intent to complete a Report Card on government programs and services to understand what is working and what needs improvement. It is expected that the outcomes of this review will be reflected in the 2010 Budget.

In 2009-10 the Government of Nunavut will:

- Actively pursue the implementation of the *Education Act*, the *Official Languages Act*, and the *Inuit Language Protection Act* with \$8.6 million of preliminary funding.
- Ensure a Nunavut presence on the world stage through \$2 million of funding for Nunavut participation at the Vancouver Olympics in 2010.
- Partner with the Government of Canada to stimulate the economy by moving forward with existing infrastructure programs, and taking advantage of new stimulus opportunities that arise during the year.
- Provide additional educational opportunities for Government of Nunavut employees through a \$2 million training and development fund.
- Implementing the Business Training Tax Credit to provide further support for enhancing education and training outcomes.
- Continue its commitment to self-reliance through \$1.1 million in renewed funding to support the development of a devolution agreement.
- Contribute an additional \$8.5 million to the Nunavut health care system, including \$1.3 million for increased funding to women's safe shelters.
- Increase the operations and maintenance budget for social housing by over \$4 million to correspond with the additional social housing units being built through the Nunavut Housing Trust.

The Government of Nunavut projects total revenues for 2009-10 to be \$1.22 billion, a \$64.5 million increase over the 2008-09 Revised Estimates.

The Government of Nunavut projects a deficit of \$29.1 million for 2009-10, which compares to an estimated \$28.4 million deficit projected for 2008-09.

The Government of Nunavut projects total expenditures for 2009-10 to be \$1.25 billion. Approximately 84% of these funds, or \$1.05 billion, will be spent to deliver programs and services. A further 10% (\$120.8 million) will be invested in capital projects across the territory. The remaining 6% is earmarked as a contingency for unknown and unanticipated expenditures.

