



2017-18 Budget Highlights

- The Government of Nunavut is working to achieve the vision set out in *Sivumut Abluqta*, including through the following investments in 2017-18:
 - **\$6.6 M** to fully establish the Quality of Life Secretariat within the Department of Health. This team will support community and wellness organizations, operate mobile trauma response units, support the Embrace Life Council and help fund a 24-hour crisis help line;
 - **\$2.5 M** to expand mental health and addictions services offered in communities;
 - **\$2.5 M** to help communities build more access roads and improve dust control;
 - **\$1.8 M** to support 9 new RCMP constables, one each in Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Baker Lake, Arviat, Rankin Inlet, and Gjoa Haven, and three in Iqaluit;
 - **\$1.6 M** to support nursing in the territory, including a Nursing Mentorship Program and investments in public health nursing;
 - **\$1.6 M** to the Nunavut Arctic College to support a new law program in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan, launching this fall. The GN is also providing **\$1.3 M** to help the College fund its Social Worker and Early Childhood Education programs;
 - **\$1.4 M** to help Nunavummiut participate at the Arctic Winter Games next year; and
 - **\$850,000** to improve the education support services we offer students and their families.
- The GN is prudently balancing its budget.
 - **Revenues:** The GN is budgeting to receive **\$1,981 M** through federal transfers (nearly \$1,626 M), third-party agreements (\$144 M) and own-source revenues (\$211 M).
 - **Spending:** The GN is planning to spend about **\$1,766 M** on programs (\$1,566 M) and capital (\$200 M) in 2017-18. When we consider spending under third-party agreements and by revolving funds, and after making other adjustments, the GN projects total operations expenses of **\$1,918 M**.
 - **Contingencies:** The GN is prudently setting aside **\$40 M** to manage supplementary spending requirements over the year.
 - **Deficit/Surplus:** The GN is planning a small fiscal surplus of about **\$2 M** in 2017-18. This assumes the GN fully spends the \$40 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 consider accounting adjustments related to capital, we project an operating surplus of about **\$23 M** in 2017-18.
 - **Borrowing:** As of December 31, 2016, the GN counted about **\$380 M** in borrowing under our \$650 M debt cap. Most of this borrowing is related to loan guarantees for the Quilliq Energy Corporation and the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Much of the rest is to account for the GN's obligations related to capital leases and the Iqaluit airport. Roughly \$270 M in debt room remains.



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