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Premier, Ministers wrap up Kitikmeot Tour

IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 4, 2010) – Premier Eva Aariak and her colleagues wrapped up a tour of the Kitikmeot region earlier this week, visiting the communities of Kugaaruk, Taloyoak, Gjoa Haven, Kugluktuk, and Cambridge Bay. The Premier, joined by Minister Peter Taptuna, Minister Keith Peterson and Minister Daniel Shewchuk, met with hamlet offices, visited Government of Nunavut offices and participated in community meetings.

"Our government's mandate, *Tamapta/ᑕᒪᖅᑕ: Building Our Future Together*, is unwavering about the vital role of two-way communication and connecting with our communities," said Premier Aariak. "It was a real pleasure to speak with so many during our tour and hear the support, feedback and suggestions from community members," said Premier Aariak.

"When the Third Legislative Assembly started we went to Nunavummiut to find out how their government was doing," said Deputy Premier and Minister of Economic Development & Transportation Peter Taptuna. "According to *Qanukkanniq?*, the Government of Nunavut's report card, people wanted us to connect more with our communities. On this tour we did that and will continue to listen to and communicate with Nunavummiut."

"It was great to visit all the Kitikmeot communities to listen and share views on strengthening our justice system and other government initiatives," said Minister of Justice Keith Peterson. "We are pleased Nunavummiut expressed support for our continued focus on traditional and community approaches to justice."

"A guiding principle for our government is Piliriqatigiinniq, or working together toward a common vision." said Minister of Environment, Human Resources and Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Arctic College, Daniel Shewchuk. "In order to do this effectively, we need to connect with our communities, so that we may better understand local issues and realities."

The tour of the Kitikmeot took place from April 29 – May 3. The next session of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut begins on June 1, 2010.

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