

**Cabinet Information Item
FPT Ministerial Report**

Date: July 14, 2015

Title: FPT Ministers Responsible for Culture and Heritage

Originating Department(s):

Culture and Heritage

Participants:

Joe Adla Kunuk, Deputy Minister; and,
Richard Paton, Senior Policy Analyst

Nunavut Position(s):

Culture and Heritage is committed to advocating for adequate and sustained federal funding for the continued protection and promotion of official languages in Nunavut.

Culture and Heritage also recognizes the urgency to preserve Nunavut's tangible cultural assets by securing additional federal funding towards a territorial Heritage Centre.

Current situation:

Official Languages

- Canada and Nunavut have a long history of cooperation on language, namely through the Canada-Nunavut General Agreement on the Promotion of French and Inuit Languages ("Agreement").
- Discussions are almost concluded with Canada to negotiate a renewed and enhanced Nunavut-specific language funding agreement that would better reflect Nunavut's priorities and unique linguistic reality

Heritage Assets

- Culture and Heritage has been depositing, at high expense, its archives, museum objects as well as archaeological and palaeontological specimens and under care and storage agreements with the NWT (PWNHC), and the Canadian Museum of Nature.

Priorities for 2015-2018

The following strategic priorities reflect areas of common interest and opportunities for cooperation, discussion and action:

1. Growing and Measuring the Impact of Culture
2. Community Engagement in Culture and Heritage
3. Safeguarding Heritage

Culture and Heritage suggests that Canada's potential and substantial assistance be linked to its regional contributions for the Canada 150 Celebration. In Nunavut, this means a travelling display would be developed to highlight Nunavut's history in a cultural, political and tourism context.

This exhibit would travel across Nunavut's communities and select destinations in southern Canada. It would illustrate Nunavut's rich cultural history and modern history, while communicating knowledge and awareness of Nunavut as a political, cultural and tourist destination that is unique in the nation.