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## Legislative Assembly of Nunavut to sit under the Midnight Sun

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut (May 23, 2001) – The Fifth Session of the First Legislative Assembly of Nunavut will become the first Canadian Assembly to sit under the Midnight Sun when it reconvenes on Thursday, May 24, from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

The Legislative Assembly is currently sitting in the administrative centre of the Kitikmeot region, Cambridge Bay. The community of 1500 people lies on the South end of Victoria Island, north of the Arctic Circle. It experiences 24-hour daylight from late April till early September.

"A Midnight Sun sitting allows us a golden opportunity to express and experience the unique geography and culture of Nunavut," said Speaker of the Assembly, Kevin O'Brien.

The Session opened May 17 and featured traditional Inuit drum dancing and throat singing, in addition to the construction of a Tent Ring of Unity, to which MLAs contributed a stone or other cultural item from their home communities.

The House is expected to sit until the end of May.

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