



ᐅᑎᑎᑦᐅᑦ ᐱᑭᑦᐅᑦᐅᑦᐅᑦ  
Building Nunavut Together  
Nunavut liuqatigiingniq  
Bâtir le Nunavut ensemble

ᑭᑭᑦᐅᑦᐅᑦ ᑭᑭᑦᐅᑦᐅᑦ ᑎᑎᑎᑦᐅᑦᐅᑦ  
Office of Premier Joe Savikataaq  
Hivuliqtip Joe Savikataaq Havakvingani  
Bureau du Premier ministre Joe Savikataaq

John Main, MLA  
Chair, Regular Members Caucus  
Legislative Assembly of Nunavut  
P.O. Box 1200  
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

May 29, 2019

**Re: 2019-2020 Letter of Expectation for the Executive Council of Nunavut**

Dear Mr. Main,

This letter is in response to the May 22, 2019 letter, that was hand delivered to me on May 24, 2019. As Premier, I would like to re-affirm the point that all members of the Executive Council take very seriously to principle of accountability and responsiveness to Members of the Legislative Assembly and of course to the Nunavut Public. I am confirming that I have shared your correspondence with my colleagues in person.

We collectively respect that Regular Members are tasked with the responsibility of holding our government to account via scrutiny of our budgets, business plans, bills and policies. These are crucial exercises that ensure accountability and transparency in achieving the goals set out in our mandate, *Turaaqtavut*, that we welcome engagement on.

In your letter, you note that Members have “identified a number of ongoing performance issues with the Executive Council.” You also note my professional responsibility as Premier, in addressing such issues. In order for me to carry out my professional duties, I must first be notified of specific concerns pertaining to the performance of my colleagues on the Executive Council. Until such time that specific issues are brought to my attention, I am unable to carry out my responsibility in ensuring corrective measures are instituted.

I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce that we have an open door policy and always welcome members to engage with myself and my colleagues in Cabinet to discuss any and all issues. We will continue to extend this gesture to our colleagues of the Regular Members Caucus. This is important, as we need to be able to take all opportunities, whether it is in person, in email correspondence or by phone to stay



I would like to reiterate the importance of engaging with members of the Executive Council on a regular basis as issues arise, and that we remain committed to ensuring that these issues are addressed appropriately. But as I noted earlier, I need to be informed of specific instances of "performance issues" of members of the Executive Council. I am fully prepared to ensure that corrective action is taken, when warranted.

I welcome any opportunity provided to discuss this further with you and your colleagues on the Regular Members Caucus.

Sincerely,



Joe Savikataaq, Premier  
Government of Nunavut

CC: Members of the Legislative Assembly  
Office of the Speaker