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## NUNATUKAVUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONTINUES TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

**CARTWRIGHT, LABRADOR, August 17, 2020** – The NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) today announced the approval of 17 projects in eight communities since October 2019, totaling approximately \$1.26 million under NCC’s Investing in NunatuKavut Communities Infrastructure Program (INCIP). President Todd Russell made this announcement while visiting the Roy Sainsbury Memorial Gymnasium in Cartwright today, which received a major contribution of \$89,000 through INCIP for a building retrofit.

INCIP has two application deadlines per year: April and October. For each intake, communities and organizations can access up to \$30,000 in funding for project planning and proposal development and up to \$100,000 for direct investment into infrastructure projects like building construction, water and sewer and land development.

The following are the approved projects from the last two intakes (October 2019 and April 2020):

Proponent	Project Description	Funding
Black Tickle Local Service District	Artesian Wells – PWDU Relocation	\$100,000
	Engineering Landfill Relocation	\$30,000
Cartwright Recreation Committee	Retrofit of the Roy Sainsbury Memorial Gymnasium	\$89,000
Cartwright Town Council	Sewer Main Road South Engineering	\$30,000
	Sewer Main Road South Install	\$100,000
	Sewer Main Works and Engineering, Clark/Dyson’s Lane	\$30,000
Charlottetown Fire Department	Phase II of the Fire Hall Fit-Up	\$100,000
Charlottetown Town Council	Engineering – Phase V W&S Big Cove/WGA	\$30,000
	Phase V W&S Big Cove/WGA Extension	\$100,000
Lodge Bay Recreation Committee	Recreation Building Retrofits	\$20,000
Mary’s Harbour Town Council	New Fire Hall Site Grading/Land Purchase	\$75,000
Port Hope Simpson Town Council	Country Road Water & Sewer	\$100,000
	Phase II- Emergency Vehicle Storage	\$100,000
	Town Center Development Phase III	\$100,000
Pinsent’s Arm Recreation Committee	New Town Center Construction & Engineering	\$130,000
St. Lewis Town Council	Phase III – Multi-Purpose Bldg – Wooden Structure	\$100,000
	Engineering Community Centre	\$30,000

The next INCIP application deadline is October 15, 2020. Details on applying and a list of all approved projects to date are available at [www.nunatukavut.ca](http://www.nunatukavut.ca).

## Quick Facts

- INCIP, which is a three-year pilot program, is the first infrastructure program developed by NCC that is fully funded from its own source revenues. Over \$2.4 million in projects have been approved since the program was introduced.
- Community organizations in year-round NunatuKavut communities from Cartwright to Lodge Bay are eligible to apply for funding through INCIP. This includes community governance bodies, committees and other not-for-profit groups.
- NCC is the representative governing body for approximately 6,000 Inuit who reside primarily in south and central Labrador.
- NunatuKavut means “Our Ancient Land” in Inuttitut and is the traditional territory of the Inuit who belong to this territory.
- In July 2018, NCC entered into talks with the Government of Canada on the Recognition of its Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD). In September 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed.

## Quotes

“Through the Investing in NunatuKavut Communities Infrastructure Program, NCC is making direct, meaningful and significant investments into NunatuKavut communities. Funding can be leveraged from other sources, which allows communities and groups to look at undertaking larger infrastructure projects that may not have been previously possible. This program also encourages communities to determine their own priorities, look at sustainability and apply for funding based on greatest need – an important step in self-governance. There has been incredible uptake in this program since it started and it is exciting to see some of the early projects now coming to fruition. We look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead for our people and communities.”

- *Todd Russell, President of NCC*

## Associated Links

- For further information on NCC, please visit [www.nunatukavut.ca](http://www.nunatukavut.ca). Please also join in the conversation at [Facebook.com/nunatukavut](https://www.facebook.com/nunatukavut) and Twitter [@nunatukavut](https://twitter.com/nunatukavut).

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