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## NUNATUKAVUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONTRIBUTES TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN UPPER LAKE MELVILLE

**HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, LABRADOR, August 21, 2020** – The NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) today announced that it will be investing \$280,000 toward four significant social infrastructure projects in Upper Lake Melville. They are being funded through NCC’s Investing in NunatuKavut Communities Infrastructure Program (INCIP), which has a designated allocation for communities in the Upper Lake Melville area.

The following investments are being made:

- \$100,000 to the Labrador Wellness Centre for sponsorship of dedicated spaces
- \$100,000 to the Labrador Friendship Centre toward the construction of a new building for the Aboriginal Family Centre
- \$35,000 to Healthy Waters Labrador toward a Birch Island picnic shelter and historical storyboard project
- \$45,000 to the Town of North West River toward a beach clean-up, protection and development project

NCC’s outreach included discussions with NunatuKavut members, community groups and each of the municipalities to determine what the priorities were in the area. Each of the projects being funded as part of this announcement are based on what was heard during those discussions. Through INCIP, NCC is helping communities stay healthy, strong and resilient.

### 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. Approximately \$2.68 million in projects have been approved since the program was introduced.
- 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

“The NunatuKavut Community Council is pleased to be making direct contributions to important social infrastructure projects in Upper Lake Melville. INCIP was developed to directly respond to the real needs and priorities in our communities and, in Upper Lake Melville, we took this same approach. We first talked with our members, various community-based groups and the municipalities to ensure we were making investments that make a positive and meaningful difference in the lives of NunatuKavut Inuit and the community as a whole.”

- *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 and Twitter @nunatukavut.

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