



## **Community and Government Services**

### **REGIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM FUNDING ASSISTANCE POLICY**

#### **PREAMBLE**

The Government of Nunavut (GN), under the authority of the Financial Administration Act, may provide funding to assist the leaders of municipal corporations to participate in regional leadership meeting forums.

#### **PRINCIPLES**

This policy is based on the following principles:

- The GN supports meetings of leaders from municipal councils within regions to improve communication among communities and to provide input on social, economic and political development at the community and regional level.
- Regional Leadership Forums promote the values of Pinasuaqtavut and Inuuqatigiittiarniq by facilitating meetings for municipal leaders to work with all other levels of government to strengthen Nunavut.

#### **APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all cities, towns, villages, and hamlets.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

##### Community Leaders

Includes but is not limited to the elected head of a municipal council or an elected member of a municipal council delegated to attend instead of the elected head.

##### Administrative Staff

Is the duly appointed Senior Administrative Officer (SAO) or designated representative of the municipal corporation providing administrative support to the community leader.

## Region

For the purposes of this policy, means the following areas:  
Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and Qikiqtaaluk regions.

## Regional Leadership Meetings

Means a meeting of a elected community leaders and administrative staff from a majority of the communities eligible to attend a regional leadership meeting.

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### 1. Minister of Community and Government Services

The Minister of Community and Government Services allocates funding to regions for regional leadership meetings within main estimate appropriations voted for the Department of Community and Government Services

### 2. Deputy Minister of Community and Government Services

(a) The Deputy Minister of Community and Government Services has the following authority and accountability which he or she may delegate to Regional Directors:

- i consults municipal councils on the need and timing for meetings in the region;
- ii administers the funds for regional meetings;
- iii assists with the organization of regional leadership meetings in consultation with community leaders;
- iv arranges for payment of travel, accommodations, meals, translation, and meeting venue costs for community leaders and administrative staff eligible to attend regional leadership meetings.

## **PROVISIONS**

### 1. Level of Funding

(a) Funding may be provided for one regional leadership meeting a year for municipal councils in each region

(b) Funding is limited to:

- i travel costs for one community leader and one administrative staff member per community; and

- ii meeting room, translation, administration and other costs related to regional leadership meetings.

## 2. Contribution

- (a) Once a location and date of the annual regional leadership meeting has been determined the Regional Director will forward a letter to each municipality in the region advising each municipality of:
  - i The location and dates of the regional meeting; and
  - ii The eligible travel costs that CGS will reimburse to the municipality for participating in the regional leadership forum based on documented expenditures incurred and submitted to CGS.

## **FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

Financial resources required under this policy are conditional on approval by the Legislative Assembly and on the availability of funds in the appropriate budget.

## **PREROGATIVE OF CABINET**

Nothing in this policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of Cabinet to make decisions or take action respecting the provision of funding assistance for regional leadership forum funding assistance, outside the provisions of this policy.

## **SUNSET CLAUSE**

This policy shall be in effect from the date of the signature until December 31, 2011.

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Paul Okalik, Premier