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New Driver's Licence and General Identification Card Add Essential Security Features for North American Travel

IQALUIT, Nunavut (December 10, 2008) – Premier Eva Aariak and Peter Taptuna, Nunavut's Minister of Economic Development & Transportation, today announced the introduction of a new driver's license and a new general identification card for Nunavut.

The new documents incorporate security features that meet new national and international standards, and will be accepted throughout North America.

“The new driver's licence and general identification card are state-of-the-art and very secure, and Nunavummiut can be confident when they travel that these documents will be accepted,” Premier Aariak said.

The new documents are processed using a new system that will be supported and maintained in all 25 communities with driver and vehicle licensing offices. There will be no increases in licence fees while the system is being introduced.

“Although the old driver's licence and general identification card will not be fully phased out for another two years, drivers whose current licence expires within the next 90 days should visit their local issuing office to get one of the new documents,” added Minister Taptuna.

“All Nunavummiut aged 12 or over require proper identification for air travel, and I encourage everyone who is not a driver to obtain a general identification card.”

The new driver's licence and general identification card are currently available in Gjoa Haven, Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet and Pangnirtung. They will be available in all communities by the end of March 2009.

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