



2013-2014 Budget Highlights

- **Investments:** The GN is investing across government priorities. Highlights include:
 - \$1.9 million (M) in the Pathway for Adult Secondary School (PASS), a program to help Nunavut's adults earn their high school diplomas.
 - \$7.0 M to the Department of Culture and Heritage, to promote the equal status of Inuktitut, English and French and to help GN departments and agencies meet their language obligations.
 - \$4.2 M to hamlets through a new Municipal Funding Formula, which will help hamlets improve their services to Nunavummiut.
 - \$1.4 M to support the GN's participation in assessments of major mining projects, so we continue to ensure a high standard of environmental stewardship in sustainable development.
- **Fiscal Principles:** Strong fiscal management is at the core of good governance. The GN is formally adopting five principles to help strengthen our fiscal management:
 - The GN will be **forward-looking** in our planning.
 - The GN will be **prudent** in our budgeting.
 - The GN will be **responsible** in our choices.
 - The GN will be **transparent** in our reporting.
 - The GN will be **accountable** for our actions.
- **Revenues:** The GN projects core revenues of **\$1,564.3 M**. When we include \$115.2 M from third-party agreements, we expect total revenues of **\$1,679.5 M** on a non-consolidated (Public Accounts) basis.
- **Expenditures:** We are budgeting to spend **\$1,477.9 M** across departments. When we add expenses related to amortization, revolving funds, and third-party spending, we project expenses of **\$1,648.1 M** on a non-consolidated basis.
- **Surplus/(deficit):** We forecast a modest budget surplus of **\$21.9 M** in 2013-14, after prudently setting aside **\$45.6 M** for contingencies and supplementary requirements. When we include accounting adjustments, we project an accounting deficit of **\$14.2 M**.
- **Borrowing and Debt:** As of December 2012, the GN had borrowed **\$203.7 M** under our \$400 M debt cap, largely to support borrowing by the Qulliq Energy Corporation.
- **The Economy:** We expect our economy (measured by nominal gross domestic product) to grow by **5.7% in 2013** to about \$2,185 M (**3.5% in real terms**, after adjusting for inflation). This will be the first time Nunavut's GDP passes \$2 billion. Growth could be higher if the Mary River iron mine begins construction this summer.

