

SPEAKING NOTES

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MNA for Ungava

Greetings to all,

As MNA for Ungava and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, it is my pleasure to speak to you today.

Last year, I was unable to attend due to Parliamentary obligations, but this year, nothing could have kept me from attending the festivities here, in Inukjuak!

As you probably know, I was the KMHB Director of Client Service for many years. It was at that time that I came up with the great idea to celebrate housing and set up a program for beautifying Nunavik's homes and living environments with the endorsement of NATIONAL Public Relations. The Pivallianiq program is now in its fourth year, and this year we are gathered to celebrate the importance of Nunavik's homes. With you, and thanks to you, it is mission accomplished! Pivallianiq is all of you together.

I am deeply moved and incredibly proud to see with my own eyes all that has come from this truly simple idea.

At the same time, I continue to hold dear the cause of housing and believe me, I am working hard to find solutions to your

persistent housing shortage, just like the other challenges you are facing. Please, always feel free to contact me.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the tenants who took part in one or more of the three components of the Pivallianiq Program, and particularly the families participating in the Makeover Team component. I encourage all Nunavik tenants to participate in what is already a vast movement for beautifying our living environments.

Happy Housing Day!