



Fact Sheet

Role of the Premier of Nunavut

The Premier is formally appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly by way of motion in the House. The Premier has several roles to fill. In addition to that of Premier, she or he also has responsibilities as an MLA and as a Minister.

The Premier is the leader of the executive branch of government, responsible for the overall direction of the Government of Nunavut. As such, his or her responsibilities include:

- Assigning Ministerial portfolios and appointing the Deputy Premier;
- Chairing Cabinet meetings, including approving the agenda;
- Ensuring that Cabinet's collective decision-making process is protected by the conventions of ministerial responsibility, confidentiality and solidarity;
- Guiding the Cabinet process to support the government's long-term plans and objectives by ensuring the coordination of the activities of government departments, agencies and corporations consistent with government policy, legislation, priorities and strategies;
- Attending meetings and events, including First Ministers' meetings and functions;
- Selecting Deputy Ministers.

The Premier is supported by the Secretary to Cabinet and the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.