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Inuit Heritage Trust Appoints General Contractor for Nunavut Inuit Heritage Centre

IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 6, 2026) — Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT) has reached another major milestone in the development of the Nunavut Inuit Heritage Centre (NIHC) with the appointment of Arctic Fresh Projects (AFP), an Inuit-owned construction company, in partnership with Penn-co Construction, as the project's general contractor.

AFP has been engaged under a two-stage contract that will see the company work alongside the NIHC project team during the remaining architectural design phase to support value engineering, construction planning, logistics coordination and overall readiness for the future construction phase.

The appointment formally advances the NIHC into its next stage of delivery as Inuit Heritage Trust continues moving forward on one of the most significant cultural infrastructure projects in Nunavut's history.

The Nunavut Inuit Heritage Centre, to be built in Iqaluit, will serve as a permanent Inuit-led home for the preservation, return, care and sharing of Inuit cultural belongings, knowledge and stories, while creating cultural learning opportunities for future generations of Nunavut Inuit.

“This is a deeply meaningful milestone for Inuit Heritage Trust and for Nunavut Inuit,” said Luke Suluk, President of Inuit Heritage Trust's Board of Trustees. “For many years, Inuit have carried the vision of having a dedicated place in Nunavut where our history, our cultural belongings and our knowledge can be cared for and experienced through Inuit eyes. Appointing the general contractor is another important step in transforming that long-held vision into something our people can soon see taking shape.”

Over the coming months, AFP will work closely with the NIHC project team to help finalize construction-ready plans, strengthen logistical and cost efficiencies, and prepare for the future physical construction of the Centre once final funding is secured. The contractor appointment comes as Inuit Heritage Trust continues advancing other foundational elements of the project, including ongoing fundraising efforts to help bring the Centre to completion.

