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Nunavut Impact Review Board Announces Change in Staff Leadership

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU – May 02, 2023: The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is announcing a change in the leadership of its staff precipitated by the resignation of Robbin Sinclair due to the recurrence of an underlying health issue. Robbin has served as the NIRB's Executive Director for just three months, but unfortunately, health concerns necessitate stepping down from the role effective May 3, 2024.

"It is with a heavy heart that we accept the resignation of Robbin Sinclair from her position at the NIRB. Her leadership has been exemplary, and her impact on our organization has been significant in a short period. We extend our heartfelt support to Robbin during this challenging time and wish her well on the road ahead" said Kaviq Kaluraq, Chairperson of the NIRB.

Robbin expressed deep regret at having to leave the organization, stating "It has been a privilege to serve as the Executive Director of the NIRB. However, the recurrence of my underlying health issue is not conducive to the extensive travel demands of the position. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Board and staff for their support and understanding".

Following the acceptance of Robbin's resignation and the completion of a focused executive search, the NIRB is very pleased to announce that **Dionne Filiatrault** will be the NIRB's next Executive Director, effective June 3, 2024.

Dionne Filiatrault is a Professional Engineer (P.Eng) with over 28 years of experience providing advice on regulatory and environmental issues in Canada's North. Dionne has spent most of her professional career living in Gjoa Haven, Nunavut and working on all aspects of environmental assessment, water licence application review, and water licence management. Dionne is well-known throughout the Northern regulatory community and has extensive experience in the development of various technical regulations, standards and guidelines. She has implemented training initiatives on northern legislation and policy issues related to water resource management and environmental assessment, and to some extent land use planning.

Dionne's career has included working with the Nunavut Water Board for more than 16 years in various roles as a Technical Advisor, Director of Technical Services, and as Executive Director. During her time with the Nunavut Water Board she also worked closely with the NIRB, including serving a secondment as NIRB's Director of Technical Services for one year. Dionne relocated from Gjoa Haven to Edmonton where she began work as a professional consultant with Golder Associates in 2014 and most recently with WSP from 2023 onward.

"Dionne's demonstrated leadership skills, depth of technical knowledge and experience, and strong relationships throughout the North will each contribute to her success as the NIRB's next Executive Director" shared NIRB Chairperson Kaviq Kaluraq. "The Board and staff are eager to welcome her into the role and begin achieving progress and realizing new levels of success across all areas of the NIRB's mandate and strategic priorities".

Lastly, the NIRB has once again appointed Mr. Ryan Barry as its *Interim* Executive Director effective immediately until June 3, 2024, when Ms. Filiatrault is scheduled to commence as the NIRB's next Executive Director on an indeterminate basis. This appointment will provide capacity support to the Board and its staff on a temporary basis to ensure the important work of the NIRB continues uninterrupted and facilitate a smooth transition for Dionne as the incoming Executive Director.

The NIRB wishes Robbin well and looks forward to Dionne helping to lead the organization to continued success in the years ahead; the NIRB will circulate her updated contact information with an invitation to connect following her commencement as Executive Director next month.

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