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RESIGNATION OF NIRB CHAIRPERSON MARJORIE KAVIQ KALURAQ AND NOTICE OF VICE CHAIRPERSON ALBERT EHALOAK INSTALLED AS ACTING CHAIRPERSON

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU – May 14, 2025: On May 13, 2025 the Marjorie, Kaviq Kaluraq, the Chairperson of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) since 2019 advised the Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, the Honourable Rebecca Chartrand (Minister), that she was resigning from the NIRB effective immediately in order to assume a new position as the Vice President of Nunavut Arctic College. In her own words:

Since my initial appointment in 2011, I have had the honour and privilege to conduct assessments with the Board and advance the Board's goals to serve Nunavummiut by fulfilling the Board's obligations under the Nunavut Agreement. The reason for my resignation is that I have been offered, and accepted, a position as Vice President for Nunavut Arctic College, which commences on May 13, 2025, and I feel that my new position requires my full focus to be successful.

Throughout my tenure with the Board, I have had the privilege to listen extensively to proposals and interventions firsthand for major projects in Nunavut, worked as a team with the Board Members and staff to issue comprehensive decisions, met Nunavummiut across the territory who are highly engaged in the impact assessment process, and had the opportunity to explore Nunavut's natural environment. I will miss doing this work and it will always be an experience I cherish.

The Board congratulates Ms. Kaluraq on her new position, thanks her for her considerable contributions to the NIRB as both a Board Member (she commenced her first term in 2011) and subsequently Chairperson (2019 to May 2025) and wishes her every success in her new role. Under her leadership, the Board completed several major project reviews and reconsiderations, developed and implemented two strategic plans, negotiated a new 10-year funding agreement, developed processes and procedures to safely conduct public meetings during a worldwide pandemic and advanced continuous improvement initiatives that enhance the Board's sharing, consideration and application of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. The Board is grateful for her contributions and commitment to achieving the Board's objectives and we will miss her.

At the end of May, the Board will be meeting to prepare recommendations to the Minister to consider in his/her appointment of a new Chairperson. Until a new Chairperson has been appointed by the Minister, the Board's Vice Chairperson, Albert Ehaloak will assume the role of *Acting* Chairperson.

Sincerely,

Albert Ehaloak
Acting Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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