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R E L E A S E

Legislative Assembly Recommends Appointment of Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 23, 2018) - The Legislative Assembly today approved a motion recommending that Ms. Katherine Peterson, Q.C., be appointed Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut. The motion was unanimously adopted by the House.

The territorial *Integrity Act* provides that the Integrity Commissioner holds office for a five-year term. Ms. Peterson's appointment is effective immediately.

In June of this year, the Management and Services Board of the Legislative Assembly publicly invited applications for the position of Integrity Commissioner.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Joe Enook said, "Ms. Peterson is a senior and well-respected member of the Northern legal community whose career began four decades ago. Her extensive experience in a wide range of roles will serve her well in this important position."

Speaker Enook added, "On behalf of my colleagues, I would also like to express our appreciation to the Honourable Ted Richard for his distinguished service as Integrity Commissioner over the past five years and wish him well in his retirement."

A biographical note is attached.

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Biographical Note

Katherine Peterson, Q.C.

Ms. Katherine Peterson was admitted to the Law Society of the Northwest Territories in 1978, and to the Law Society of Nunavut in 1999. Ms. Peterson has held a number of appointments and positions during her career, including:

- Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories;
- President of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories;
- Senior Partner in the firm of Peterson, Stang and Malakoe;
- Chairperson of the Family Law Subsection of the Yellowknife Branch of the Canadian Bar Association;
- Special Advisor to the Minister of Justice on Gender Equality in the Administration of Justice;
- Investigator and Fact-Finder in the Chesterfield Inlet Residential School Investigation; and
- External Reviewer in the Matter of the Government of Nunavut's Actions Following the Death of Baby Makibi - Cape Dorset.

Ms. Peterson was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989 and was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002.