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Special Committee Hosts Successful Roundtable Meeting

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 20, 2001) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee to Review the Official Languages Act has completed its first Roundtable meeting in Iqaluit.

The meeting, which began yesterday, focused on discussions as to how key stakeholders in Nunavut will be able to contribute to the review of the current Act and the development of new legislation.

Donald Havioyak, Co-Chair of the Special Committee, said, "This was an important first step in beginning the review process. For this process to be successful, the participation and input of Nunavummiut will be crucial. The voices of Elders and Youth in particular are key to the development of a made-in-Nunavut Official Languages Act."

Representatives from the Nunavut Social Development Council, L'Association Francophonie de Nunavut, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, the Nunavut Planning Commission, the Inuit Heritage Trust, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association Youth Wing, the Federal Department of Justice, the Office of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut and the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Tunngaviksaliuqtiit taskforce participated in the event.

The Special Committee plans to host a series of workshops this fall during which members of the public will be invited to share with the Special Committee their ideas and concerns about the future of languages in Nunavut.

Information on the Special Committee and its mandate is available on the Internet at:
<http://www.assembly.nu.ca/english/committees/languages/lang.html>

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