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MLA for Nanulik resigns from the Legislative Assembly

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 20, 2003) In a letter to the Speaker dated June 20, 2003, James Arvaluk, the Member for Nanulik, declared his decision to resign his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act provides for the Speaker to inform the Commissioner of Nunavut of a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly.

The Member's letter to the Speaker is attached.

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June 20, 2003

The Honourable Kevin O'Brien, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut
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Mr. Speaker:

I am writing to you to declare that I am resigning my seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, effective immediately.

After consultation with family, constituents and colleagues, I have determined that the needs of the communities that I represent, Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour, would be best served by affording residents the opportunity to elect a new Member to serve them in the Legislative Assembly.

I thank you in advance for advising the Commissioner of Nunavut of the vacancy in the Legislative Assembly. It is my hope that a by-election will be called at the earliest opportunity, so that my constituents will have the opportunity to elect their MLA in time for the successful candidate to take their seat in the House when it reconvenes on October 21, 2003.

It has been an honour to serve in the House on behalf of the people of Nanulik.

Yours sincerely,

James Arvaluk

c.c. Premier of Nunavut
Clerk of the Assembly