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Legislative Assembly Recommends the Re-appointment of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 12, 2004) - The Legislative Assembly today unanimously recommended that the Honourable Robert Stanbury, P.C., Q.C., be re-appointed as the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut for a five-year term of office.

Section 24 of Nunavut's *Integrity Act* provides that the Commissioner of Nunavut, on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, shall appoint an Integrity Commissioner. The Integrity Commissioner is one of a number of independent officers who report to the Legislative Assembly. Others include the Languages Commissioner, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, the Chief Electoral Officer and the Auditor General.

The *Integrity Act* creates standards for Members of the Legislative Assembly in performing their duties of office. The Integrity Commissioner performs a number of duties under the Act, and reports annually to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Stanbury was appointed Nunavut's first Conflict of Interest Commissioner in 2000. In 2001, Nunavut's new *Integrity Act* was passed by the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Stanbury subsequently assumed the duties of Integrity Commissioner.

Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre and member of the Legislative Assembly's Management and Services Board, said, "I had the privilege of chairing the Standing Committee which originally recommended Mr. Stanbury's appointment. His service to the Legislative Assembly over the past several years has proved exemplary."

Mr. Stanbury's biography is attached.

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Biography of the Integrity Commissioner

The Hon. Robert Stanbury, P.C., Q.C., is a lawyer, former federal Cabinet Minister and corporate executive.

Bob Stanbury's career spans journalism, law, government and business. Elected four times to Parliament as the Member for York-Scarborough, Canada's most populous riding, he served for five years a federal Minister with responsibility for a variety of portfolios, including Citizenship and Information, Communications, and National Revenue. He was also a Canadian Delegate to three U.N. General Assemblies. Subsequently, he was Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, and, ultimately, Chairman and C.E.O. of Firestone Canada Inc.

Mr. Stanbury's association with Canada's North and its people reaches back three decades. At the time of the founding of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, he had ministerial responsibility for the federal government's policy of encouraging citizen participation through support of voluntary associations. He conducted consultations in the North on citizenship, and later on communications in the course of planning and launching the Anik satellite system, which revolutionized linkages among Northern communities as well as between north and south.

More recently, he served as President of the Canadian Council for Native Business, a private sector charitable organization linking aspiring aboriginal entrepreneurs and managers with established businesses and financial institutions. He is a founding member of the Nunavut Arbitration Board, which is empowered to resolve disputes arising out of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Mr. Stanbury has chaired and served on many boards in both the public and private sectors. He currently chairs the Ontario Panel of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council and is past chair of the Employers' Council of Ontario. He is a member of the Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals and the International Commission of Jurists.

Mr. Stanbury and his wife Miriam make their home in Burlington, Ontario. They have four grown children, two daughters and two sons.