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**Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Announces Appointment of
Acting Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut**

IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 18, 2008) – The Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Chair of the Management and Services Board, today announced the appointment of Mr. Norman Pickell as Acting Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut.

Pursuant to the *Integrity Act*, the Management and Services Board of the Legislative Assembly may recommend the appointment of an Acting Integrity Commissioner. Under its terms of reference, the Legislative Assembly’s Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* has been undertaking a merit-based selection process for a new Integrity Commissioner. This process was initiated earlier this year following the retirement of the Honourable Robert Stanbury.

Speaker Kilabuk said, “The Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* interviewed a number of well-qualified candidates and has recommended that Mr. Pickell be appointed Integrity Commissioner. I am pleased that the Board has formally appointed Mr. Pickell to serve as Acting Integrity Commissioner until the Legislative Assembly has the opportunity to consider this recommendation when the House reconvenes in September.”

Speaker Kilabuk added, “I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. David Jones for his service as Acting Integrity Commissioner during the past few months.”

A biographical note is attached. Updated contact details for the Acting Integrity Commissioner, including a toll-free number, will be available shortly at www.integritycom.nu.ca.

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Norman B. Pickell

Norman Pickell graduated from the University of Windsor Law School in 1972 and was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1974.

As a lawyer, Norman's preferred areas of practice are real estate, wills and estate planning, powers of attorney, elder law, estate administration, business and corporate law and landlord and tenant issues.

Norman is also a Small Claims Court Judge and has been for over 18 years. In this capacity, he presides over trials and settlement conferences primarily in Huron, Perth and Lambton Counties.

Norman is a Practice Reviewer for the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Norman is also a mediator, with experience mediating various types of conflict. For over 30 years, Norman has extensive experience in family law and other civil litigation matters. Norman is also an arbitrator. He is qualified to arbitrate a wide variety of matters.

Norman Pickell is a great believer in being involved in the community. Since moving to Goderich in 1972, Norman has been very active in his church, the Rotary Club, the local hospital, public education and other organizations.

Norman was the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital located in Goderich, Ontario from June 2004 until June 2007 and still serves on the Hospital's Board of Directors.

Norman is a member and a Past President of the Goderich Rotary Club (1979 - 1980) and a Past President of the Huron Law Association (1996 - 1998).

Norman has been Chairperson of the Church Board at North Street United Church in Goderich, Ontario for a total of four years - in 1975 and 1976 and again in 1999 and 2000.

For nine years (from 1988 to 1997), Norman was a School Trustee on the Huron County Board of Education (which is now part of the Avon Maitland District School Board).

Norman Pickell and his wife, Nancy, have lived in Goderich, Ontario, in Huron County since 1972. They are the proud parents of three grown children and one grandchild. Norman's hobbies include camping, travelling and golf. For over 25 years, Norman was an avid airplane pilot.