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R E L E A S E

**Standing Committee to hold hearings on the
Report of the Auditor General on the Nunavut Housing Corporation**

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 24, 2009) - The Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts will hold hearings from May 6-8, 2009, on the Report of the Auditor General on the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC). All Regular Members of the Legislative Assembly serve on the Standing Committee.

The Auditor General of Canada, Mrs. Sheila Fraser, has been invited to appear before the Standing Committee on the morning of Wednesday, May 6, 2009, to deliver her opening statement. The hearings will be open for the public to observe and will be broadcast in Iqaluit on local cable television and FM radio. A detailed schedule for the Committee's hearings will be released at a later date.

"In light of the recent federal budget announcement that Nunavut will receive \$100 million in new housing funding, it is essential that the NHC be prepared to meet the objectives of the Nunavut Housing Trust Delivery Strategy," said James Arvaluk, MLA for Tununiq and Chair of the Standing Committee.

The Auditor General of Canada audits the accounts and financial transactions of the Government of Nunavut, as well as those of the federal government, the NWT and the Yukon. Her reports highlight management issues that are noted during audits.

"I anticipate that the Members of the Standing Committee will take this opportunity to rigorously scrutinize the NHC's response to the observations and recommendations contained in the Auditor General's report," said Fred Schell, MLA for South Baffin and Co-Chair of the Standing Committee.

Copies of the Auditor General's report are available on-line at: <http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca>.