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Legislative Assembly Recommends Appointment of New Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 9, 2013) - The Legislative Assembly today approved a motion recommending that the Honourable J.E. (Ted) Richard be appointed Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut. The motion was unanimously adopted by the House.

The territorial *Integrity Act* provides that the Integrity Commissioner holds office for a five-year term. The appointment of the present Integrity Commissioner expires on September 9, 2013. Mr. Richard's appointment is effective September 10, 2013.

In June of this year, the Management and Services Board of the Legislative Assembly publicly invited applications for the position of Integrity Commissioner.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Hunter Tootoo said, "A number of exceptionally well-qualified individuals from across Canada expressed interest in serving as Nunavut's Integrity Commissioner. Mr. Richard's experience as a former jurist and legislator in the North is unparalleled."

In 2010, the Legislative Assembly appointed Mr. Richard to serve as the Chairperson of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission. Mr. Richard previously served as the Chairperson of the 1997 Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Speaker Tootoo added, "My colleagues and I would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Mr. Norman Pickell for his service to Nunavut."

A biographical note is attached.

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Biographical Note

The Honourable J. Edward (Ted) Richard

The Honourable J. Edward (Ted) Richard served as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, the Court of Appeal of the Northwest Territories and the Court of Appeal of the Yukon from 1988-2012.

Mr. Richard served as a Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal of Nunavut from 1999-2012.

Mr. Richard served as the Chairperson of the 1997 and 2011 Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commissions.

Mr. Richard served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories from 1984-1988.

Mr. Richard was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1986.