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Legislative Assembly Recommends Appointment of Nunavut's First Representative for Children and Youth

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 2, 2014) - The Legislative Assembly today approved a motion recommending that Ms. Sherry McNeil-Mulak be appointed Nunavut's first Representative for Children and Youth. The motion was unanimously adopted by the House.

The *Representative for Children and Youth Act*, which received Assent on September 17, 2013, provides that the Representative for Children and Youth holds office for a five-year term.

In January of this year, the Management and Services Board of the Legislative Assembly publicly invited applications for the position of Representative for Children and Youth.

Member of the Management and Services Board Pat Angnakak said, "Ms. McNeil-Mulak's senior roles with the Government of Nunavut have provided her with the experience and understanding of our territory necessary to serve as an effective and independent voice for Nunavut's children and youth."

Representative-designate McNeil-Mulak will assume her duties on June 16, 2014.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly George Qulaut said, "Over the coming year, the Management and Services Board of the Legislative Assembly will work closely with Ms. McNeil-Mulak to ensure that the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth is fully operational in preparation for the coming into force of the legislation."

A biographical note is attached.

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Biographical Note

Sherry McNeil-Mulak

Sherry McNeil-Mulak has lived in Iqaluit since 2004 and has held a number of senior positions with the Government of Nunavut, including Director of Policy, Planning and Communications at the Department of Family Services, Director of the Social Advocacy Office at the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs and Director of Support Services at the Qikiqtani General Hospital.

Ms. McNeil-Mulak holds a Master of Health Services Administration degree from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from the University College of Cape Breton.

Ms. McNeil-Mulak is a member of the Canadian Centre of Ethics and Corporate Policy, and has served as a board member for the Niqinik Nuatsivik Nunavut Food Bank, the First Steps Daycare, the Nakasuk School Parents Committee and Habitat for Humanity Iqaluit.