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Legislative Assembly Establishes Electoral Boundaries Commission

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 25, 2010) - The Legislative Assembly today approved a motion to establish an Electoral Boundaries Commission.

On March 17, 2009, Speaker James Arreak tabled the report of the Chief Electoral Officer under subsection 15(3) of the *Nunavut Elections Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer reported that there is a need to establish an Electoral Boundaries Commission.

The Legislative Assembly has unanimously recommended the appointments of the Honourable Justice J. Edward (Ted) Richard, Mr. Kirt Ejesiak and Mr. Gordon Main to serve on the Electoral Boundaries Commission. Justice Richard will serve as the Commission's Presiding Officer.

Under the *Nunavut Elections Act*, the Electoral Boundaries Commission must submit its final report and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly within 250 days of its establishment. The *Nunavut Elections Act* provides that any changes to Nunavut's electoral boundaries and the number of constituencies in the Legislative Assembly will not come into effect until the general election for the 4th Legislative Assembly.

"The members of the Electoral Boundaries Commission have strong records of public service," said Speaker Arreak. "The Commission will be releasing further information on its work over the coming months."

Biographical notes are attached.

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Biographical Notes

The Honourable Justice J. Edward (Ted) Richard

Justice Richard is a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, the Court of Appeal of the Northwest Territories, the Nunavut Court of Justice, the Court of Appeal of Nunavut and the Court of Appeal of the Yukon. Justice Richard served as the Chairperson of the 1997 Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission. Justice Richard sat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories from 1984-1988. Justice Richard was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1986.

Kirt Ejesiak

Kirt Ejesiak is an Iqaluit entrepreneur and former Deputy Mayor of the community. Mr. Ejesiak received his Masters of Public Administration degree from Harvard University, which he attended as a Fulbright Scholar. Mr. Ejesiak has served as the Chief Electoral Officer for the City of Iqaluit and the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Nunavut Trust.

Gordon Main

Gordon Main is a long-term resident of Arviat, Justice of the Peace and member of the Board of Directors of the Qulliq Energy Corporation. Mr. Main has served on the Arviat municipal council, the Arviat District Education Authority and the Keewatin Regional Health and Social Services Board.