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Legislative Assembly Invites Applications for Languages Commissioner of Nunavut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 27, 2012) - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Hunter Tootoo today invited applications to serve as Languages Commissioner of Nunavut.

The present incumbent, Alexina Kublu, has formally informed the Speaker that she will be retiring on September 28, 2012. The day-to-day operations of the Office of the Languages Commissioner will continue without interruption. Speaker Tootoo said, "On behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly, I would like to express my appreciation to Alexina Kublu for her service to Nunavut."

Under the *Official Languages Act*, the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut is appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly. The Languages Commissioner is one of a number of independent officers of the Legislative Assembly who report directly to the House as a whole. The Management and Services Board of the Legislative Assembly is responsible for conducting the recruitment and selection process for independent officers of the Legislative Assembly. The Languages Commissioner's term of office is four years.

Speaker Tootoo said, "The Languages Commissioner of Nunavut exercises a number of responsibilities under the territory's official languages legislation. This important position plays a key role in protecting the official language rights of Nunavummiut and reporting to the Legislative Assembly on the government's compliance with the *Official Languages Act* and the *Inuit Language Protection Act*."

Applications should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST), on Friday, November 16, 2012. Further information concerning the application process, including a detailed *Position Profile*, is available on the Legislative Assembly's website at www.assembly.nu.ca.

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