



R E L E A S E

**Order of Nunavut Investiture Ceremony
to be held on September 20, 2012**

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 17, 2012) - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Chairperson of the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council Hunter Tootoo today announced that Mr. Charlie Panigoniak will be invested into the Order of Nunavut at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 5:30pm in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly.

The investiture ceremony will be open to the public to observe and will be televised live across Nunavut on the Legislative Assembly's cable broadcast channel.

On January 1, 2010, *The Order of Nunavut Act* came into force. The objective of the Order is to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the cultural, social or economic well-being of Nunavut. The Order is the highest honour of Nunavut and takes precedence over all other orders, decorations or medals conferred by the Government of Nunavut.

In June of this year, the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council announced that the 2012 recipients of the Order will be Ms. Kenojuak Ashevak, C.C. and Mr. Charlie Panigoniak.

Charlie Panigoniak has been performing and recording music since the late 1960s. Born in the Kivalliq, Mr. Panigoniak is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and broadcaster. Mr. Panigoniak has performed at numerous festivals and events in Canada and abroad.

Kenojuak Ashevak of Cape Dorset has received numerous awards and honours in recognition of her lifetime of artistic accomplishment. She was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1967. She was subsequently invested as a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1982. Ms. Ashevak will be invested into the Order of Nunavut at a later date.

Commissioner of Nunavut Edna Ekhivalak Elias will preside over the investiture ceremonies in her capacity as Chancellor of the Order of Nunavut.

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