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## **Cancellation of the Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut** (May 1, 2020) - Speaker Paul Quassa today announced that the spring 2020 sitting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly has been cancelled.

Speaker Quassa said, "Recognizing that all Nunavut organizations and residents are currently being asked to limit their travel and refrain from large gatherings, the most prudent course of action for our institution at this time is to defer its next sitting. Although I am confident that our regular fall sitting will convene as scheduled, we are prepared, if necessary, to recall the House in September to consider proposed supplementary appropriation bills and other urgent business arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. I wish to emphasize that Ministers and Regular Members of the Legislative Assembly remain engaged with their portfolio and constituency responsibilities, and I note that the by-elections for the constituencies of Baker Lake and Kugluktuk remain scheduled to be held on August 24, 2020, and we look forward to welcoming the new Members to the House later this year."

Speaker Quassa reminds all Nunavummiut to maintain social distancing, stay home whenever possible and to wash hands frequently, as these measures continue to be the best defence against COVID-19 and the best way to protect our families, our communities and our territory.

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