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Standing Committee to Hold Hearing on Nunavut Tourism

IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 19, 2015) - The Chief Executive Officer and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Nunavut Tourism have been invited to appear before the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts from 1:30pm-5:00pm on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, and 09:00am-12:00pm on Thursday, June 4, 2015.

"The core funding provided to Nunavut Tourism from the Government of Nunavut increased from \$1.8 million in 2014-2015 to \$3.08 million in 2015-2016," said Committee Chairperson George Hickes, MLA for Iqaluit-Tasiluk. "The standing committee's upcoming hearing on Nunavut Tourism's current strategic plan and most recent annual report will constitute the first time that it has been asked to account in this manner to elected MLAs for its use of public funds."

A motion was formally adopted at the Legislative Assembly's sitting of March 11, 2015, to invite representatives from Nunavut Tourism to appear before the Standing Committee to "account in detail for the association's expenditures, activities and initiatives." The motion was moved by Committee Member Pat Angnakak, MLA for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu.

The Standing Committee's hearings will take place in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and are open for the public to observe. The hearings will be televised on local community cable stations and direct-to-home satellite service on the Bell (channel 513) and Shaw (channel 289 – classic / channel 489 – new lineup) networks.

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