



# News Release

## Premier Okalik announces Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister appointments

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 8, 2002)** – Premier Paul Okalik announces senior staff changes within the public service that are part of overall restructuring to continue to develop the government.

“These changes reflect our Government’s commitment to Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and to increasing Inuit employment at the highest levels of the public service,” Premier Okalik said. “I am pleased to make this announcement today. I am also pleased that there is such a talented pool of Nunavummiut who have chosen to work within the public service at the highest levels to improve the lives of Nunavummiut.”

Today’s changes reflect the government commitment to the goals of the *Bathurst Mandate* to enhance the lives of all Nunavummiut.

The changes at the Deputy Minister level are:

- David Omilgoitok moves from Deputy Minister of Human Resources to Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, which has been vacant since last summer.
- Carmen Levi moves from Deputy Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth to Deputy Minister of Human Resources.
- Leona Aglukkaq moves from Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly to Deputy Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.
- Former Yukon deputy minister John Walsh has accepted the position of Deputy Minister of Community Government and Transportation, replacing Mike Ferris, who retires after 24 years in the public service.  
Mr. Walsh held various deputy minister positions within the Government of British Columbia before accepting the position of deputy minister of executive council with the Government of Yukon. He most recently was a partner in a Whitehorse-based consulting firm.

Premier Okalik also announces changes at the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) level. They are:

- Rosemary Keenainak moves from ADM of Community Government and Transportation to ADM of Sustainable Development to replace Peter Ittinuar who recently resigned the position.

- Anthony Saez moves from Director of Policy and Planning of Community Government and Transportation to ADM of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.
- Richard O'Brien moves from ADM with Health and Social Services to ADM of Community Government and Transportation.
- Abraham Tagalik has accepted the position of ADM within Health and Social Services. Mr. Tagalik held the position of Chief Operating Officer for the Aboriginal Peoples' Television Network. He most recently was involved with the Government of Nunavut's Nanisivik Working Group.

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