



# News Release

## Premier Okalik announces senior staff changes

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 23, 2002)** – Premier Paul Okalik announces senior staff changes within the public service.

The changes at the Deputy Minister level are:

- Malcolm Clendenning of New Brunswick has accepted the position of President of Nunavut Arctic College, replacing Bruce Rigby who has been Interim President since last September. Prior to accepting the position of Faculty Associate with the University of New Brunswick, Mr. Clendenning held various senior positions within the post secondary education system of New Brunswick, including Principal, New Brunswick Community College and Department Head of Academic & Community Services. Mr. Clendenning's appointment is effective August 01, 2002.
- Mr. Andrew Johnston leaves the public service as Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services of Nunavut for personal reasons.
- Dr. Keith Best, Assistant Deputy Minister Operations for Health and Social Services, will be Acting Deputy Minister of Health & Social Services

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

- Richard O'Brien, ADM of Transportation within Community Government and Transportation will return to the civil service of Nova Scotia. Mr. O'Brien also served as ADM in Health. Mr. O'Brien was on a secondment arrangement to the Government of Nunavut from the Government of Nova Scotia.
- Methuselah Kunuk has accepted the position of ADM of Transportation within CGT. Mr. Kunuk is currently Vice President, Marketing for Nunavut with Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping Incorporated. In 2000, Mr. Kunuk was Chief Executive Officer of the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation. Mr. Kunuk has previous public service experience in the NWT and Nunavut. He was the Director, Emergency Services CGT. Mr. Kunuk has experience in transportation as Regional Superintendent Department of Transportation GNWT. Mr. Kunuk's appointment is effective August 01, 2002.

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