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Qikiqtarjuaq and Territory Agree to Municipal Supervision

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 21, 2004) – The Government of Nunavut and the Hamlet Council of Qikiqtarjuaq have agreed to place the affairs of the Municipality of Qikiqtarjuaq under the direction of a municipal supervisor.

Under this arrangement, the Minister of Community and Government Services will appoint a supervisor to assist the council implement a full recovery plan.

“We have taken this step in collaboration with the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq,” said Community and Government Services Minister Peter Kilabuk.

“Officials from my department met with Council in Qikiqtarjuaq and agreed to this process. I appreciate the decision the mayor and council have made in requesting our assistance. Although, the road to financial health for the municipality will be difficult, it is achievable through cooperation, hard work and discipline,” the minister added.

The municipality encountered financial and operational challenges during the past year and had difficulty finding long-term replacements for the senior administrative officer and finance controller positions, both of which have been vacant for some time. The municipality has an operating deficit approaching \$1 million.

The supervision agreement become effective April 20, 2004 and ends March 31, 2005. The agreement may be extended if the municipality has not recovered its deficit.

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