



## News Release

### Premier Accepts Resignation of Deputy Minister of Health

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 23, 2005)** – Premier Paul Okalik has accepted with regret the resignation of Bernie Blais, Deputy of Minister of Health and Social Services, effective January 27, 2006.

“Mr. Blais played a significant role in managing the Department of Health and Social Services within its budget and improving the recruitment and retention of medical professionals,” said Premier Okalik.

An acting Deputy Minister will be announced in the New Year pending the completion of a recruitment process. Mr. Blais will continue serving in a transitional capacity until his departure.

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