

News Release

Minister Aglukkaq appoints new Qulliit President

IQALUIT, Nunavut (**April 12, 2006**) – Leona Aglukkaq, Minister Responsible for Status of Women, today announced the appointment of Kathy Hanson as the President of the Qulliit Nunavut Status of Women Council.

"It's important for Qulliit to be very visible, and I am confident that Kathy will ensure that Nunavut women have opportunities to take an active role in advancing the status of women," said Aglukkaq.

Hanson's term will go to September 19, 2007. The Minister also appointed Anne Isnor (Cambridge Bay) for a two-year term, to end on September 19, 2008. She will join current members Celine Ningark (Kugaaruk), Meeka Mearns (Pangnirtung), Catherine Pilakapsi (Rankin Inlet), Christine Ekidlak (Sanikiluaq), Annie Napayok (Whale Cove), Anouyok Alookee (Taloyoak), and Rhoda Ungalaq (Iqaluit).

"I look forward to seeing the Council challenge equality issues," Aglukkaq said. "It is important to speak out when the territorial and federal governments propose policies or legislation that affect women, offering support or different directions as the circumstances warrant."

Qulliit's mandate is to work for the equality for all women in Nunavut through advice to government, research, public education, and advocacy.

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