



## News Release

### Premier Announces Resignation of Cabinet Minister

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 31, 2006)** – Premier Paul Okalik has accepted with regret the resignation of Cabinet Minister Peter Kilabuk. Kilabuk has served in the cabinet of both the first and second legislative assemblies and was most recently the Minister for Economic Development and Transportation as well as Government House Leader.

“Peter Kilabuk has been a stalwart of the Executive Council of the Government of Nunavut and his decision to step down from cabinet is a decision I accept with regret,” said Okalik.

Having served in cabinet since the formation of Nunavut in 1999 Kilabuk has played an important role in the development of the departments of Sustainable Development, Education, Human Resources, Culture Language Elders and Youth, Community Government and Transportation, Community and Government Services and most recently Economic Development and Transportation.

“As an elected official I have contributed to the best of my ability to ensure strong direction at the cabinet level and within the departments for which I have been responsible. However, after many years as a cabinet member I have decided to step down for personal reasons,” said Kilabuk.

Kilabuk will continue to sit in the legislature as the MLA for Pangnirtung where he will use his broad knowledge of government operations for the benefit of his constituents.

Minister Ed Picco will assume the responsibilities of the Government House Leader. Minister Olayuk Akesuk will assume the responsibilities of the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

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