



## News Release

### Senior Appointments Enhance Inuit Role in Public Service

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 30, 2006)** – Premier Paul Okalik has announced senior-level management changes that will strengthen the Nunavut Public Service and enhance the role of Inuit.

“I have always sought to provide Inuit public servants with opportunities to broaden their experience to enable them to progressively increase their responsibilities at the most senior levels. The changes I am announcing today meet that objective,” said Okalik.

The changes are:

- Victor Tootoo has been appointed Deputy Minister to the Department of Human Resources. He moves from the Department of Finance, where he was an assistant deputy minister (ADM),
- Kathy Okpik moves from the Department of Human Resources, where she was Deputy Minister, to become Deputy Minister of the Department of Education,
- Paul Suvega leaves his ADM post at the Department of Finance to become an ADM at the Department of Economic Development and Transportation; and
- Rosemary Keenainak, ADM at the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, moves to the Department of Finance as an ADM.

Other changes include:

- The transfer of Pam Hine from Deputy Minister of the Department of Education to the deputy minister position at the Department of Community and Government Services,
- The appointment of Peter Ma as Deputy Minister of Finance. Mr. Ma brings Canadian securities and chartered accountant credentials and a background in financial management to the position. Most recently, he worked as Chief of Staff/Principal Secretary in the Premier’s Office,
- Robert Vardy will assume the position of Associate Deputy Minister of Finance in a transitional role as he prepares to pursue opportunities outside of the Government of Nunavut.
- Ronald Browne assumes responsibility as the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services. Mr. Browne comes to the GN public service with an extensive

