News Release

New Status of Women Council members appointed

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 14, 2006) – Leona Aglukkaq, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, today announced the appointment of three members to the Qulliit Nunavut Status of Women Council.

"The Council has an important role in bringing forward the women's perspective on issues of the day," said Aglukkaq. "The experience each new member brings to the Council will enhance its ability to improve the lives of women in Nunavut."

The Minister re-appointed Anaoyok Alookee (Taloyoak) to the Council for a two-year term. She appointed two new members, also for a two-year term: Leonie Duffy (Coral Harbour) and Donna Olsen-Hakongaq (Cambridge Bay).

These three join President Kathy Hanson (Iqaluit) and members Celine Ningark (Kugaaruk), Meeka Mearns (Pangnirtung), Catherine Pilakapsi (Rankin Inlet), Christine Ekidlak (Sanikiluaq), and Anne Isnor (Cambridge Bay).

"I extend my best wishes to the newest members of Qulliit," said Aglukkaq. "Together, the Council members reflect the cultural and geographic diversity of Nunavut. I appreciate the good work they undertake on behalf of Nunavummiut."

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

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