



## News Release

### Premier Announces Changes in Public Service

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (August 14, 2009)** – Premier Eva Aariak announced today the following changes in the senior ranks of the Government of Nunavut.

Kathleen Lausman will serve as the Deputy Minister for Community and Government Services, effective September 21, 2009. Ms. Lausman was chosen from a list of applicants in an open competition. With a background in architecture and business administration, she has recently served as the Executive Director of the Property Development Branch of Alberta Infrastructure.

Minister Lorne Kusugak, the Minister for Community and Government Services, joined the Premier in this announcement. “I welcome the appointment of Ms. Lausman, as she will bring over 30 years of solid facilities maintenance and capital construction experience in complex organizations to our public service,” Minister Kusugak said.

Minister Kusugak also joined the Premier in thanking David Akeeagok for his years of service to Nunavummiut, most recently as the Deputy Minister of Community and Government Services. Premier Aariak noted that, while she regrets losing him, she was happy that he chose her original home, Arctic Bay, for the next phase of his career, where he will continue to serve Nunavummiut. Since Mr. Akeeagok’s departure on May 15, 2009, Shawn Maley has been serving as the Deputy Minister of the Department. “I thank Mr. Maley and the entire management team of the department particularly for their efforts over the past few months, during the busy summer construction and sealift seasons,” Premier Aariak said.

Bruce Rigby will serve as Principal Secretary to the Premier, effective September 1, 2009. Mr. Rigby most recently served as the President of the Qulliq Energy Corporation in 2008/9. He was the Executive Director of the Nunavut Research Institute when the Government of Nunavut was formed in 1999. He has also led the development of the Nunavut Community Skills Information System and the Nunavut Adult Learning Strategy with the Department of Education, and served as interim President of the Nunavut Arctic College.

“I am pleased to welcome Bruce to my office,” Premier Aariak said. “He brings a broad range of experience that will serve our government well.”

Mr. Rigby succeeds Robert Carson who has acted as Principal Secretary over the last five months on an interim basis. Mr. Carson will be leaving for an academic year at the University of Edinburgh where he has been invited to be a Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Canadian Studies.

Premier Aariak indicated that the competition for the position of President of the Nunavut Housing Corporation is proceeding well and that she hopes to have an additional announcement in September.

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