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President and Vice-Presidents Appointed to Qullit Status of Women Council

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 12, 2010) – Premier Eva Aariak, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, today announced the appointment of Donna Adams of Rankin Inlet as President of the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council, and the appointments of Vice-Presidents Martha Aupaluktuq-Hickes (Baker Lake) and Angela Hovak Johnston (Kugluktuk).

“It’s important for Qullit to be very visible, and I am confident that Donna will ensure that Nunavut women have opportunities to take an active role in advancing the status of women,” said Aariak. “I am also confident that Martha and Angela will make valuable contributions to the Council.”

Adams is one of the four new members the Minister recently appointed to the Council for a two-year term, which also include Angela Hovak Johnston (Kugluktuk), Martha Aupaluktuq-Hickes (Baker Lake), and Maude Bertrand (Iqaluit). They join current members Bernadette Miquisaaq Dean (Rankin Inlet), Neevee Wilkins (Iqaluit), Annie Iqalukjuak (Clyde River) and Trista Mercer (Iqaluit).

“I look forward to seeing the Council continuing to promote changes in attitude within the community to ensure equality of opportunity,” said Aariak. “The Council proposes alternatives and offers support to women in Nunavut, and ensures that proposed policies and programs positively impact women.”

“I am very humbled to have been chosen,” said Adams. “I expect Qullit will make great strides in our priority areas of health, violence prevention and leadership over the next few years. I am looking forward to working closely with Premier Aariak to help make a healthier Nunavut.”

Qullit’s mandate is to work for the equality of all women in Nunavut through advocacy, research and public education. Council appointments reflect the geographic and cultural diversity of Nunavut.

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