

News Release

Premier Accepts Resignation of Minister Curley

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 21, 2011) - Premier Eva Aariak today announced that she has accepted the resignation of Minister Tagak Curley from the executive council. Minister Curley tendered his resignation on November 16. Most recently, the Minister held the portfolios of Health and Social Services, Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister responsible for Homelessness, and Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.

"Minister Curley has undertaken a tremendous amount of work in the executive council, particularly in his role as Minister of Health and Social Services and Nunavut Housing Corporation, two of the most complex and challenging portfolios in our Government," said Premier Eva Aariak.

Under Minister Curley's leadership, a major review of social services was completed which will lead to improvements in the delivery of social services, as well as a revised *Child and Family Services Act* which reflects the needs of Nunavummiut. Minister Curley also played an essential role in strengthening the governance structure and the financial management of the Nunavut Housing Corporation that will ensure a strong foundation for the future.

"Minister Curley was an important member of our cabinet, always promoting lively discussion and thoughtful analysis of policy issues. We all wish him the very best as he embarks upon a new chapter of his life," said Premier Eva Aariak.

To allow for a smooth transition, Minister Curley will remain in cabinet without portfolio until November 30, 2011.

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