

News Release

By-election date set for Pangnirtung

IQALUIT, NU (March 25, 2011) – The Cabinet of the Government of Nunavut has identified September 12, 2011, as the date for a by-election to be held in the territorial constituency of Pangnirtung. The by-election was made necessary following the resignation of the former Member for Pangnirtung on March 15, 2011.

"The Legislative Assembly will reconvene for its spring sitting in just over sixty days from now," said Premier Eva Aariak. "The administrative requirements of the *Nunavut Elections Act* are such that this timeline is not adequate to allow for the effective holding of a by-election prior to the next sitting of the House."

Cabinet will advise the Commissioner to issue a Proclamation to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issuance of a writ for a by-election to be held on September 12, 2011, for the constituency of Pangnirtung.

"A by-election on September 12 will ensure that the people of Pangnirtung are represented at the fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly," said Premier Aariak.

Information for potential candidates will be made available from Elections Nunavut in coming months.

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