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Premier Taptuna Announces Cabinet and Reporting Structural Changes

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 28, 2014) – Premier Peter Taptuna today realigned cabinet and reporting structures to better address priorities under *Sivumut Abluqta*. Changes become effective December 5, 2014.

“Following up on our cabinet discussions during the retreat in Whale Cove, we are aggressively re-focusing on training and employment opportunities for beneficiaries in the Government of Nunavut,” said Premier Taptuna.

Premier Taptuna has directed the Department of the Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs’ *Sivumuaqatigiit* training program to report directly to the premier to oversee an aggressive move towards increasing government training and support opportunities and employment for beneficiaries in the public service.

The *Sivumuaqatigiit* training program supports beneficiary employment through learning and development courses and training portfolios. The program improves employees’ skills and abilities to help prepare them to take on higher positions within the Government of Nunavut.

“Re-alignment of cabinet portfolios will also support and compliment priorities under *Sivumut Abluqta* with the government heading into the second year of its mandate,” said Premier Taptuna.

Ministers with new or additional portfolios include:

The Honourable Monica Ell retains the designation of Deputy Premier and becomes:

- Minister of Economic Development and Transportation
- Minister of Energy
- Minister responsible for Mines

The Honourable George Kuksuk retains Nunavut Housing Corporation and now takes on:

- Minister of Culture and Heritage
- Minister of Languages
- Minister responsible for Labour
- Minister responsible for the Liquor Licensing Board

The Honourable Paul Okalik retains the justice portfolio and responsibility of immigration, while now becoming:

- Minister of Health

The Honourable Paul Quassa retains education and Nunavut Arctic College portfolios and takes on the additional responsibility as:

- Government house leader

The Honourable Keith Peterson retains the finance portfolio, as well as responsibility for the liquor commission and workers safety and compensation board, and becomes the:

- Minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation

Ministers with no portfolio change:

The Honourable Johnny Mike

- Minister of Environment

The Honourable Tom Sammurtok

- Minister of Community and Government Services

The Honourable Jeannie Ugyuk

- Minister of Family Services
- Minister responsible for Poverty Reduction
- Minister responsible for Homelessness
- Minister responsible for the Status of Women

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