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Premier Akeeagok announces senior management changes

Iqaluit, Nunavut (April 14, 2023) – Premier P.J. Akeeagok today announced changes to the Government of Nunavut (GN)'s senior management team.

Jimmy Noble, Deputy Minister of Environment, is retiring today after more than 25 years in the public service. Premier Akeeagok praised Mr. Noble's distinguished career as a public servant working in wildlife and environmental protection in Iqaluit and other Nunavut communities.

“Mr. Noble has spent his career serving Nunavummiut and our territorial interests. His experience and knowledge of our territory’s regulatory affairs are a loss for our government, but we are thankful for his contributions and assistance over the past months in developing a succession plan. We wish him the best in his retirement,” said Premier Akeeagok.

Yvonne Niego will serve as Deputy Minister of Environment. Ms. Niego has been Deputy Minister of Family Services since 2017. She was previously Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice and worked for decades with the RCMP. Her expertise working with communities and in law enforcement will help provide guidance on the management of Nunavut's lands and wildlife.

Effective April 24, Jonathan Ellsworth will serve as Deputy Minister of Family Services on a six-month term. Mr. Ellsworth is currently the Assistant Deputy Minister of Courts and Justice Services with the Department of Justice. He has worked in the justice field for 25 years, with many years of experience supporting those who are working to protect Nunavut's most vulnerable residents.

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