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Premier Akeeagok announces senior management changes

Iqaluit, Nunavut (August 28, 2023) – Premier P.J. Akeeagok today announced changes to the Government of Nunavut (GN)’s senior management team.

Kristie Cronin joins the GN as Deputy Minister of Human Resources, effective August 28, 2023. Ms. Cronin comes to her new role with 25 years of experience in the field of Human Resources, most recently with the County of Essex in Ontario, where she led staff in difficult times of transition.

“The Department of Human Resources is integral to ensuring our government’s *Katujijiluta* mandate is successful. Ms. Cronin will be tasked with leading our efforts to find and keep the skilled and talented people we need to create a better future for all Nunavummiut,” said Premier P.J. Akeeagok.

Les Hickey, Deputy Minister of Human Resources since May 2022, returns to the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Assistant Comptroller General Alma Power, who has served as acting deputy minister this summer, will return to the Department of Finance.

"I extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Hickey and Ms. Power for their dedicated service to the Department of Human Resources and our government as a whole," said Premier Akeeagok.

The Office of the Premier welcomes Michele LeTourneau as Press Secretary. Ms. LeTourneau has more than 25 years of experience in the North in not-for-profit and government sector communications, and as a journalist.

“Through Ms. LeTourneau, my office will ensure Nunavummiut stay informed about the work Cabinet is doing to fulfill the *Katujijiluta* mandate,” said Premier Akeegok.

“I’d like to thank Beth Brown for her professional devotion as Press Secretary over the past year, serving both my office and all Nunavummiut diligently.”

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