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Jennifer Munick declines to seek a new mandate as KRG Chairperson

Kuujuuaq, Québec, December 13, 2021 – Ms. Jennifer Munick announced today she is not seeking a new mandate as the Kativik Regional Government’s Chairperson after serving two consecutive three-year terms. Current Vice-Chairperson Hilda Snowball was appointed interim Chairperson in the wake of the exceptional situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to the suspension of municipal elections in five northern villages resulting in the postponement of KRG Executive Committee appointments.

Ms. Munick’s mandate as KRG Chairperson was renewed in November 2018. When her term ended last November, she accepted, in light of the special circumstances affecting the region to extend her mandate until her successor could be appointed. Ms. Snowball was appointed during Monday’s exceptional one-day regional council meeting that was held to deal with urgent matters. The next regular KRG council meeting has been postponed until February, at which time elections for a chairperson, vice-chairperson and executive committee members will be held.

Ms. Munick was proud of what the KRG had achieved during her two mandates. The organization not only successfully navigated through an historic pandemic unlike anything it witnessed before but it also made enormous strides in improving the well-being of Nunavimmiut by tackling the housing shortage, upgrading municipal infrastructure and taking important steps towards introducing next year high speed internet service to the region,

“When I first got involved in the public municipal sector 12 years ago I didn’t intend to stay all that long. After serving all these years, I feel I have accomplished the duties and responsibilities for which I was elected and I believe it is time for me to move on. The KRG is a solid organization and I am confident in its future,” Ms. Munick said.

The KRG is expecting the Quebec government to lift the suspension on municipal elections if the health situation improves in order to allow a vote to be held early in the new year. Only then will each northern village have the opportunity to be represented on the KRG council by their newly elected regional councillors and proceed with the appointment of new Executive Council.

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The Kativik Regional Government is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.