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## **KRPF and SPVM Joint Patrol in Montreal**

**Kuujuuaq, November 11, 2019** – The Chairperson of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), Jennifer Munick, and the Chief of the Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF), Jean-Pierre Larose, took part in a joint patrol in downtown Montreal with the Indigenous Liaison Officer of the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM), Carlos DeAngelis, in order to meet Inuit living in the city's downtown core and better understand their needs.

Over the years, collaboration between the KRPF and the SPVM has grown, in particular cooperation in the cases of missing Inuit. The joint patrol will serve to strengthen ties between the police forces for the benefit of Inuit living in Montreal.

Officer DeAngelis underlined that the police partnership is maintaining open lines of communication between the North and Montreal where a number of Inuit experience difficulties adjusting to urban conditions. Missing person cases are especially painful and it is important to be able to communicate quickly with the families. Michel Martin, a KRPF advisor, also drew attention to the housing problems faced by Indigenous people living in Montreal and their need for support to achieve decent living conditions in the city.

Ms. Munick noted that the close collaboration between the KRPF and the SPVM is an important tool for ensuring the safety and well-being of Inuit living in Montreal.

In exchange, Montreal police officers will soon visit Nunavik to increase their awareness of Inuit values and way of life.

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