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REGIONAL COUNCIL POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER

Kuujjuaq, Québec, November 15, 2021 – The Council meeting of the Kativik Regional Government has been postponed a few weeks due to the delay in holding municipal elections caused by the spread of the coronavirus in several Nunavik communities.

The council meeting, which was scheduled for November 22 to 25 in Kuujjuaq, will now be held by videoconference from December 13 to 16, 2021. The meeting will have to be held virtually in order to respect public health guidelines.

The new KRG executive will not be elected at the December meeting as required by law because not all 14 Northern Villages will have held municipal elections. Five Northern Villages-Ivujivik, Salluit, Kangirsuk, Kangiqsualujjuaq and Kuujjuaq-will be free to hold municipal elections only when the Québec government lifts the Ministerial Order adopted last month postponing the vote in these communities due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Once the election process is completed in the remaining five communities, the new KRG council will be appointed and an executive elected when the situation allows.

Until then, the current KRG council and executive, which are at the end of a three-year mandate, will continue to govern the affairs of the region and ensure stability and continuity in the democratic process during this unprecedented situation.

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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.