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Aisara Kenuajuak: Four Decades in the Service of Nunavimmiut

Kuujjuaq, Québec, April 15, 2015 — The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) paid tribute today to one of its senior and well respected elected representatives, Aisara Kenuajuak, who passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015. “Four decades ago, Aisara embarked on a journey of dedication and public service, working relentlessly for the welfare of all Nunavimmiut. Today, while we mourn the passing of Aisara, we are also very thankful for his legacy. Aisara with his knowledge and wisdom guided us to navigate through today’s challenges. He made us stronger, made us proud of who we are and of what we can achieve together,” declared KRG Chairperson Maggie Emudluk.

Aisara’s career in municipal politics began in 1973 when he was first elected mayor of the community of Puvirnituq. Over the next four decades, he held this position for a total of 20 years. His long career stands as proof of his esteemed contributions to his community. “He always led by example and as a young man he proved that youth can become a motor for positive change. As an elder he was an inspiration to us all providing support and advice when it was needed. His wisdom will be truly missed,” added Mary Pilurtuut, KRG Vice-Chairperson.

“Aisara was very dedicated in the work he did for his community and his family. He had a sense of humour like no other. Very opinionated and straightforward he was very loyal,” noted Jennifer Watkins, member of the KRG Executive Committee and KRG Councillor representing Kuujjuaq.

In his later years, Aisara acted in different capacities at the KRG, as Vice-Chairman, Deputy Speaker and Speaker of the KRG Council, as well as a member of the KRG Executive Committee. “He was always kind but firm. He led the council meetings in true Aisara fashion, with discipline, humour, telling stories of his youth, encouraging Nunavimmiut to stay involved and to take care of their minds and bodies. He will always be remembered and we will strive to continue his life’s work,” concluded Eli Aullaluk, member of the KRG Executive Committee and KRG Councillor representing Akulivik.

KRG Councillors, Executive Committee members and staff offer their most sincere condolences and prayers to Aisara’s family, close friends and community.

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