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## Claiming the Solidarity Tax Credit on Your Next Income Tax Return!

**Kuujuuaq, Québec, March 16, 2015** – The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) and the Makivik Corporation encourage Nunavimmiut to verify their eligibility for a wide range of tax benefits when filing their annual income tax return, including the solidarity tax credit. “The Québec solidarity tax credit contains a component specific to residents of the fourteen communities of Nunavik and which benefits a large number of Nunavik households every year,” stated Makivik President Jobie Tukkiapik.

The solidarity tax credit is directed to low- and medium-income households. The credit is payable monthly and eligible claimants must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- If younger than 18, then you must either
  - have a spouse;
  - be the father or mother of a child who lives with you;
- Be a resident of Québec; and
- You or your spouse must be a Canadian citizen.

To apply for the credit, you must:

- File your income tax return;
- Complete Schedule D of the Quebec income tax return;
- Have a bank account and be registered for direct deposit with Revenue Quebec.

In 2013, following negotiations between Makivik Corporation, KRG and the Québec Government a significant increase in the amount of the solidarity tax credit was announced “This increase brought doubled the credit per eligible adult from \$810 to \$1,620 in 2014 and has made a considerable difference for many families in Nunavik,” concluded KRG Chairperson Maggie Emudluk. In 2015, the maximum tax credit is \$1,637 per eligible adult and \$354 per eligible child.

Solidarity tax credits granted to Nunavik households in 2013 totalled approximately \$3.5 million and was forecast to reach \$7.3 million in 2014. There are many simple ways to complete and file your income tax return. For more information on your return and the solidarity tax credit, contact Mary Inukpuk at Makivik Corporation, direct line number is 819-254-8919 or 1-877-625-4845, or visit Revenu Québec at <http://www.revenuquebec.ca/en>.

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*Makivik is the development corporation mandated to manage the heritage funds of the Inuit of Nunavik provided for under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. Makivik's role includes the administration and investment of these funds and the promotion of economic growth by providing assistance for the creation of Inuit-operated businesses in Nunavik. Makivik promotes the preservation of Inuit culture and language as well as the health, welfare, relief of poverty, and education of Inuit in the communities.*

*The KRG 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.*