



Press Release

The Sûreté du Québec phasing out of three Nunavik communities

Kuujuuaq, Quebec – October 26, 2006 – The Chairperson of the Kativik Regional Government, Mrs. Maggie Emudluk traveled to 3 of Nunavik's communities on October 24th 2006 to duly appoint and swear in 6 of the Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF) special constables. Also present throughout were Interim Chief Luc Harvey, as well as Jean-Mathieu Lafleur, Vice President of the Nunavik Police Association. The persons sworn in by Mrs. Emudluk will all be special constables duly appointed under Article 108 of the Police Act. They will have the authority to enforce the Québec laws. However, they will not have the rights to carry a sidearm.

These appointments were done following the recent approval of the KRG Ordinance 2006-04 by the Minister of Public Security and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Regions. This Ordinance allows for the appointment, by the Chairperson of the KRG, of special constables to assist the members of the KRPF.

A Québec Court Judge also swore in the police officers from the northern villages of Inukjuaq, Puvirnituq and Kangiqsualujjuaq, who have been appointed by the Minister of Public Security under Article 107 of the Police Act. These Police Officers have successfully undergone the special constables training at the École Nationale de Police du Québec in Nicolet. They will act as regular Police Officers within the territory north of the 55th parallel.

The appointment and swearing in of KRPF police officers and special constables in the communities is progressing smoothly. Currently there are nineteen Police Officers duly appointed in various Nunavik communities with a few more expected this week and next week.

As a result of the above mentioned events, the Sûreté du Québec is transferring authority to the Kativik Regional Police Force officers in the Nunavik communities of Inukjuaq, Puvirnituq and Umiujaq, all located along the Hudson Bay coast. The KRPF officers in the three communities will now go back to their regular duties as police officers, to serve and protect their communities.

Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, whose jurisdiction covers nearly the entire territory of Quebec north of the 55th parallel. KRG administers the affairs of Nunavik in the areas of municipal affairs, transportation, environment, police,

employment, manpower training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security and economic development.

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