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RESIGNATION OF NIRB CHAIRPERSON ELIZABETH COPLAND AND NEW NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON MARJORIE KAVIQ KALURAQ

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU – MARCH 7, 2019: Current Chairperson of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Elizabeth Copland recently announced her resignation from the NIRB effective March 29, 2019. Ms. Copland has been appointed as Chief Coroner for Nunavut, with duties to commence in April 2019. In her own words:

“Although I am looking forward to pursuing this new challenge and important office, I will miss the very interesting and engaging work of the NIRB and the opportunity to continue with the Board’s many on-going assessments and regulatory improvement initiatives. Throughout my two decades of service with the NIRB I have heard the evidence of hundreds of witnesses, I have chaired innumerable meetings, pre-hearing conferences, roundtables and hearings, and have benefitted from having other Board Members, Elders, community members, experts, project proponents and interveners share their experiences and expertise with me and my fellow Board Members. I will miss working with the Board Members and staff who supported me throughout my tenure with the Board and will always fondly remember my time with the NIRB.”

Earlier this week the NIRB advised the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental and Northern Affairs and Internal Trade that **Ms. Marjorie Kaviq Kaluraq** has been selected as the NIRB’s sole nominee for Chairperson. Ms. Kaluraq commenced her tenure with the Board in 2011 on appointment by the Government of Nunavut and was reappointed by the Government of Nunavut for a second and third term on the NIRB in 2014 and 2017, respectively. Since 2009 she has been an instructor in the Nunavut Arctic College’s Nunavut Teacher Education Program (NTEP); she is also currently a 2018-2019 Jane Glassco Fellow, chosen for her strong leadership potential, her history of community engagement and volunteerism, and her interest in public policy and activism as an effective means to positive change on issues facing the North. In accepting the Board’s nomination to the Chairperson role, Ms. Kaluraq indicated that she has been honoured to serve the NIRB since 2011 and would welcome the opportunity to continue this important work in the capacity of Chairperson.

The Board sincerely thanks Ms. Copland for her years of dedicated service as a Board Member and Chairperson for the NIRB and wishes her every success in her new role as Chief Coroner. The Board is also hopeful that the benefits of Ms. Kaluraq’s experience and continued commitment to the NIRB will be viewed favourably when considered for appointment as the next NIRB Chairperson.

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