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Election of the Speaker

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Members Present:

Hon. David Akeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaernerck, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Hon. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>*Meeting commenced at 10:28*

Prayer

Chairman (Mr. Rumbolt): Good morning, Members. I would like to call the Nunavut Leadership Forum to order.

Before we proceed with the agenda, I will ask Mr. Qirngnuq to lead us in prayer, please. Mr. Qirngnuq.

>>*Prayer*

Adoption of Agenda

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. As you are aware, the purpose of this meeting today is we have to choose a new Speaker for the Assembly. Before we get to that, I will ask Members to please rise and join me in a moment of silence in honour of Mr. Joe Enook, please. Thank you.

>>*Moment of silence*

Chairman: Thank you, Members. Rest in peace, my friend.

Nominations for Speaker

It is my duty to convene today's proceedings of the Nunavut Leadership Forum for the selection of a new Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

All Members have a copy of the procedures for the leadership selection process in front of them, and the procedures have been agreed to by Full Caucus.

A copy of today's agenda is also in front of the Members. Do Members agree to adopt the agenda?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. I will now open the floor for nominations for the position of Speaker.

I would like to remind Members that if you are nominated, you must immediately accept or decline the nomination.

Are there any nominations? Mr. Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No one had their hand up, so I raised my hand. I'm asking Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak if he would like to be nominated as Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Mikkungwak, do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you. I accept. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I ask the Member for Aggu if he would like to be nominated as Speaker, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Mr. Quassa, do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I accept. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to nominate Tony Akoak.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Akoak, do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I accept. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to nominate the Member for Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak, do you accept the nomination?

Ms. Angnakak: Yes, I do. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Are there any more nominations? There being none, we will move on.

As the ballot will take a few minutes to prepare, I will ring the bells when we're ready to proceed.

I will ask Members, if they wish to wait in the Members' Lounge, they may do so and for members of the gallery, there are also refreshments in the Natsiq Room if you wish.

We will now take a brief recess. Thank you.

>>*Meeting recessed at 10:33 and resumed at 10:43*

Chairman: Thank you. I call the committee meeting back to order, please.

I will now ask Members to proceed to the voting table in an orderly fashion as they get their ballots from the staff. If we could start with Ms. Nakashuk and Ms. Towtongie going first, and we will proceed in an orderly fashion towards the voting table, please.

Thank you, Members. The ballots will now be taken to a secure area in the precinct for counting. While that's happening, we will take a brief recess again. Thank you.

>>*Meeting recessed at 10:47 and resumed at 10:53*

Election of Speaker

Chairman: Thank you, Members. The forum has reconvened. I wish to advise Members that Mr. Mikkungwak has been chosen to serve as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

>>*Applause*

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak, do you want to say a few short words, if you choose? Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much. Having served as Deputy Speaker for our late Speaker, I am deeply touched. My colleagues, it's evident that we will work well together on behalf of Nunavummiut. I also humble myself for being elected as Speaker. I thank you very much and I am deeply touched. Thank you very much. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak and congratulations.

I will now ask for a motion to destroy the ballots. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move a motion to burn the ballots or...

>>*Laughter*

...destroyed somehow. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. The ballots will be destroyed.

The appropriate motion to appoint the Speaker will be moved in the House when it convenes this afternoon at 1:30.

The proceedings of the House will be televised live across the territory and I invite all Nunavummiut to join us.

The Nunavut Leadership Forum stands adjourned. Thank you.

>>*Meeting adjourned at 10:55*