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Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Announces Appointments to the Independent Commission to Review Members' Indemnities, Allowances, Expenses and Benefits

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 24, 2018) - The Honourable Joe Enook, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, today announced appointments to the Independent Commission to Review Members' Indemnities, Allowances, Expenses and Benefits. Section 37 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides for the establishment of the Commission.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Earl Johnson will serve as Chairperson of the Commission. Justice Johnson's legal career in the North began in 1974. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1992 and sat on the Nunavut Court of Justice from 2002 until his retirement from full-time service in 2016. He is currently a Deputy Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice.

Ms. Nancy Karetak-Lindell served as Nunavut's Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2008 and as President of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (Canada) from 2016 to 2018. Ms. Karetak-Lindell has held a number of management-level positions in the community of Arviat, while also serving the community in a variety of roles. Ms. Karetak-Lindell currently serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of Polar Knowledge Canada.

Mr. Keith Peterson served as Cambridge Bay's Member of the Legislative Assembly from 2004 until his retirement in 2017. Mr. Peterson holds the distinction of being Nunavut's longest-serving Minister of Finance. He also held a number of other Ministerial portfolios during his tenure, including responsibility for Health, Justice and Democratic Institutions. Prior to being elected to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Peterson held office as Mayor of Cambridge Bay and was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Kitikmeot Corporation.

Mr. Ronnie Campbell served as an Assistant Auditor General of Canada from 2003 until his retirement in 2015. In this capacity, he was responsible for the Office's audits of the Government of Nunavut. Prior to joining the Office of the Auditor General in 1985, Mr. Campbell lived and worked in a number of Nunavut communities as a manager with the Hudson's Bay Company. Mr. Campbell currently serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

Speaker Enook said, “As I publicly stated in the House earlier this year, one of the objectives of the Commission will be to make recommendations concerning practical and cost-effective ways to make our institution more family-friendly. I am confident that the members of the Commission, all of whom have had distinguished careers in public service, will make valuable contributions to its work.”

The *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* requires that the report of the Independent Commission be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by the Speaker.

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