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Confirmation of Upcoming Sittings of the Legislative Assembly

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 10, 2020) - Speaker Paul Quassa today announced that the House has been recalled to sit at 1:30pm on Monday, September 21, 2020.

Speaker Quassa said, "The focus of the upcoming September sitting will be the consideration of proposed supplementary appropriation bills arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and other business. I am very pleased that our legislature's two newest Members representing Baker Lake and Kugluktuk will take their seats during the sitting. The dates of the fall sitting will be announced shortly after the House reconvenes later this month."

Speaker Quassa added, "Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need to follow physical distancing guidelines and avoid non-essential travel. Consequently, public access to the foyer and visitors' gallery of the Legislative Assembly Chamber will be restricted as of September 14, 2020, and this year's Youth Parliament is cancelled. I invite all Nunavummiut to follow the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly's upcoming sittings on television, radio and our website's livestream. Residents may continue to contact their Member of the Legislative Assembly during the sitting by email or through our toll-free number at 1-877-334-7266."

Speaker Quassa also announced that the swearing-in ceremony for the new Members for Baker Lake and Kugluktuk will be televised live at 11:30am (EST) on Monday, September 14, 2020. Speaker Quassa said, "Although attendance at the swearing-in ceremony is restricted to invited participants, I encourage the residents of Baker Lake and Kugluktuk to watch the event from home." Official photographs from the ceremony will be provided to the news media following the event.

Sittings of the Legislative Assembly are televised on local community cable stations and direct-to-home satellite service on the Bell (channel 513) and Shaw (channel 289 - classic / channel 489 - new lineup) networks. Sittings are live-streamed at: <u>http://video.isilive.ca/nunavut/</u>. Residents of Iqaluit may also listen to the live radio broadcast of the proceedings on the following FM channels: Floor: 92.5 / Inuktitut: 94.7 / English: 102.1.

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