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***R E L E A S E***

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**Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Mourns the Passing of  
Former MLA Ovide Alakannuark**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 7, 2019)** - Speaker Simeon Mikkungwak today issued the following statement:

*"I was saddened to learn today of the passing, after a long illness, of former Member of the Legislative Assembly Ovide Alakannuark, who represented the constituency of Akulliq during the 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. Mr. Alakannuark, who was a well-respected Elder in the community of Kugaaruk, was a strong voice for Inuit culture, language and values throughout his career. On behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly, we extend our condolences to his family and former constituents."*

The flag of Mr. Alakannuark's home community has been half-masted at the Legislative Assembly in honour of his passing.

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