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**THE NORTHERN QUÉBEC MODULE (*MNQ*) IS MOVING
TO THE YMCA'S Y RESIDENCE IN APRIL**

Kuujuuaq, March 2nd, 2011 – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) is pleased to announce that on April 9, 2011, the *MNQ* is moving into the YMCA's Y Residence. This means the end of the *MNQ*'s presence in the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce district, with the lease ending in April 2011.

At the YMCA's Y Residence, located at 4039 Tupper Street in Westmount, there are three floors with 150 beds, a cafeteria service and laundry facilities on site; the installations are in close proximity to services of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), which are part of the range of services provided by the McGill RUIS (integrated university health network).

The move will enable consolidating the services of the *MNQ*, previously accessed in various locations, in one institution. Nevertheless, the *MNQ* is pleased to retain the services of Chez Gigi et Michèle, a residential resource that will continue offering lodging to pregnant women who encounter complications during their pregnancy.

“Patient security is our priority,” pointed out Alasia Arngak, Chairperson of the NRBHSS board of directors. The location enjoys greater security: that of the YMCA's Y Residence, as well as the security guards posted on the *MNQ*'s floors, who are present 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each user is registered and access is controlled.

The NRBHSS and its partners are continuing their search to identify a permanent location for the *MNQ* in Montréal. After the unsuccessful attempt to acquire the former Chinese hospital last year, the YMCA's Y Residence remains a temporary short- and medium-term installation. The objective remains to offer a permanent location to the Inuit who are required to travel to Montréal for specialized health care not available in Nunavik.

The Northern Québec Module's mandate includes several facets. Requests for appointments in Montréal are sent to the *MNQ* by the nurses of the 14 Nunavik villages. The *MNQ* follows up the patients and ensures they return home as soon as possible. It offers interpretation and transportation services to patients and their families while in Montréal. The *MNQ* falls under the responsibility of the Inuulitsivik Health Centre in Puvirnituk and offers services to the entire Nunavik population.

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