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NUNAVIMMIUT GRADUATES FROM McGILL UNIVERSITY

Kuujjuaq, October 31, 2019 –The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) is proud to announce the achievement of Anita Gordon, who recently graduated from McGill University. Mrs. Gordon received her Health and Social Services Management Certificate, through a program jointly offered by the Department of Regional Human-Resources Development at the NRBHSS and McGill University. She is the eighth Inuk to have completed the program and many more are enrolled. Anita is currently the Head of the Wellness Program at the Ungava Tulattavik Health Centre (UTHC), having previously coordinated the Good Touch Bad Touch Program in the Public Health department of the NRBHSS. Upon learning that she is also to be awarded the Chan-Yip Award for her top grades, she stated the following: "I am humbled and grateful to work with and serve Nunavimmiut. It's an honour and a privilege to accept my certificate from McGill University. I thank my family, friends, classmates, the NRBHSS, UTHC and McGill University for the encouragement, support and for allowing me to fulfill my dreams."

To those considering enrollment or are trying to complete their studies, Director of Regional Development of Human Resources (RDHR), Jobie Tukkiapik has only words of encouragement: "We are extremely proud every time one of our employees graduates from these programs. Their success is what we aim for day after day. We at the RDHR department are working hard at implementing accredited programs aimed at Inuit in the field of health and social services that aspire to acquire their degree in the region all while working."

Inuit Management Training is a 30 credit-program offered four times a year and aims at providing training for current and future Inuit managers and decision makers working in Nunavik in the health and social services sector. The program is adapted to the busy schedule of health and social services professionals. By giving the classes intensively, participants are away from work for only one week, with sessions alternating between Puvirnituq and Kuujjuaq. The program emphasizes the development of skills in communication, problem solving, operations and much more, all in relation to the daily management of services offered, taking human criteria and efficiency into account. The program is built around experiences by professionals servicing Indigenous communities; the topics addressed are those that may be encountered in the health and social services field in a northern context, and the instructors offer solutions that are appropriate and applicable to the realities of Nunavimmiut. The simultaneously theoretical and practical approach enables the participants to analyze problems and identify sensible solutions. The program is aimed at First Nations, Inuit and Métis that have been identified by institutions within the health and social services network in Nunavik.

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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