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## NUNAVIMMI ILAGIIT PAPATAUVINGA ANNOUNCE INAUGURAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Kuujuuaq, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Nunavimmi Ilagii Papatauvinga (NIP) is pleased to announce the election of its inaugural Board of Directors (BOD). This marks a significant step toward self-determination and the enhancement of services for children, youths and families in Nunavik.

Nunavimmi Ilagii Papatauvinga, meaning “where Nunavik families feel safe,” is dedicated to providing integrated services rooted in Inuit culture. The newly elected BOD comprises distinguished leaders from within the Inuit community, each bringing a wealth of experience, cultural insight and a deep commitment to the well-being of Nunavimmiut.

Board of Directors Members:

- Chairperson: Minnie Grey
- Vice-Chairperson: Dolly Mesher
- Treasurer: Alasia Argnak
- Secretary: Maggie Edmudluk
- Members:
  - Danielle Weetaluktuk
  - Elysa Ikey
  - Lynn Moorhouse
  - Sarah Beaulne

Minnie Grey, Chairperson of Nunavimmi Ilagii Papatauvinga’s Board, shared their enthusiasm: "It’s an honour to lead this remarkable team. We are committed to fostering an environment where Inuit values and traditions are at the forefront of our efforts. Our work is just beginning and we’re eager to build a future where Nunavik families feel supported and empowered."

Mina Beaulne, Executive Director of NIP, expressed her excitement: "The election of our first BOD is a historic moment for Nunavimmi Ilagii Papatauvinga . This dedicated group of leaders will guide us in our mission to deliver culturally relevant and effective services. Their leadership and vision are invaluable as we continue to develop and expand programs."

Jennifer Munick-Watkins, Executive Director of the NRBHSS, added: "This is a significant step toward self-governance in youth and family services. The new BOD will ensure that NIP remains true to its mission of supporting Nunavik families through an Inuit-centered approach. We look forward to seeing the positive impact their leadership will bring."

Currently in its development phase, NIP has launched several pilot programs across various communities. These programs are designed by and for Inuit, ensuring they resonate with and meet the needs of Nunavimmiut.

Nunavimmi Ilagiit Papatauvinga's BOD will play a crucial role in guiding the organization to become an independent entity that fully embodies the principles of Inuit self-determination. Their leadership will help establish the principles and guidelines required for the success and sustainability of this initiative.

*Nunavimmi Ilagiit Papatauvinga is an upcoming center for integrated services dedicated to children, youths, and families in Nunavik. Supported by the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), NIP aims to provide services in Inuktitut by Inuit, with Inuit management at the core of decision-making. This project emphasizes self-determination and cultural alignment in all aspects of youth and family services.*

*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 55<sup>th</sup> parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.*

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