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NUNAVIK PUBLIC SECURITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES: NEW RESTRICTIVE MEASURES ON FLIGHTS

Kuujuuaq, March 24, 2020 – Non-essential passenger air travel in Nunavik is banned as of today in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the region.

The decision was taken by the Director of Civil Security Jean-Pierre Larose and Public Health Director Marie Rochette under the Nunavik-Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee set up by the Kativik Regional Government to deal with the pandemic. N-REPAC is working in close cooperation with the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services in dealing with this public health crisis.

Individuals working in essential services such police officers, health care workers, maintenance crews and others – identified by the KRG and the NRBHSS - will be allowed to travel on flights in Nunavik. Regular scheduled cargo planes and shipment of supplies to all the communities including medical equipment are maintained. Travel for medical appointments will be respected. Transportation of medical equipment and all tools necessary to the well-functioning of services will continue. Medevacs are still being used for urgent medical situations, with the personnel trained in regards to the precautionary measures needed

Authorized passengers will be screened for the virus. Persons who have travelled abroad in the past fourteen days or who have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who shows symptoms of a cold or a flu will be barred from taking a flight to Nunavik even if considered as essential workers.

The new measures restrict movement of people in Nunavik but was deemed necessary to protect Nunavimmiut from the virus.

More information regarding the flight ban will be made available as soon as it becomes available.

The Kativik Regional Government is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.

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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