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NUNAVIK REGIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOWS SISTER AIRLINES TO RESUME THEIR RESERVATIONS AND BOOKING SYSTEMS FOR FLIGHTS ENTERING NUNAVIK

Kuujjuaq, August 24, 2020 – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) in collaboration with the sister airlines, Canadian North and Air Inuit, is pleased to announce the resumption of their regular reservations and booking systems effective August 25, 2020, for travel dates on or after August 31, 2020.

Travelers from the south will have to request an authorization through the *Nunavik Travel Access Authorization* program which can be obtained from the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) website. This document must be presented at the airport on the date of travel in order to board flights entering Nunavik.

New preventive hygiene measures will be taken at airports to ensure the safety of travelers. All passengers must wash and or disinfect their hands in the boarding area, before boarding the aircraft. Handmade masks and face coverings will no longer be allowed. Only the procedural mask (blue with 3-ply) will be authorized on board for all passengers aged 12 and over and must be worn throughout the flight. Procedural masks will be provided by the two airlines at the gate.

"The resumption of the two airlines' reservations and booking system on commercial flights shows that the gradual reopening of Nunavik is going very well despite the pandemic. We appreciate the great collaboration of our airlines in ensuring the safety of Nunavimmiut", said Mrs. Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

"From the onset of the pandemic, Canadian North has collaborated with NRBHSS and KRG with the safety of all Nunavimmiut as our first priority. We are pleased to support the ongoing, essential transportation requirements of the Nunavik region by resuming our normal reservation channels while continuing to support ongoing health and safety protocols", said Mr. Johnny Adams, Executive Chair for Canadian North.

"Air Inuit is pleased to resume its scheduled flights from the south and provide Nunavimmiut with safe air transportaion services" , said Mr. Pita Aatami, President of Air Inuit.

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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