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## SAQIJUQ, ALL ORGANIZATIONS MEETING AT PUVIRNITUQ

**Puvirnituq, Quebec – August 30, 2017** – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social services along with local and regional organizations of Nunavik is pleased to be associated with the Saqijuq project, Nunavik all organizations meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to allow each organization that provides services in Puvirnituq to present to the community and other local organizations about their mandate and what they do.

"Unfortunately, people do not always know the mandates of the various different local organizations and it is important for the organizations and people, to learn what is available in their community. The main goal of this meeting is to increase awareness of what services are available, what they do, increase and improve connections among services and organizations to better serve the community. "Said, Mrs Aileen MacKinnon Saqijuq Coordinator.

Puvirnituq is the first pilot community for Saqijuq and we want to work in collaboration with each organization to ensure its success. "It is a community base approach project meaning that how it operates will be based on the needs and wants of the community, respecting the work that is already being done by every organizations within the community." Earlier, said Mrs Minnie Grey, co-chair of the Saqijuq project.

"Change must be rooted in the communities and supported by services designed and delivered in Nunavik. One such initiative is the Saqijuq Project designed to curb the levels of alcohol and drug use and the harm they cause. By mobilizing all available resources the partners will tackle prevention, intervention, and develop adapted judicial and correctional systems, in order to support Puvirnitumiut that are facing challenges that affect all the community" said, Elisapee Uitangak, NRBHSS Chairperson.

*The Nunavik 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 Québec 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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