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Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) Wraps up Board Meeting In Coral Harbour

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Important Motions Passed as First Full Board Meeting of 2023 Advances Priorities for Inuit in the Kivalliq

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Rankin Inlet- The Kivalliq Inuit Association wrapped up its first full Board meeting of the new year last week following its election of new Area Directors and a new Secretary Treasurer last fall.

“Our Board discussed and passed many important priorities and motions to advance files essential to our region,” remarked KivIA President Kono Tattuinee. “I am also pleased to formally announce that Gabriel (Gabe) Karlik has returned and joined KivIA as Chief Operating Officer (COO). Gabe brings tremendous experience and knowledge and on behalf of our entire Board I am happy to welcome him back to lead our organization.”

One of the most significant motions passed by the Board included approval of Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund (ICIF) prioritization with support from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Important regional infrastructure projects will be supported with this fund including the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link which has development planning underway to bring high speed fibre-optic internet and renewable power to the region. Also approved for support is the Sakku Innovative Building Solutions (SIBS) modular housing factory now under construction in Arviat, new cultural centres within the Kivalliq and support for Kivalliq Alternative Energy which has two solar projects under development in Naujaat and Coral Harbour, for a total of $52 Million in ICIF.

“These are important projects that will help Nunavummuit and our region for generations to come,” remarked Soloman Nakoolak KivIA Area Director for Coral Harbour. “I would also like to thank the Board for electing me to sit on the Nukik Corporation Board and I look forward to help position the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link project for success as it continues to advance.”

Also passed at the meeting was an important policy outlining eligibility and criteria to advance the establishment of the Ukkusiksalik National Park Community Initiative fund. This fund stems from the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement reached with the Federal Government in the establishment of this national park and will now allow for the next

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steps of a $3 Million fund to assist Inuit and Inuit firms in the Kivalliq to take advantage of economic opportunities related to the establishment and operation of Ukkusiksalik National Park.

Finally, the KivIA Board would like to thank all those now working on the roll out of the voucher distribution program. Kivalliq Inuit beneficiaries with questions on the distribution should contact their Community Liason Officer, or within Rankin Inlet contact Art Sateana at 867-645-5732 or artsateana@kivalliqinuit.ca. Those outside beneficiaries outside the Kivalliq can apply online at www.kivalliqinuit.ca.

“I would like to thank Mayor Willie Nakoolak and the residents of Coral Harbour for their warmth and hospitality and sharing their priorities,” concluded President Tattuinee. “Our Board is working hard on advancing the priorities of Kivalliqmuit.”

The next full meeting of the Board will be in Baker Lake later in the spring.

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