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NUNAVIK HEALTH SECTOR IN MOURNING: LOSS OF A DISTINGUED NUNAVIK FIGURE

Kuujjuaq, Québec, December 9, 2014 – During the night of December 7th, Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) board member, Mrs. Illashuk Pauyungie quietly passed away in her sleep at home in Salluit. The NRBHSS is profoundly saddened and affected by the loss of this amazing woman who brought so much, not only, to her home community but also to the whole of Nunavik.

Loved by everyone, Illashuk was a pioneer in the field of community services and health sector for many years. Member of the NRBHSSS's board since 2009 and involved at many other levels within the health and social services network, she was a great voice in regards to every health and social issue the region has to face.

"Illashuk was a kind spirited humorous woman who always had the wellbeing of others at heart, she was welcoming to everyone and she was in tune with everyone's needs and feelings. She was one of a kind and her passing is a loss for every single Nunavimmiut." said Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

The NRBHSS extends its deepest sympathies to the Pauyungie family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their community.

The NRBHSS is a public agency created in 1978 under the **James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement**. *It is responsible for nearly the entire 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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