

News Release

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Changes to QEC Board of Directors

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 24, 2016) – Honourable George Hickes, Minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) today announced the resignation of chairperson Julie-Anne Miller from QEC's Board of Directors effective June 20, 2016.

Mr. Elijah Evaluarjuk has been appointed interim chairperson effective June 20, 2016. Mr. Evaluarjuk of Igloolik has served on the Board since January 2014, and as vice-chair since February 2015. He brings extensive experience in corporate management in Nunavut, and is also a Board member of the Baffin Business Development Corporation and Nunavut Business Credit Corporation.

In addition, Ronnie Campbell has been newly appointed to the Board of Directors, effective June 20, 2016 for a three year term. A previous resident of Nunavut, Mr. Campbell brings significant public sector expertise and a deep understanding of Northern issues. Mr. Campbell served as the Assistant Auditor General of Canada from 2003 to 2015 working across the three territories and with federal agencies such as Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

"I would like to thank Ms. Miller for her service and contribution to QEC, and I wish her the best in her future endeavours", said Minister Hickes. "These changes demonstrate that QEC continues to bring new directors whose expertise and knowledge are important in shaping QEC's future, while supporting our strong, diverse, and experienced Board", added Minister Hickes.

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Backgrounder

Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) is a territorial corporation that is mandated to supply electricity to communities in Nunavut. QEC is 100 per cent owned by the Government of Nunavut, and operates at arm's length, reporting to the Minister responsible for QEC. The corporation is the only generator and distributor of electrical energy in Nunavut, operating 25 stand-alone diesel plants in 25 communities.

Under the Qulliq Energy Corporation Act, the chairperson of the Board shall be designated by the Minister from among the directors. The Board of Directors are appointed by the Minister for a term not exceeding three years, and the Board shall be composed of not fewer than six directors and not more than ten directors.

Appointments

Elijah Evaluarjuk owns and operates Tujurmivik Hotel and Pizzeria in Igloolik, a business he's run since 2002. He is a shareholder of Savik Enterprises Limited and is currently a board member representing Baffin Business Development Corporation and Nunavut Business Credit Corporation. In the past he has served on the board of Nunasi Corporation and Norterra, and served a four-year term as mayor of Igloolik.

Ronnie Campbell served as the Assistant Auditor General of Canada from 2003 until his retirement in 2015. Mr. Campbell presided over the work of the Office of Auditor General of Canada in Nunavut, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories, and various federal government entities. During his early career with Hudson's Bay Company, Mr. Campbell lived and worked in the communities of Qikiqtarjuaq and Sanikiluaq. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Ottawa and is a Certified Management Accountant.