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Representative for Children and Youth Office Tables First Annual Report

The RCY's current advocacy work built on foundation described in 2014-2015 report

Iqaluit, NU Nunavut's Representative for Children and Youth tabled her office's first annual report in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut today. The report covers a nine-month period: June 16, 2014, when Nunavut's first Representative for Children and Youth took office, to the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The report focuses on the office's initial planning and foundational work, which was integral to the office opening its doors on September 30, 2015.

"There is a tremendous amount of work ahead to ensure young Nunavummiut's rights and well-being are protected. However, I'm proud of the foundation we built, and are continuing to build, which directly contributes to our current ability to support children, youth and their families in a timely and effective way," the Representative, Sherry McNeil-Mulak, said.

Since opening, the office has provided advocacy support to 61 individual young Nunavummiut, visited 10 communities and conducted numerous presentations and information sessions with key stakeholders as part of its initial public engagement work. The office had previously identified that it would take a phased-in approach to its broad mandate once open – beginning with a focus on providing advocacy support to individual children and youth, as well as raising awareness of the office and child rights. As noted in the annual report, the RCY office identified more than 200 medium to large-scale tasks that needed to be completed before the office opened.

The annual report is available online at: www.rcynu.ca.

About the Representative: The Representative for Children and Youth protects and promotes the rights of Nunavut's children and youth. We represent their voice in matters that affect them and ensure the Government of Nunavut protects and advances their rights and interests.

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