
STATEMENT

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE LEADERSHIP OF INUVIALUIT REGIONAL CORPORATION

Inuvik, NT, July 24, 2026 - IRC chair and CEO Erwin Elias has stepped away from his role and is on leave while an allegation that predates his election is independently investigated. The IRC board of directors is taking the matter seriously while respecting the integrity of the investigation and the privacy of everyone involved. IRC expects an update from the investigation in August, and the board is committed to reviewing it promptly and acting quickly to determine next steps.

During his leave, Vice Chair Jordan McLeod is serving as acting chair. Mark Fleming, in his role as advisor, will continue to support management with day-to-day operations to ensure stability and continuity. IRC's programs, services and subsidiary operations continue without disruption.

Because the investigation is ongoing, IRC is not in a position to comment on the specifics of the allegation or the process at this time.

IRC will provide a further update when it is appropriate to do so.

Support is available for anyone who may be affected by this news. The Hope for Wellness Helpline is available at 1.855.242.3310, or by chat at hopeforwellness.ca.

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Inuvialuit Regional Corporation represents the collective interests of Inuvialuit, advancing their rights, culture, and long-term prosperity. Through strong partnerships and community-driven programs, the organization supports economic growth, cultural preservation and opportunities for current and future generations.