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## **New Ministers and Speaker appointed during sitting of Nunatsiavut Assembly**

The Nunatsiavut Government has two new Ministers, and a new Speaker has been appointed to the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Jim Lyall, an Ordinary Member for Nain, will serve as the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. He takes over the duties from President Johannes Lampe, who served in the position on an interim basis. The Ordinary Member for Postville, Tyler Edmunds, was appointed as the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, replacing Lands and Natural Resources Minister Darryl Shiwak, the Ordinary Member for Rigolet. Mr. Shiwak, who was appointed to the position earlier this year, will continue to serve as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Mr. Edmunds is the youngest member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to be appointed as Minister.

With his appointment as Minister, Mr. Edmunds vacated his seat as Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. As a result, based on a recommendation from the President, the Assembly approved the appointment of an Ordinary Member for Canada, Edward Blake-Rudkowski, as the new Speaker.

The appointments were made today during a sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in Hopedale.

Mr. Lyall, a former President of Nunatsiavut, and Mr. Blake-Rudkowski were both sworn in as members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Tuesday, after winning by-elections in their respective constituencies last month.

As well, Education and Economic Development Minister Patricia Kemuksigak, an Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, has been appointed as Acting Minister of Health and Social Development by order of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. She assumes the duties from the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Greg Flowers, who is on extended medical leave.

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