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## President welcomes O'Regan's appointment as Indigenous Services Minister

Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe says he's looking forward to working with new federal Indigenous Services Minister Seamus O'Regan, who was appointed to the position today by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. O'Regan, who is also the province's federal cabinet minister, replaces Jane Philpott, who was appointed as President of Treasury Board.

"As a member from Newfoundland and Labrador, and a former resident of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Minister O'Regan should be well-versed on Indigenous issues in our region," notes President Lampe. "We welcome the opportunity to open lines of communications with him so that we can continue to advance issues that are of importance to Labrador Inuit."

At the same time, President Lampe thanked former Minister Philpott for the leadership role she played in trying to improve the lives of Labrador Inuit.

"Minister Philpott took a hands-on approach, was easily accessible and was very proactive on a number of fronts when it came to matters that affected Labrador Inuit. We wish her luck in her new role."

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