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**Pottle removed from Nunatsiavut Executive Council**

Nunatsiavut President Sarah Leo announced today Danny Pottle has been relieved of his duties as Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

“As Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, Mr. Pottle was required to attend an important meeting in Nain this week to present the government’s annual financial plan to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, but he decided not to attend in person,” notes President Leo. “As well, he was expected to join the other members of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council at an open house in the community to answer questions and concerns from Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement regarding issues and matters within the Department Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

“Mr. Pottle had no valid reason for his absence and, therefore, lost the confidence of the President and the First Minister in fulfilling his responsibilities as a member of Nunatsiavut Executive Council.”

Mr. Pottle’s removal from the NEC does not affect his position as an Ordinary Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly representing the Constituency of Canada.

Lands and Natural Resources Minister Darryl Shiwak will take on role as Treasurer and Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology on an interim basis.

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