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## **Saunders removed from Nunatsiavut Executive Council**

Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe announced today that after consulting with First Minister Kate Mitchell a decision has been made to relieve Rachael Saunders of her duties as Minister of Education and Economic Development effectively immediately.

“Members of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council are expected to perform their duties with honour, integrity and dignity, and actions that undermine their positions of authority and leadership have to be dealt with accordingly,” says President Lampe. “Being in a position of public trust, Ministers are expected to uphold the highest standards of ethical behavior and to be accountable for their actions.”

Ms. Saunders will continue to serve as Ordinary Member for Hopedale. In the meantime, Lands and Natural Resources Minister Tony Andersen will assume the duties of Minister of Education and Economic Development on an interim basis.

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