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Application for Limited Participant Standing for the
Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services

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The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services

Nunavik's health and social services network includes the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), the Inuulitsivik Health Centre (Hudson Bay) and the Ungava Tulattavik Health Centre (Ungava Bay). The signing of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA)* and supplementary agreements established guidelines for the development of health and social services in Nunavik. The organization of health care and social services is a provincial jurisdiction, but it is adapted to regional realities.

Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services

Created in 1995 by virtue of the *Act respecting health services and social services*, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services' principal mandate is to organize health and social service programs in the region (14 villages of Nunavik), evaluate those programs' effectiveness and ensure the users receive services of good quality appropriate to their needs. Further, it ensures the organization and efficient use of financial resources granted to the Nunavik region.

The NRBHSS is an organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the populations of the 14 communities on its territory. Its overall mission is to adapt the health and social service programs to the population's needs and to the region's realities.

For the *ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS)*, Nunavik corresponds to administrative health region 17. The NRBHSS manages a health and social services budget of almost \$167 million for the population of the 14 communities. Its head office is located in Kuujuaq.

Board of Directors

A board of directors composed of 20 members oversees the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services. (*ARHSS*, section 530.30).

The board of directors of the regional board shall be composed of the following persons as and when they are appointed:

- one representative appointed by each northern village included in the territory defined in section 2 of the *Act respecting northern villages and the Kativik Regional Government* (Chapter V-6.1);
- the executive director of each institution and another person appointed by the members of the board of directors of each institution, chosen from among the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of section 530.13;

- approving the financial statements;
- monitoring performance and accountability for results.

For the above reasons, the NRBHSS hereby applies for limited participant standing in the committee's work.

The regional board is represented by Jean-François Arteau, advocatus emeritus, who has great experience in working with public institutions created under the JBNQA and is very familiar with these issues, and who has resided for several years in Kuujjuaq.



Representative of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services

