

To: Members of the Law Society of Nunavut

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Chairperson, Nunavut Law Foundation

Re: Report for the 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting of the Law Society of Nunavut

Date: June 7, 2022

## **Interest from Trust Accounts**

The Board for the Nunavut Law Foundation has concluded that there is a significant issue with membership compliance related to remittance payments of interest from trust accounts. In recent years, the Law Foundation has received almost no payments from interest accrued from trust accounts. In the 2021 year, we began discussing how we should address this issue.

## **General Grant Review**

A review of the General Grant application process has been ongoing. The review process has not impeded any applicants from applying. We have nearly completed the process and will have it finalized this year.

## **Upinnaqtuq Awards**

The Upinnaqtuq Awards were not awarded in 2020 due to COVID-related circumstances. The Award process was reinstated for the 2021 year, and nominations were welcomed for young people for both years. Seventeen recipients from all three regions received an Award. You can learn more about each recipient here.

The Foundation wishes to acknowledge the <u>extraordinary journey of Madam Justice Beverley</u>

<u>Browne</u> who passed away in March of 2021. The Awards were created in 2011 in honour of Justice

Browne, who served as a justice in Nunavut from 1990 to 2009 and became the Senior Judge of the

Nunavut Court of Justice when Nunavut was created. The *Upinnaqtuq* Awards were created to

commemorate Justice Browne's active volunteerism in Nunavut's communities, her commitment to
social justice, and her particular dedication to working with youth.

## **Board of Directors**

The Board said farewell to our lay member, Lisa Tootoo, in the fall of 2021, as she moved south. A big thank you to her for her work over the last several years. A call for nominations to fill her position has been issued and the spot has not yet been filled.

A new member from the Law Society, Eamonn Carroll, joined the Board in the fall of 2021. Welcome Eamonn! You can learn more about each Director <a href="here.">here.</a>