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his predecessor, Andrew Blackadar, started with an Inuit advisory council to ensure community perspectives guide his decision-making.

"These are the people that are trusted by the people in their communities to go ahead and provide to us what they feel [is] important," Pike said.

Commissioner Mike Duheme, the RCMP's national commanding officer, attended the ceremony. He said he wants to help by shortening the time it takes to process new recruits to get them training more quickly.

"We want to recruit people from the community, bring them back to the community if they wish to do so," Duheme said.

"The organization has to be representative of the communities we serve."

Pike said he wants to make sure his officers are happy and healthy as they do their jobs. He also promised to lead with "transparency and accountability."

"There's no secret that we're able to share things with the public," he said.

"They should be aware and they should know what we're doing in this territory."

Pike was born and raised in Burin, N.L. He joined the RCMP as a cadet in 2001 and began policing in his home province the following year.

Most of his RCMP career has been in the North. He worked in Labrador and the Northwest Territories before transferring to become Nunavut's officer in charge of criminal operations in 2022.

When Blackadar retired and took a new job in Nunavut's Department of Justice last June, Pike was named acting commander. He took on the role permanently in October.

"[Pike] understands the North, and he certainly has taken it upon himself to know, learn and embrace Nunavut and the culture here," Blackadar said.

Pike said that in the North, every officer needs a support system. For him, it's his family.

He said he plans to be approachable, collaborative and attentive to community members across the territory. He wants to stay in this role long term.

"Part of the reasons that I feel very blessed to have this position is I'm going to bring some longevity. There's no timeline for myself," Pike said.

"I'm committed to the RCMP here in Nunavut and also to residents."

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