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Nunavut Sivuniksavut Training Program

Nunavut Sivuniksavut Training Program was founded in 1985 by Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, which is now called Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated also affiliated with Algonquin College. Since the start of the program over 160 students have gone through the doors of the program from all over Nunavut. In the spring of 1999 Nunavut Sivuniksavut program was incorporated as an independent, non-profit organization with Raurri Qajaaq Ellsworth as the Chairperson.

The program currently take 20 students for the 8 months program and has 3 full time staff of one administrator and two instructors.

Nunavut Sivuniksavit is located on 2nd floor of 368 Dalhousie Street in the heart of downtown Ottawa.

Since 1985 funding for the program had varied from Tungavik Federation, territorial and federal also from different Inuit organizations. The current sponsors for the program are: Kakivak Association, Kivalliq Partners, Kitikmeot Economic Development and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

The program courses vary from day to day, from archeology, Inuit history, land claims and contemporary Inuit issues. The program also offers Inuit at experiencing the world outside the north also in learning how to live successfully on their own. The program also offers students a chance to visit different aboriginal groups around the world, such as visiting New Zealand, Sweden and Arizona just to name a few.

Tuition for students comes from Financial Assistant for Nunavut Student also known as

SANS with the Government of Nunavut also the students get a supplementary student grant from Nunavut Sivuniksavut.

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Executive Reports

Paul A. Quassa, President



NTI Board of Directors Meeting and Annual General Meeting

The Board met October 17 to 19, 2000 in Repulse Bay. At the start of the meeting there was a minute of silence in remembrance of Louis Pilakapsi and crew who drowned near Arviat in a boating accident earlier that summer.

One of the main topics of the meeting was the Canadian Federal Government's Firearms legislation. A resolution regarding the Board Governance Model was formally adopted and the board agreed to develop policies required to implement the Carver (results) Model of Governance. A total of 22 resolutions were passed, ranging from the NTI – GN cooperation on elections, to the Appeal of the Turbot Allocation Decision.

NTI's 8th Annual General Meeting was held in Arviat from November 14 to 17, 2000. The theme of the meeting was "New Ideas, New Initiatives". Forty-eight delegates from all over Nunavut sat around the table for the entire meeting.

Nunavut Premier Paul Okalik as well as then Acting President James Eetoolook signed a joint letter to the Canadian Prime Minister Jean

Chretien for a moratorium on the Federal Firearms Act for the Inuit of Nunavut. A total of 24 resolutions were passed, ranging from Increased Benefits under the Elder's Benefit Plan to approval of the 2001 – 2002 budgets.

NTI Board Governance Workshops

The NTI Board held Board of Governance Workshops from December 14 to 18, 2000 in Iqaluit and from January 13 to 19, 2001 in Yellowknife. The results model of governance has been used worldwide for 25 years. Several organizations in Nunavut and NWT use it. It provides stability, efficiency, clarity, consistency and accountability.

At the Iqaluit workshop, one important task was the development of a clear short mission statement that captures NTI's direction for the future:

"INUIT ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL WELL – BEING THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUNAVUT LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT"

With the new mission statement in place, the next step was to set up Board policies. This was done at the Yellowknife workshop. These policies are at the draft stage and will be formally be adopted

at the next board meeting to be held in Arctic Bay from February 19 to 22, 2001.

NTI meets the Premier of Nunavut

On December 18th, President Quassa, Joe Adla Kunuk and Paul Irgaut met with Premier Paul Okalik. Issued discussed included: Gun Legislation, NNI policy, Manitoba Dene, IIBA. Other issues brought at the meeting were the overlap agreements, the Clyde River Protocol, The Polar Bear case, Northwest Passage and the Heritage Board.

Nunavut Leaders meet Manitoba Dene in Ottawa

This was the first time that this type of meeting has been held. The Manitoba Dene, Nunavut Government, NTI, KIA and Manitoba Government met on January 23. The President of NTI said that the GN and NTI are continuing to build a strong and productive partnership in dealing with issues that involve Nunavut's neighbors. From NTI's perspective, we prefer to try to conduct our relations with others on a partnership basis as fair as possible. As a result of this meeting, a treaty of friendship and co-operation will be developed; there will be formal recognition of Sayisi Dene and Northlands First Nation rights in Nunavut and Inuit rights in Manitoba and further meetings will be held to develop an action plan.

James Eetoolook, 1st Vice-President



WEST KITIKMEOT/SLAVE STUDY SOCIETY

Held a teleconference call with all partners of WKSS as a board to give the go ahead for the remaining research that has to be completed by March 31, 2001 and reviewed the "Cumulative Effects Monitoring" plan for further work that was required to give it approval.

DEWLINE CLEAN-UP NEGOTIATIONS

All the necessary negotiations are now completed on the Economic Provisions, legal drafting is being reviewed by the lawyers on both sides. A few items are still outstanding but workable, so we have set a date for the signing ceremony to take place in Iqaluit at the end of March with the Minister of Department National Defense and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

BATHURST INLET PORT PROPOSAL

The working group that was established to carry out the leg work on behalf of the Steering Committee and to carry out the feasibility study, if a deep sea port proposal is doable or not, is nearing their research and review, therefore, we are hopeful that a full steering committee meeting will take place within the next few weeks to get feedback. The Steering Committee is co-chaired by Kitikmeot Corporation and Department of Sustainable Development.

LPAC AND LAND MANAGERS MEETING

Land, Planning Advisory Committee will be holding their policy meeting in Toronto March 8 - 13, 2001 in conjunction the Prospectors and Developers Association convention in Toronto. In addition, while all the land managers of NTI and the RIA's are together, they will also hold a meeting amongst themselves to review the IOL land use planning, mapping, royalty payment schedule, planner MOU, IIBA process for territorial parks and conservation areas in Nunavut and other work that they've carried out during this past year. LPAC is made of 1st VP of NTI and VP's of RIA's.

NUNAVUT HARVESTER SUPPORT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The full committee will be reviewing the past work of the NHSP, gas subsidy and other related matters that needs to be administered by the program and this meeting is scheduled for Rankin Inlet during the weekend of February 24 -25, 2001. The committee is made up of 1st Vice President of NTI and the Executive Directors of Regional Hunters & Trappers Organizations.

NTI BOARD MEETING - ARCTIC BAY

During the week of February 19 - 22, 2001, the NTI board of directors will be meeting in Arctic Bay.

FINAL NOTE: Allen Maghagak, Executive Assistant to James Eetoolook, 1st Vice President of NTI has resigned from his position after 5 years with NTI and 27 years with the land claims process. May we wish him all the best in his future endeavors and well deserved rest.

QUYANNAMIK

James Eetoolook
1st Vice President

NTI launches the 1 – 800 hotline for its beneficiaries

Since this new law affects many of our beneficiaries, NTI is concerned about the hardship that our beneficiaries could face. We have set up a 1-800-780-4036 hot line that will take complaints that Inuit have about this new law.

NTI has taken the federal government to court over this new gun law. We feel that the law goes against Article 5 of the NCLA. It states that Inuit have the right to hunt, trap or fish without licence or fee of any kind. If a caller to our hotline want us to use their complaint in our lawsuit we will do so.

So far there have been a number of calls from beneficiaries who haven't received their licenses yet and from worried hunters who want to know how the law will be enforced.

**Raymond Ningeocheak,
2nd Vice President**



Raymond Ningeocheak will be attending HTO Manager's workshop to be held in Rankin Inlet during the week of January 31 till February 1. The regions that will attend the workshop are from the Keewatin and the Kitikmeot regions.

Raymond Ningeocheak will be attending the Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board will be holding HTO Manager's workshop during February 13th and 14th in

Iqaluit.

From February 23 to March 2 Raymond Ningeocheak will be having a Community Base Management Tour with Nunavut Wildlife Management Board concerning Narwhal quote and other wildlife issues. The communities that he will be visiting are: Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Qiqitajuak, Kimmirut and Repulse Bay.



**Bernadette Tungilik
Vice-President of Finance**

Bernadette Tungilik will be attending a meeting in Ottawa concerning Metrophotonics from February 13 to 16, 2001.

Bernadette Tungilik will be attending the board meeting in Arctic Bay from February 19 to 23.

She will also be attending the Northwestel Board of Directors meeting in Yellowknife from February 26 to March 3.

**Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
Mission Statement
"Inuit Economic. Social and
Cultural Well-being Through
the Implementation of the
Nunavut Land Claims
Agreement".**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Department of Legal Services

The Department will be attending a meeting of a tripartite working group, composed of NTI, Government of Nunavut and Government of Canada representatives, on devolution of natural resource responsibility from the federal to the territorial government. The meeting will be held in Ottawa during the week of 29th of January.

The Department will be attending an officials level meeting with Dene representatives to discuss overlap issues. The meeting will be held in Ottawa during the week of the 22nd of January.

NTI's legal counsel will be participating in Territorial Parks Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement (IIBA) negotiations in Iqaluit during the week of January 22nd. Legal counsel will also be meeting with NTI's negotiating team to discuss Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreements for federal National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Sanctuaries, during the week of the 22nd of January, to be followed by the commencement of negotiations with the Canada Wildlife Service.

The Department will be participating in Fisheries Act working group discussions with the

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Territorial Department of Sustainable Development officials, on amendments to the regulations under the Fisheries Act.

The Department is participating in on-going discussions with federal and territorial officials in preparation for negotiations on funding and other matters under the Implementation Contract for the planning period beginning in 2003.

The Department will also be working with the NTI business department staff to develop guideline for assessing the applications for Inuit firms.

Lands and Resources

Inuit Owned Lands Management Planning Project

On November 21 to 23, 2000 staff members from KIA, NTI and NPC met with the Community Lands and Resources Committee (CLARC) members from Bathurst Inlet, Bay Chimo and Cambridge Bay to provide information about the Inuit Owned Lands Management Planning Project and to gather and record their knowledge about the Bathurst Inlet and Bay Chimo area of influence. Many people from Bathurst Inlet and Bay Chimo are presently in Cambridge Bay

and there are many elders in Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk that were born and have lived in the Bathurst and Bay Chimo areas in the past.

The Nunavut Planning Commission and NTI provided 1:250,000 scale contour maps of the Bay Chimo and Bathurst Inlet area of influence, depicting general mapping features, surface and subsurface Inuit Owned Lands with parcel numbers.

Robert Esser, Stanley Anablak and Peter Mannilaq provided an introduction to the participants and the general purpose of the IOL Management Planning Project and the objectives of this meeting.

The CLARC members identified and Mapped; Archaeological Sites, Burial Sites, Cabins, Outpost Camps, Tent Frames, Camp Sites, Fishing Lodges, Tourism Lodges, Sport Camps, Inuit Travel Routes (winter), Inuit Travel Routes (summer), Wolf Denning Sites, Grizzly Bear Denning Sites, Wolverine Denning Sites, Caribou Migration Routes, Caribou Water Crossings, Caribou Harvesting Areas, Musk Ox Harvesting Areas, Major Char Run Rivers, Lakes Used for Fishing, Soap Stone Sites, Waste or Clean-up Sites, and areas of significance for cultural/spiritual/mythological/legend or local beliefs.

The participants were asked if there was any other information that they would like to see collected, mapped or refined further. The participants were happy with the information collected at this point, and would like to see the information provided digitized and put on maps before another look is taken at the next meeting.

Proposed Road and Port in Bathurst Inlet; The participants had an opportunity to discuss the proposal for a road and port development in the Bathurst area. The participants expressed concern for impacts to the local people, mainly hunters and trappers in the area. The participants also felt that the development of a road and port would bring many benefits to the local people, and people of the region, including jobs, and less costly consumer goods, such as gas and fuel. The participants felt that there will likely not be any or much opposition to the concept of a road and port as currently described in the Bathurst Inlet area. Carson Gillis advised that NTI and NPC have in the past and will in the future stress that the consultation with the people of Bay Chimo and Bathurst Inlet is very important for this project proposal.

Closed IOL Subsurface Parcels in the Area (BB37 and BB39); The participants had an opportunity to discuss the closed IOL parcels in the area. Carson Gillis advised the participants of the administrative and royalty differences between surface only Inuit Owned Lands and surface and subsurface Inuit Owned Lands. The participants were not entirely certain of why the parcels (BB37 and BB39) were closed for mineral exploration in the past, but assumed that likely local people were using the area for trapping or harvesting. The participants advised that it is not necessary to close any other parcels, in the area, to mineral exploration at this time. The participants also advised that they would like to see IOL parcels BB37 and BB39 made available for exploration activities.

Next Meetings; The next meeting for the Bathurst and Bay Chimo area will likely take place in the spring of 2001 (April or May of 2001). That NTI, KIA and NPC will digitize the information provided at this meeting onto maps and present it at the next meeting. And the next meeting for the Cambridge Bay area will likely be early in the next year (January or February 2001). The information provided by

Did you Know?

Did you know this about your Nunavut Land Claims Agreement? Outpost Camps

“Outpost Camp” means a camp occupied by families or other groups of Inuit who occupy the particular locations on a temporary, seasonal, intermittent, semi-permanent or a year round basis for the purposes of wildlife harvesting and the associated use and enjoyment of lands, and includes:

The residential base, and

The surface lands on which the residential base rests and the surface of lands within a distance of two kilometres from the centre of the residential base.

But does not include any randomly occupied locations used only for periods of several days or weeks.

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the Cambridge Bay CLARC has now been digitized and an Open House is planned for the next meeting.

Business Development

Roles and Responsibilities Business Development
Department main role and responsibility is ensuring that Article 24 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement is being implemented by the Government



of Nunavut and Federal Government of Canada.

The Policy Objective of Article 24 is:

Procurement policies and implementing measures shall reflect, to the extent possible, the following objective:

Increased participation by Inuit firms in business opportunities in the Nunavut Settlement Areas economy
Improve capacity of Inuit firms to compete for government contracts; and
Employment of Inuit at the representative level in the Nunavut Settlement Area work force.

To ensure that the objectives are met, Business Development Department responsible for the following:

Inuit Firm Registry

So far to date there are 250 firm registered with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. The NTI Inuit Firm List is the only authorized listing of Inuit firms in Nunavut.

Technology Transfer Funding Agreement

In July 1996 Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and Indian Affairs signed the Nunavut Infrastructure Arrangement, which was allowed for NCC to build government offices and house, through private financing, and an emphasis on local suppliers and trade and management training, top quality and regionally appropriate offices and homes on budget and schedule.

This is success story of how Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and Indian and Northern Affairs broke new ground in federal aboriginal cooperation to help the people of Nunavut build Nunavut and the foundation of a brighter economic future for themselves.

On Tuesday, January 16, 2001 Department of Public (both federal and territorial), Department of Indian Affairs (DIAND), Nunavut Investment Group (formally NCC) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated held dinner and closing remarks for the success and completion of the Nunavut Infrastructure Arrangement. Reports were done by each of the partners and the highlights of the reports are:

There was total of:
13,500 square meters of office space built
250 housing units
10 office buildings and Iqaluit Government of Nunavut Building
In 11 communities
Completed on budget and one year a head of schedule

Peaked employment at 374 people 258 beneficiaries employed (69% of workforce overall) 22 Inuit carpentry apprentice
Assets valued at \$130 million
Wages paid in Nunavut communities was \$20 million
Sub-contracts awarded to northern businesses: 95% + (65 companies in all)

Nunavut Trade Show

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated is one of the major sponsors of the Nunavut Trade that will be held in Iqaluit in mid March of this year. As always NTI will have a display booth to inform the beneficiaries of services that are available from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

Wildlife Department

Polar Bear Management

The Kitikmeot Hunters & Trappers Association held their board meeting in Kuugaruk (Pelly Bay) from Monday January 8th until Thursday January 11th. One of the main topics of concern was the Polar Bear Quota from the McClintock Channel Population. Hunters from the communities of Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak that hunt Polar Bears from the McClintock Channel population are facing reduced quotas this year and a moratorium (no hunting) next year.

Community Based Management of Narwhal & Beluga

Meetings with NWMB and the Department of Fisheries & Oceans have raised concerns regarding the Community



NTI and Noah Kadlak win Polar Bear Case through the courts

Noah Kadlak of Coral Harbour had wanted to hunt a polar bear using Inuit traditional methods i.e.: harpoon and dogs. However it has taken three years to finally get a ruling in favor of Noah's right to hunt through the courts. NTI had taken the GN to court on behalf of Noah. First the decision to hunt was disallowed by then the Minister of Sustainable of GNWT, than the Minister of Sustainable of Nunavut government.

Judge Kilpatrick ruled that the Minister of Sustainable Development's decision to disallow the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's approval of Noah Kadlak's hunting of a polar bear by the use of harpoon and dogs constituted an unjustifiable infringement of Inuit right under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Right now the matter was referred back to the Minister for new consideration.



Based Management System of Narwhal. For this reason representatives' from the NWMB, NTI and DFO will be on a tour of community visits in

Repulse Bay
Monday February 26th

Kuugaruk
Tuesday February 27th

Arctic Bay
Wednesday February 28th

Pond Inlet
Thursday March 1st

Broughton Island
Friday March 2nd

Kimmirut
Monday March 3rd

Iqaluit
Tuesday March 4th

The purpose of the visit will be to discuss the Community

Based Management Systems, gather input from hunters and residents in the communities, and decide whether there should be Public Hearings after the 3 year trial period for community based management of Narwhal and Beluga.

HTO Managers Workshops

Managers from the Hunters & Trappers Organizations in Kitikmeot and Kivalliq participated in a workshop in Rankin Inlet on January 30th and February 2nd. The Baffin Managers held their workshop in Iqaluit on February 11th till the 14th. Topics in the workshop included the Nunavut Harvester Support Program (NHSP) delivery for 2001, as well NHSP policies were reviewed for comment and input from the HTO managers, training initiatives, HTO roles and responsibilities, HTO hunting rules, and the renegotiation of the Implementation Contract, which is where the NWMB

receives funding for the HTO's and regional Wildlife Organizations.

Wildlife Policy Advisory Committee (WPAC)

This newly formed committee held it's first meeting on January 22nd and 23rd. The WPAC is made up of the Chairman from each of the Regional Wildlife Organizations. A number of issues were reviewed with the committee along with a Terms of Reference. The committee will be meeting again in March to tackle issues identified as priorities such as Assignment of Hunting Rights, Relationships and reporting with outside organizations, HTO and RWO funding as per the Implementation Contract, as well as finalizing the Terms of Reference for the committee.

Did you Know?

Nunavut Social Development Council

Without limiting any rights of Inuit or any obligations of Government, outside of the agreement, Inuit have the right as set out in this Article to participate in the development of social and cultural policies, and in the design of social and cultural programs and services, including method of delivery, within the Nunavut Settlement Area.

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Correction

In our last NTI Newsletter November/December 2000 we mistakenly reported that there are 41 Articles in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. It should have read that there are 42 Articles. Also it was mentioned that Nunavut Wildlife Management Board falls under NTI. While NTI has representation on the Board, it does not fall under NTI.



Quote: Moon

As the Half Moon is slanted towards the right and it can be seen by the naked eye. In Inuit beliefs, it means that it will be good weather for some period of time.

Late Noah Pewgatok, Igloolik, NU

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