

## Ata ... uvva ... from the IRC Board!

Happy Spring! How quickly the days are getting warmer and longer, particularly with Daylight Saving Time. Jamborees are just around the corner! Hope you enjoy reading the *IRC Board Summary* which is mailed to beneficiaries following every IRC Board meeting.

Several ISR communities welcomed back the sun in January with celebrations. Inuvik held its annual *Sunrise Festival* January 6 to 8 while Tuktoyaktuk held its first ever *Sikiniq Nuimavia Katijvikput* January 11 to 15. Both events were well attended



### IRC Board Meetings

The members of the 2017 Board are as follows:

Duane Smith	Chair
Gerald Inglangasuk	Vice-Chair
Eddie Dillon	Secretary/Treasurer
Jack Akhiatak	Director
Vernon Amos	Director
Jordan McLeod	Director
Lawrence Ruben	Director

The following board meetings are schedule for the rest of the year. Additional meetings will be held by teleconference as required.

- ◆ April 19, 20 and 21, 2017
- ◆ August 22, 23 and 24, 2017
- ◆ November 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2017

### Around the ISR

◆ Board members of ITK's *Atausiq Inuktut Titiraisiq Task Group*, **Beverly Amos** and **Albert Elias** were in Wales to look at ways of preserving the language in December. A highlight was meeting **HRH Prince Charles** at his cottage in Llywynwermod, Wales.

and included snow carving, igloos, drum dancing, fireworks and more.

◆ The *IRC Native Hockey Tournament* celebrated its 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary February 16 to 19 with 16 teams. Congratulations to "A" Division winners LJ's Sabres (Fort McPherson), "B" Division winners AK Knights (Aklavik) and Oldtimers Division winners Old Dogs (Inuvik). Kudos to **Donny and Wilma Hendrick**, the main organizers.

◆ **Duane Smith**, IRC Chair and CEO, and the **Hon. Caroline Cochrane**, GNWT Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, signed a Memorandum of Agreement February 24 to partner towards the renewal of social housing in ISR communities. ■

*Left: As a member of ITK's Atausiq Titiraisiq Task Group, Beverly Amos meets HRH Prince Charles in Wales. (Photo courtesy of ITK.) Right: Duane Smith and GNWT Minister Caroline Cochrane signing a Memorandum of Agreement towards the renewal of social housing in ISR communities.*

# Board Summary



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## Summary of IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

At the IRC Board meeting of February 21, 22 and 23, **Duane Smith**, Chair and CEO, welcomed members: **Jordan McLeod** (Aklavik), **Gerald (Jerry) Inglangasuk** (Inuvik), **Lawrence Ruben** (Paulatuk), **Vernon Amos** (Sachs Harbour), **Eddie Dillon** (Tuk) and **Jack Akhiatak** (Ulukhaktok).

Here is a summary of the motions passed and an update of some of the on-going issues (those not covered elsewhere). Beneficiaries are urged to contact their Community Corporation or IRC for more information on each of the motions.

### **Motion 11/17: Audit Committee Appointment**

The Board appointed **Vernon Amos** as Chair of the Audit Committee; his term expires August 31, 2018.

### **Motion 12/17: IRC Audit Committee Charter**

The Board approved the Audit Committee Charter which outlines its mandate, authority, membership, governance, roles and responsibilities.

### **Motion 19/17: IRC Executive**

The Board confirmed **Gerald (Jerry) Inglangasuk** as Vice-Chair and **Eddie Dillon** as Secretary/Treasurer on the IRC Executive.

### **Motion 20/17: Designated Amount Fund (DAF)**

After consultations with their respective communities, the Board approved the use of DAF funds for community programs and education. An annual budget was established with the understanding that each community will receive a base allocation of \$10,000.

The *Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement* provided for any Designated Amount Funds (DAF) remaining after the distribution of *Common Experience Payments* and *Personal Education Credits* be transferred to the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund (NIBTF) on behalf of First Nations and to the Inuvialuit Education Foundation (IEF) on behalf of Inuit. Educational programming comprised the target for these funds.

### **Motion 21/17: ILA**

The Board agreed to waive the ILA permitting fees and granular royalties with respect to the construction of a 4-wheeler trail, approximately 2.5 kilometres in length and 2.5 metres wide, from the Inuvik-Tuk Highway to Husky Lakes, subject to Tuk CC adhering to ILA permitting processes and associated Permit Terms and Conditions.

### **Inuvialuit Investment Corporation (IIC)**

IIC Chair, **Floyd Roland**, reported that in 2016 the markets were impacted by 3 major forces - the U.S. Presidential election, Brexit and a continued oil price slump. Markets are cautiously advancing with rallies most notably in Industrial and Financials. However the Bond markets suffered. Overall Canadian and U.S. markets were up, primarily from Banks and the Insurance sector. International markets also grew on lower European interest rates.

Since December 31, 2015, the portfolio has increased in value by \$12 million net of fees and distributions. The total Inuvialuit portfolio value of investment was \$411 million at December 31, 2016. IIC continues to outpace the market with 5-year returns of 10.1% vs market returns of 9.6%.

### **Inuvialuit Petroleum Corporation (IPC)**

With the termination of the franchise agreement between IPC, ATCO and AltaGas with the Town of Inuvik, Inuvik Gas Ltd. (IGL) is still bound to continue delivery of gas until December 8, 2018. Formal negotiations are on-going between IGL and the Town on the ownership and operation of the Propane Air System and Distribution System.

Based on 2016 and 2017 draw rates, the Ikhil J-35 well reserve is now forecasted to be available until December 2017 on a P90 basis. An updated well reserve assessment will be completed in March. Once the well is exhausted, there will be a need for abandonment of the well, facilities and pipeline with a complete reclamation of the lands.

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### **Inuvialuit Corporate Group (ICG) Meetings**

Here is a list of the ICG board and committee meetings at a glance for 2017:

#### **IRC Board**

April 19, 20 and 21, 2017 (Inuvik)  
August 22, 23 and 24, 2017 (Inuvik)  
November 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2017 (Inuvik)

#### **IDC Board**

April 11, 2017 (Edmonton)  
August 16, 2017 (teleconference)  
November 8, 2017 (Edmonton)

#### **IIC Board**

April 12, 2017  
August 17, 2017  
November 2 and 3, 2017 (Toronto)

*The 2017 IRC Board - (left to right) Duane Smith, Eddie Dillon, Gerald Inglangasuk, Vernon Amos, Jack Akhiatak, Lawrence Ruben and Jordan McLeod.*



## Message from the IRC Chair - Aariga!

Hello Inuvialuit,

Most of you are now well aware of the housing funding IRC has received directly from the Federal Government. IDC/Nappaq have initiated the first phase of the project by ordering materials for construction in Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik. We are working with the GNWT to identify next season's construction schedule for the remaining communities. We have also made a request into the Federal Government to flow funding earlier so that the materials will arrive this season into the communities.



I have made training and employment a part of this even though it is not a requirement. IRC recognizes the need to support beneficiaries in enhancing their skill development and securing employment.

Another area we have placed added emphasis and support is education; from Kindergarten to Post-Secondary. Our Student and Family Support Workers have relocated to the schools to work closely with the students, parents, and teachers in improving attendance and providing support as needed.

**Attendance** is one of the most crucial areas for our children to succeed in school. Our historical statistics have shown a serious drop in attendance within the higher grades. Parents - we need your support for all children to attend and stay in school to be successful and self-reliant throughout life with the support of the Student and Family Support Workers. I am happy to say that attendance in all our schools have shown an improvement to date.

Recently, I signed 2 documents. The first was the *Inuit Nunangat Declaration* on Inuit-Crown Partnership. This is a commitment of all parties to improve the socio-economic and cultural equity of Inuit, as well as to take action on shared priorities. This includes a meeting each year with the Prime Minister and 3 meetings a year with Federal Ministers to ensure timely and effective implementation of such activities.

The other document was the *Public Safety Cooperation Protocol* between the Inuvialuit and RCMP. This is a commitment to work closely together for healthier vibrant communities and alleviate issues which may arise. I am pleased to also say that **Gerry Kisoun** has agreed to be the Inuvialuit representative on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. *Quyanaq Gerry!*

On the NorTerra front, our re-structuring stage is now complete. We begin on focusing to make Canadian North and Weldco-Beales Mfg. more efficient and productive. IRC is now moving forward as a healthier and more secure Inuvialuit Corporate Group.

We have 2 activities that beneficiaries will be participating in. The first is the *Inuvialuit Youth Symposium - Hakuringniq Katillugu: Gathering Strength* which will bring beneficiaries together to address capacity building, resiliency and interaction with our Elders. The other is what I call the ISR Olympics which brings in students from the communities to participate in the *Northern Games/Dene Games Summit* at East Three Iliharvik School as a part of healthy lifestyle choices and cultural interaction. Both will take place in March.

We encourage the communities and leaders to demonstrate their support for these activities for our youth and young adults.

*Quyanainni! Koana! Quyanaqpak! ■*

**Duane Ningaqsiq Smith**

Katimarut Atanuruq

Chair and Chief Executive Officer



*IRC Native Hockey Tournament. Left: Volunteers Cheryl Day and Peggy Day looking after door sales at the arena. Right: James Ruben Jr., Joe Ruben Jr. and Lawrence Ruben.*





## More IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

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### **Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program (IHAP)**

For 2017, the IHAP allocations (including 2016 carry forwards) by community are as follows:

Aklavik	\$32,285
Inuvik	\$68,218
Paulatuk	\$25,988
Sachs Harbour	\$32,028
Tuktoyaktuk	\$61,103
Ulukhaktok	\$28,440
Outside ISR	\$16,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$264,062</b>

Please contact the Community Corporation managers for more information on IHAP. For those beneficiaries living outside of the ISR, please contact **Shelly Hendrick** at IRC. Her email address is [shendrick@inuvaluit.com](mailto:shendrick@inuvaluit.com).

### **Public Safety Cooperation Protocol**

IRC and RCMP participated in a signing ceremony on January 30 to officially recognize and implement the *Public Safety Cooperation Protocol*. Its purpose is to establish a trusting and reciprocal relationship with the goal of either preventing situations and community crisis, or resolving disputes which do develop at the earliest possible opportunity. The Protocol took immediate effect for 3 years and was signed by **Duane Smith**, IRC Chair and CEO, and **Jamie Zettler**, Chief Superintendent Commanding Officer, "G" Division. After the first year, both IRC and RCMP will review the Protocol and identify any opportunities that could improve its effectiveness.

### **ITK/ICC Update**

Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** and Inuit leaders signed a declaration February 9 in Iqaluit to create the Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee. The *Inuit Nunangat Declaration* demonstrates the shared commitment to a renewed Inuit-Crown relationship between ITK and the Government of Canada, and underscores the common goal of creating prosperity for all Inuit, which benefits all Canadians.

The Committee will advance shared priorities between Inuit and Canada, including the implementation of Inuit land claims agreements, social development, and reconciliation between Inuit and Canada. The Committee will monitor and report back on progress on advancing these priorities moving forward.

The Committee will include the Prime Minister and select federal ministers, and the Inuit leadership - **Natan Obed** (ITK), **Duane Smith** (IRC), **Aluki Kotierk** (NTI), **Jobie Tukkiapik** (Makivik), and **Johannes Lampe** (Nunatsiavut Government). Members will also include the National Inuit Youth Council, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, and the Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada as observers.

### **Improved Housing in ISR Communities**

**Duane Smith**, IRC Chair and CEO, and the **Hon. Caroline Cochrane**, GNWT Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, signed a Memorandum of Agreement February 24 to partner towards the renewal of social housing in ISR communities.

Using investments provided under Federal Budget 2016, IRC will construct certain, affordable social housing units on lots owned by NWT HC and then turn them over upon completion. These will replace older and aging social housing units. This investment will improve the overall condition of the social housing stock, create more spaces to address homelessness, and help address the high housing needs in the North and Inuit communities.

Additionally, Nappaq, the Inuvialuit-owned company contracted to construct these units, is committed to using local trades and growing capacity within ISR communities. This work supports the objectives under the IFA's Section 16 economic measures provisions. ■

*Left: The Inuit Nunangat Declaration to create the Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee is signed by the Prime Minister and Inuit leaders at the ITK AGM in Iqaluit. (Photo by ITK.) Right: Duane Smith (IRC) and Jamie Zettler (RCMP) signed the Public Safety Cooperation Protocol to establish a trusting and reciprocal relationship. Next Page Left: The Inuvik Drummers and Dancers at the Sunrise Festival with Rick Mercer. Next Page Right: Kurt Wainman and Rick Mercer. (Photos by R. Mercer.)*



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Annie Goose	Director
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Eddie Okheena	Director ■



### *Members Comments: Concerns from the Community Corporations*

#### *Aklavik Community Corporation*

**Jordan McLeod** reported that Aklavik CC distributed Christmas hampers to Inuvialuit households. There were also 2 community caribou hunts with approximately 70 caribou distributed to elders or single parent families as well as those with no equipment to hunt. Everyone was happy!

In January, Aklavik CC met with Yukon Parks for an update on Herschel Island. With the anticipated arrival of cruise ships this summer, both are working closely to ensure the *Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers* will be involved. In February, the board met with ConocoPhillips' **Andrea Hansen** to discuss plans on removing the caisson at Herschel Island. Once again Parks Canada is working with Aklavik CC on Ivvavik National Park activities. As well, Hamlet held a public meeting on Fentanyl with a record 75 people in attendance.

As a wrap up to the *Brighter Futures Community Whale Hunt Project*, muktuk was distributed to 112 households. All programs are complete now except for the *Ikayuqti Worker*.

Aklavik Development Corporation reported that the Aklavik Inn is busy with bookings until the end of March.

#### *Inuvik Community Corporation*

**Gerald Inglangasuk** reported that in December Inuvik CC provided Christmas hamper vouchers to the membership and hosted a Christmas event for the Elders. There was also a Christmas Open House hosted by Inuvik CC and IHTC.

Current *Brighter Futures* programs offered are *Inuvialuktun Language Classes* on Mondays (Siglitun) and Wednesdays (Uummarmiutun); *Traditional Sewing Classes* are available Tuesdays and Thursdays. These are offered in the ICC building. Over at East Three School, the *Drum Dancing Classes* are available Tuesdays and Thursdays whereas *Arctic Sports* are held Wednesdays and Fridays. Both have 4 instructors.

Meanwhile Inuvik CC is seeking Request for Proposals for 2017/2018 for *Brighter Futures*. Proposal eligibility includes Mental Health and Wellness, Addictions and Solvent Abuse Training, Suicide Intervention, Cultural and Elder Supports, Capacity Building and Education.

Reindeer Station is busy with rentals for Wellness Programs, Tundra Tours and East Three School programs in March.

The Inuvik Elders Committee will consist of 5 elders over the age of 60 to act as an Advisory Committee for the Inuvik CC. The Notice of Nomination was posted; election is scheduled for March 15.

Inuvik CC welcomes **Alexandrea Inglangasuk** as the new Brighter Futures Coordinator/Community Development Facilitator.

#### *Paulatuk Community Corporation*

**Lawrence Ruben** reported that although Christmas hampers for the beneficiary households are expensive, people do look forward to them. It was a busy time with Elders feast and traditional feast.

In January, Paulatuk CC welcomed new board members to their

regular meeting. **Peter Green**, Secretary-Treasurer, is working with the Corporate Manager and Community Support Worker to develop a budget and keep track of spending. He also reviewed the *IRC Strategic Plan*.

IHAP is well underway with approval for 5 major and several minor items. All allocated funding was used.

ICRC funded programs which included Elders' Day and Storytelling are well attended. These allow community members to be involved with sewing, storytelling and just being together for 3 days of the week.

Given the state of local economy, both Paulatuk CC and Paulatuk Development Corporation have been asked to stay involved in spending for community events. They are relied upon for donations to stay active in all aspects of community life. For example, the teams from Paulatuk which participated in the recent *IRC Native Hockey Tournament* received financial and logistics assistance. The future will hopefully see an introduction of a Donation Policy to guide both organizations.

After completing a probation period, **Lauren Green Ruben** is the Acting Corporate Manager for Paulatuk CC until November.

#### *Sachs Harbour Community Corporation*

**Vernon Amos** reported that it was busy for Sachs Harbour CC in December. The Elders Payment and Christmas hampers with a turkey and ham were delivered to households. Everyone was very appreciative! At the recent IHAP meeting, 4 major and several minor items were approved. Sachs Harbour CC supplemented the increase in the IHAP policy funding allocation limits.

In February, Sachs Harbour CC held a very productive and positive meeting with GNWT(ITI) and Metis/Dene Development Fund on the purchase of the local Bed & Breakfast business by the end of March. As for the building purchased by Sachs Harbour CC last year, half currently houses the office while the other half is being renovated for tenants rental come April 1.

*The Paulatuk Storm team at the IRC Native Hockey Tournament. (Photo by Tusaayaksat.)*





### *Members Comments: Concerns from the Community Corporations*

While *Brighter Futures* programming faces some challenges, Sachs Harbour CC is confident that all funding will be expended and reported by fiscal year end. Hopefully more individuals will also take advantage of the Wellness Funds from IRC.

Due to increased membership interest, Sachs Harbour CC is eliminating the position of 1 youth and 1 elder observer on the board. They hope to resurrect the respective Youth and Elders boards to garner more community involvement.

#### ***Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation***

**Eddie Dillon** reported that Tuk CC had a quiet quarter with board members putting in volunteer hours to restructure the organization.

Tuk CC is working with the Hamlet and Gaea Consulting Ltd. on a community strategic plan. A *Tuktoyaktuk Readiness Planning and Positioning for Opportunities Workshop* will be held March 9. This is a working session to bring together the key decision makers for a constructive and informed discussion about Tuk's current context and circumstances, what needs to be done to prepare the community for potential impacts, what specifically needs to be done to take advantage of the potential opportunities post opening of the ITH, and the identification of critical priorities through the development of an action plan.

Tuk CC continues to offer programs to its membership. IHAP approved 10 major and 15 minor items. Brighter Futures is open for proposal submissions until March 14.

As for the Aimagunga Shelter, the Tuk CC board shall be its board for a trial period of a year. They hope to see it as an entity on its own. The Tuk CC Corporate Manager and Shelter Executive Director will work closely to plan and implement a Work Plan.

The Jason Jacobson Youth Centre now offers an *After School Program* with GNWT(ECE). Licensed for 20 youth, ages 4 to 14, it receives a daily allowance based on attendance. This will ensure that Operation and Maintenance costs will be covered. The Centre also continues to be the community's Bottle Depot.

The *National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy* programs has

been very successful. The Youth Coordinator has planned programs to include music lessons, yoga, sewing, cooking, fishing, GPS and geo-caching. Many youth have been interested in the programs.

The Tuk Development Corporation recently sold the Nalluk Base Camp to E. Gruben's Transport. Due to this sale, Christmas hampers were provided to 285 Inuvialuit households.

#### ***Ulukhaktok Community Corporation***

**Jack Akhiatak** reported that December was busy with Christmas activities. Ulukhaktok CC distributed food hampers and turkeys to 124 membership households. December 4 saw the first Christmas Banquet! At the annual Meat Pack bingo December 19, Ulukhaktok CC had an excellent turnout of 229 bingo players. All 6-up cards were free for anyone 16+ years. At the annual Christmas Games Night December 27, there was live music by a local band, jigging contest with cash prizes for all the categories, waltzing, etc.

The community of Ulukhaktok was recently recognized with an *Operator of the Year* award by the Northwest Territories Tourism for a great job in planning and welcoming the passengers from the *Crystal Serenity*.

In a recent partnership with IRC, **Annie Goose** and **Dana Illasiak** were hired as liaison workers. Also with IRC funding, the new Northern Games instructor for Arctic Sports is **Justin Memogana**. Meanwhile IHAP approved 7 major and 1 minor items. The community is looking forward to the Spring Youth MuskoX Hunt in March!

The following donations were made by Ulukhaktok CC: **Anglican Church** (community feast); **Kyran Alikamik** and **Kolten Inuktalik** (Helen Kalvak School Student); **Helen Kalvak School** (Cager Basketball tourney); Elders' Christmas gifts; and Funeral Assistance. ■

*Left: Sushi making in Sachs Harbour! (Photo by Doreen Carpenter.)*

*Right: The Tuktoyaktuk Siglit Drummers and Dancers performing at the Siginik Nuimavia Katijvikput to welcome back the sun. (Photo by Annie Steen.)*



## Community Development Division (CDD)

*Evelyn Storr, Executive Director, attended the IRC Board meeting to provide reports and address concerns on CDD.*

### **CDD Update**

**Evelyn Storr** reported that she continues to attend committee meetings via face to face and teleconferences: NICOH, GNWT Steering Committee and Beaufort Delta Education Council. She completed a review of the lease agreement for the Inuvik Aboriginal Head Start program. This coming April, staff will be able to operate the program independently in the Children's First Society building.

**Evelyn Storr** and **Peggy Day** are conducting community visits until the end of March to review the Community Wellness Plans. Although the turnout was not the best, there were some great feedback from those in attendance. This review is a requirement of the contribution agreement to give the community members an opportunity to review their priorities.

### **Resolution Health Support Program (RHSP)**

**Debbie Gordon-Ruben** and her team hosted workshops in Tuk and Ulukhaktok. The Cultural Support Workers are very busy in their communities as they build stronger relationships with clients. Staff are also working to ensure that Group IAP funds will be fully spent by March 31, 2017. Recently RHSP staff attended a Health Canada workshop in Whitehorse.

### **Early Childhood Programs**

**Alexandria Desroches**, Early Childhood Programs Manager, is responsible for the Child Development Centres and Aboriginal Head Start in the ISR. The Coordinators are as follows: **Karla Smith** (Aklavik), **Shauna Kayotuk** (Inuvik), **Kirsten MacDonald** (Ingamo Hall Healthy Babies), **Irene Ruben** (Paulatuk), **Jennifer Wolki** (Tuk), and **Mary Okheena** (Ulukhaktok).

The community staff are receiving training in food safety and first aid to ensure all have the required updated certifications. Recently **Alexandria Desroches** and **Jullian MacLean** were in the communities to review menus and provide support. Attendance is still an issue as staff continue to work with parents. As GNWT funding is tied to attendance in the programs, it is important to have support from the community leadership.

Meanwhile the Ulukhaktok Child Development Centre is waiting for final GNWT(ECE) inspection prior to re-opening.

### **Early (Childhood) Intervention Pilot Project**

**Maria Storr**, Coordinator, is in the second of a 3-year pilot project to improve the process and outcomes of early childhood education through intervention. In this second year (2016/2017), building on *Hanen Training*, the focus is on fostering peer (ie. between the children) interaction, looking at visual scheduling to help a child develop daily routines and starting fine motor development skills. To reinforce communication and interaction development, parents/family are encouraged to participate with activities at home and in the community.

### **Community Counselling**

Under Community Counselling, **Meghan Etter** is the Counselling Services Manager with **Jimmy Ruttan** as the Land and Support Services Coordinator and **Peggy Day** as the After-Care Coordinator.

In Ulukhaktok, the *ACCESS Open Minds* hired liaison staff to begin implementation of community work plan. Recently **Meghan Etter**, **Joanne Ogina** and **Dana Illasiak** attended a national conference on *ACCESS* in Montreal.

In this quarter, there were a lot of planning for *On the Land* camps and activities, some held in partnerships with other agencies. A few were held at Reindeer Station on *Forgiveness* for clients.

### **Regional Dietitian**

**Jullian MacLean**, Regional Dietitian, held food safety courses in Aklavik. He was also in the communities to review Early Childhood Programs menus and provide feedback.

Under Nutrition North Canada (NNC), a series of cooking circles are delivered in the communities by trained local staff. The

*Left: Staff at the Aklavik Child Development Centre completed "Learning Language and Loving It - The Hanen Program for Early Childhood Educators". (Photo courtesy of M. Storr.) Right: Community participants in the Regional Diabetes Workshop in Inuvik.*





## More Community Development Division

community staff are as follows: Aklavik - **Sherra Arey** and **Courtney Charlie**; Tuk - **Charmaine Teddy** and **Elizabeth Arey**; Paulatuk - **Celina Wolki**; Sachs Harbour - **Sharon Green**; and Ulukhaktok - **Joyce Banksland** and **Mollie Oliktoak**.

Community members attended a 3-day *Regional Diabetes Workshop* in Inuvik in February. Participants shared their personal experiences, learned about healthy eating, foot care, medications and exercise - all focused on diabetes. They also met various health professionals in the region. Some of the ISR participants included **Rennie Stewart**, **Cythnea Gordon**, **Debbie Raddi**, **Angela Ruben**, **Eileen Ruben**, **Helen Kitekudlak**, **Joseph Kitekudlak**, **Annie Inuktalik** and **Donald Inuktalik**.

### Regional Wellness Programs

As the Regional Wellness Coordinator, **Beverly Esau** continues to administer *Healthy Child and Youth Development* programming,

*Mental Health and Addictions* funding allocations to Community Corporations, *Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)* and *Community Wellness* (formerly known as *Brighter Futures*).

Community visits were made to Ulukhaktok, Aklavik and Paulatuk to meet with mothers to demonstrate traditional food usage/preparation and help organize peer support training. At the end of January, a workshop was held in Inuvik to encourage and support breast feeding. Facilitated by the Yellowknife organization *Moms, Boobs and Babies*, it was attended by participants from 5 ISR communities.

**Peggy Day** and **Beverly Esau** continue to work with expectant mothers who come to Inuvik to await birth. They meet every Tuesday at the Transcient Centre (Hospital). **Brian Rogers** also provides instructional support. ■

## Language and Culture

**Ethel-Jean Gruben** is the new Manager of the Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre (ICRC) with the transitioning of **Cathy Cockney** to the role of Project Officer within IRC.

ICRC sponsored language classes in the communities as well as Language Nest programming in the Early Childhood Development Centres. The development of the *Kangiryuarmit Inuinnaqtun Dictionary* by **Emily Kudlak**, Language Program Officer (Ulukhaktok), is almost finished with publication in sight.

Both **Barbara Memogana**, Regional Language Coordinator; **Beverly Amos**, Inuvialuit Language Officer, continue to provide on-going support to beneficiaries, language teachers, schools and Child Development Centres. On-going assistance is also provided to CBC *Tusaavik* host **Dodie Lennie**. Meanwhile the *Digital Library North Project* will soon be connected to the IRC website.

In December, as board members of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami's (ITK) Atausiq Inuktut Titirasiq Task Group, **Beverly Amos** and **Albert Elias** visited Wales to look at ways of preserving the language.

Members of the national Inuit advocacy organization had been invited by the Prince of Wales himself after hearing of their efforts to revitalize Inuktitut by creating a unified writing method for Inuit across Canada's Eastern Arctic. The traditional language of Wales - Welsh - is at risk of being lost. But efforts by the country to make it a mandatory language class up to grade 10 has improved the situation - something the Inuit hope to learn from. The Group also met with **HRH Prince Charles** at his cottage in Llywynwermod, Wales. Many thanks to The Prince's Charities Canada for organizing the trip.

This Spring, **Barbara Memogana** and **Brian Rogers** will travel to Ulukhaktok to begin working with the drum dance groups on their songs. ■

*Left: Debbie Gordon-Ruben in Ulukhaktok delivering RHSP's "Healing Through Song, Drum and Dance Programs" with Bree Memogana, Karen Kitekudlak and Justin Memogana. (Photo by K. Kitekudlak.)*  
*Right: Shelly Hendrick and Rita Green sewing fur hats in ICRC's traditional sewing and language workshop.*



### *Human and Education Resources*

*Lucy Kuptana and Kate Darling provided a report and addressed concerns at the IRC Board Meeting.*

Human and Education Resources is responsible for beneficiary education support, capacity building, corporate recruiting, training and development. The department is also available to assist Community Corporations and local subsidiaries. Check out the IRC HR Facebook page!

#### *Inuvialuit Education Foundation*

Beneficiaries interested in learning more of IEF's programs, please contact **Sandra Elanik**, Education Manager, at 867.777.7029 or toll-free at 1.855.777.7011 or email [sandra.elanik@inuvialuit.com](mailto:sandra.elanik@inuvialuit.com). Please note that she will now be working out of the Sunchild office within the Inuvik CC (ICC) building, directly across from the IRC office.

For the 2016/2017 academic year, the *Post-Secondary Financial Assistance Program (PSFAP)* provided 69 post-secondary students with monthly funding assistance; 32 in diploma programs and 37 in degree programs.

IEF provides annual funding of \$2,000 per school to support ISR tutoring programs each year. Currently there are programs in Paulatuk, Ulukhaktok and Inuvik (both elementary and high schools). Tuk and Aklavik are in the process of getting theirs in place. Although no response has been received from Sachs Harbour, IEF will continue to follow up.

#### *ASETS (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy)*

ASETS is extended for one more year, with a new 5 to 10 year agreement to be launched in April 2018. Staff participated in various engagement sessions to advocate for changes that would benefit the ISR in the next ASETS agreement. The option of block funding is being explored with INAC and ESDC.

The IRC E-Learning Centre will provide the opportunity for interested students to complete post-secondary e-learning programs (ie. certificate, diploma or degree programs). One Sunchild student graduated at the end of February 2017. A new

Sunchild student started at the beginning of February and will take a semester to achieve Grade 12. IRC is also piloting another approach at the E-Learning Centre. The objective is to alternate learning environment to see what might work better or differently to accommodate learners with different needs that cannot be addressed in traditional classrooms. There are currently 2 student participants.

Through the IRC Training Centre, the *Mining Essentials Workplace Readiness Program* was completed February 10 with 100% completion rate. This 10-week program is designed to increase the Northern Aboriginal workforce within the NWT's mining sector. Successful graduates now have the foundation and knowledge of the Mining Industry including safety standards and production processes as well as the confidence to move to employment directly or via more education. The graduates included **Alexander Francis** (Fort McPherson), **Colten Gruben** (Tuk), **Katy Smith** (Inuvik), **Nellie Elanik** (Inuvik), **Jerry Cockney-Gruben** (Inuvik) and **John Wallace Goose** (Ulukhaktok).

#### *ASETS Youth Initiatives*

IRC also funded youth initiatives through ASETS. Once again an Inuvialuit student will be sponsored by IRC to attend *Students on Ice - 2017 Arctic Expedition*. This award-winning organization takes high school and university students from around the world on an educational journey of a lifetime to explore the eastern Canadian Arctic and western Greenland between August 8 to 23, 2017. For more information, visit [www.studentsonice.com/expedition/arctic-expedition-2017/](http://www.studentsonice.com/expedition/arctic-expedition-2017/).

The *Northern Youth Abroad* program was championed by IRC through ASETS. As listed on [www.nya.ca/programs/canadian/](http://www.nya.ca/programs/canadian/), the 2017 Canadian participants include **Chloe Kanayok** (Ulukhaktok), **Destiney Beaulieu** (Inuvik), **Hayven Elanik** (Aklavik), **John Noksana** (Tuk). Alternates are **Jemra Gruben** (Tuk), **Kendra Kudlak** (Ulukhaktok), **Lesli Kisoun** (Inuvik), **Nicole Williamson** (Inuvik) and **Taylor MacLeod** (Aklavik). The 2017 International participants will include **Courtney Kikoak** (Tuk). Congratulations to all the participants!

### *Looking for Employment?*

Employment opportunities with the Inuvialuit Corporate Group and other organizations can be found at:

- ♦ IRC Human Resources Facebook Page. Search for *Inuvialuit Regional Corporation Human Resources* or go to <https://www.facebook.com/IRCHumanResources>.
- ♦ Inuvik Drum / NewsNorth.
- ♦ New North Network (Inuvik community channel).
- ♦ Government of Canada Job Bank – [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca).
- ♦ Inuvialuit Career Centre – located at 107 Mackenzie Road in Inuvik.
- ♦ Community Employment Officers and Student & Family Support Workers.
- ♦ Community organizations – Job postings are distributed to Community Corporations, Hamlets, government agencies, HTC's and other contacts within each community.
- ♦ All IRC/IDC staff are provided with notices of job postings for IRC/IDC positions and are encouraged to forward to their contacts.

For help with all job searches, applications, or career planning, contact the Inuvialuit Career Centre (Inuvik 777.7095 or toll-free 1.855.777.7011) or the local Employment Officer in your community.

## More Human and Education Resources

The *Inuvialuit Youth Symposium - Hakuringniq Katillugu: Gathering Strength* will take place in Inuvik March 13 to 16. Open to Inuvialuit youth ages 19 to 29, the objective is to draw on positive ways to deal with stress, conflict and negative experiences. It will explore how the blending of traditional knowledge and contemporary ideas can make Inuvialuit stronger and more resilient. Elders' knowledge and experience will guide the participants. There will be interactive workshops, guest speakers, and the building of connections across the ISR.

### Capacity Building Team

The Capacity Building Team focuses on developing support programs with anticipated full community involvement, building positive relationships, supporting and seeking student educational success, and bridging the gap between the educational system. The Student and Family Support Workers (SFSW) staff are **John Stuart Jr.** (Tuk), **Joyce Banksland** (Ulukhaktok), **Rhonda John** (Aklavik), **Ruby Ruben** (Paulatuk) and **Ruth Goose** (Inuvik).

In Paulatuk, although student attendance average was 66% for December, **Ruby Ruben** continues to work diligently with parents, students and other educational community resources. Concerns brought forward by parents included the adverse effects of late night recreation activities and shortage of wellness programs focused on residential school trauma.

In Inuvik, **Ruth Goose** was busy working directly with teachers and parents resulting in an 80% student attendance average except for December (74.8%). She has built a very positive and strong educational support and rapport with East Three Elementary/High School students, staff, parents and the community.

In Tuktoyaktuk, **John Stuart Jr.** runs weekly Arctic Sports sessions, delivers alcohol youth talks with students (ages 12 and 13), facilitates After School Study Group, hosts Resume Writing at the School and completes regular home visits to encourage students to return to school.

In Aklavik, **Rhonda John** focuses on several community initiatives including the Toddler Play Date Program (4 and under) at Moose Kerr School, Aklavik Walking Group, Family Night, Women's

Group, Spa Night, Feeding the Soul with Nutrition, Beaded Hearts, Cake Decorating, On the Land programs, etc. She is also mentoring 2 students who have been accepted in the *Northern Youth Abroad* program. Busy!

In Ulukhaktok, **Joyce Banksland** reported an overall attendance of 79.9% for September to December. She hosts regular community games nights, after school programs, attends the community coffee house as an available resource, and provides regular and on-going student-parent-school counselling and support.

Sachs Harbour currently does not have a SFSW staff in the community. However attendance is one of the best with an average of 84%. IRC is working closely with the community and has reached out to the school and recreation department. Meanwhile Sachs Harbour CC has expressed a need for a community-based ALBE Program. Due to the timing, IRC anticipates running the program in Fall 2017 unless logistics can be arranged sooner with participation guaranteed. ■

*Left: Successful graduates of the Mining Essentials Workplace Readiness Program with 100% completion rate. (Photo courtesy of IRC HR.) Top Right: As part of the Student and Family Support Workers program, Roberta Memogana leads a Print Making Workshop with students in Aklavik. Bottom Right: Budding print artist, Peter Elanik III, in Aklavik. (Photos by Jennifer Rafferty.)*





### ***Inuvialuit Development Corporation (IDC)***

**Patrick Gruben, Interim Chair, and Denny Rodgers, General Manager, met with the IRC Board to review the results of IDC's operations and address concerns.**

#### ***IDC Overview***

**Patrick Gruben** reported that as the construction of the Inuvik-Tuk Highway (ITH) winds down without any foreseeable activity in the oil and gas industry for 2017, IDC businesses closely tied to these sectors remain less active. However, there are some bright spots to focus on for the coming year.

The construction industry remains robust. Nappaq Design & Construction continues to successfully bid for projects in the region in 2017, ie. the new ENR building at Shell Lake, the 2 new builds for the NWT Housing Corporation in Inuvik and Tuk, and the extension of the Aklavik rink (as successful bidder).

The demand for environmental and survey work due to the Shell clean-up is an opportunity for IEG Environmental Consulting while the ITH survey project has also provided some opportunity for Inukshuk Geomatics. Residential and commercial occupancy remains strong at 98%; the Properties Division has only 2 vacancies.

#### ***Restructuring IDC Ownership of Subsidiaries***

Arrangements were concluded to transfer ownership of Canadian North and Weldco-Beales Manufacturing directly into IDC. This transfer leaves both companies free from any external debt.

This transaction enables IDC and its subsidiary organizations, Canadian North and Weldco-Beales Manufacturing, to move forward with a clear path to growth and continued profitability. Both IDC and IRC will ensure that the companies have access to the corporate resources necessary for them to continue to provide the highest quality of products and services and grow as leaders within the respective markets they serve.

#### ***IDC Chair***

IRC is seeking applications for Chair of IDC. Representing IDC, the Chair is the public face and its chief communicator to its shareholder (IRC), the beneficiaries, the business community, and within community, regional and national forums. As a leader in carrying out the IDC mandate, the Chair must understand the fundamentals of business and possess analytical skills and judgement that will allow him/her to be fully engage in the essential function of IDC, including day to day oversight of subsidiaries - Canadian North, Weldco-Beales Mfg., IDC Properties, Stanton and Aklak Air, and its governance. The Presidents of Canadian North and Weldco-Beales Mfg., and the General Manager of IDC, will report to this position.

The IDC Chair holds this full-time position appointment at the pleasure of the IRC Board for a term of 3 years. It is based at the Inuvialuit Corporate Centre in Inuvik. The deadline is March 31. For more information, please contact **Lucy Kuptana**, IRC at [lkuptana@inuvialuit.com](mailto:lkuptana@inuvialuit.com) or visit the IRC website [www.irc.inuvialuit.com/job/chairperson-inuvialuit-development-corporation](http://www.irc.inuvialuit.com/job/chairperson-inuvialuit-development-corporation).

#### ***Aklak Air***

Aklak continues to implement the changes required for the post Inuvik-Tuk Highway business plan. Dual qualified crews are in place to ensure scheduled service to the remainder of the ISR communities are not interrupted. Hangar renovations are being scheduled to allow the check-in counter to relocate from the airport terminal to the hangar in Inuvik.

The Aklak management is looking at pilot projects this summer. One could see a flight from Inuvik to Dawson and possibly Whitehorse, departing Friday evening and returning Sunday evening. Aklak is testing the demand for this service, particularly during the high tourist season.

#### ***Stanton Group***

Stanton had another successful year in 2016. Construction on the expansion to the store in Aklavik will begin March with a May 2017 completion date.

#### ***AOGS (Arctic Oil & Gas Services Inc.)***

Work on the ITH has concluded for AOGS. This coming summer AOGS will service the MDIOS 30 to 40 person camp at both Bar C and Camp Farewell. Each project is expected to run for 120 days. Meanwhile 2 letters have been submitted to ILA, one terminating the lease at Lucas Point, the other requesting a lease extension at Swimming Point with a reduced rate.

#### ***Nappaq Design & Construction***

Nappaq reported that pilings are installed for the ENR building and construction began mid-February. Once the NWT Housing Corporation contract for the Inuvik 6-plex and Tuk 4-plex is finalized and signed, the project team will meet to review design and set project schedule. Meanwhile initial meetings took place with IRC Human Resources and Aurora College regarding training opportunities for beneficiaries on these projects as well as the 2018 projects planned for the other ISR communities. Best efforts will be made to hire local work force and sub-trades where available in each community. Total projects scheduled for 2017 are in excess of \$10 million. ■

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*Canadian North Airlines is now directly owned by IDC.*



## Canadian North - Update

### Post-Codeshare Flight Schedule

Canadian North is pleased to announce its new flight schedule which will begin operation on May 17, 2017 and is now available for booking by visiting [canadiannorth.com](http://canadiannorth.com), calling 1.800.661.1505 or speaking with a travel agent.

This schedule includes the expansion of upgraded 737-300 service to Canadian North's Trans-Arctic route, a return to an earlier departure time for its daily Ottawa-Iqaluit flight and a resumption of Canadian North-operated flights to all communities in its network of 19 destinations.

With the addition of a second Boeing 737-300 Combi, Canadian North customers will be able to access this newer, larger and more comfortable aircraft type on even more routings, including the daily Mackenzie Valley and Iqaluit-Ottawa flights and across the Arctic twice per week on the Yellowknife-Rankin Inlet-Iqaluit route. All scheduled 737-300 flights will feature inflight entertainment.

"We have listened closely to our customers and designed a schedule that will offer expanded jet capacity and additional scheduled flights for our medical, duty, corporate and leisure travellers and will enable us to accommodate even more groups and cargo," said **Steve Hankirk**, Canadian North's President.

### Pivot Fares

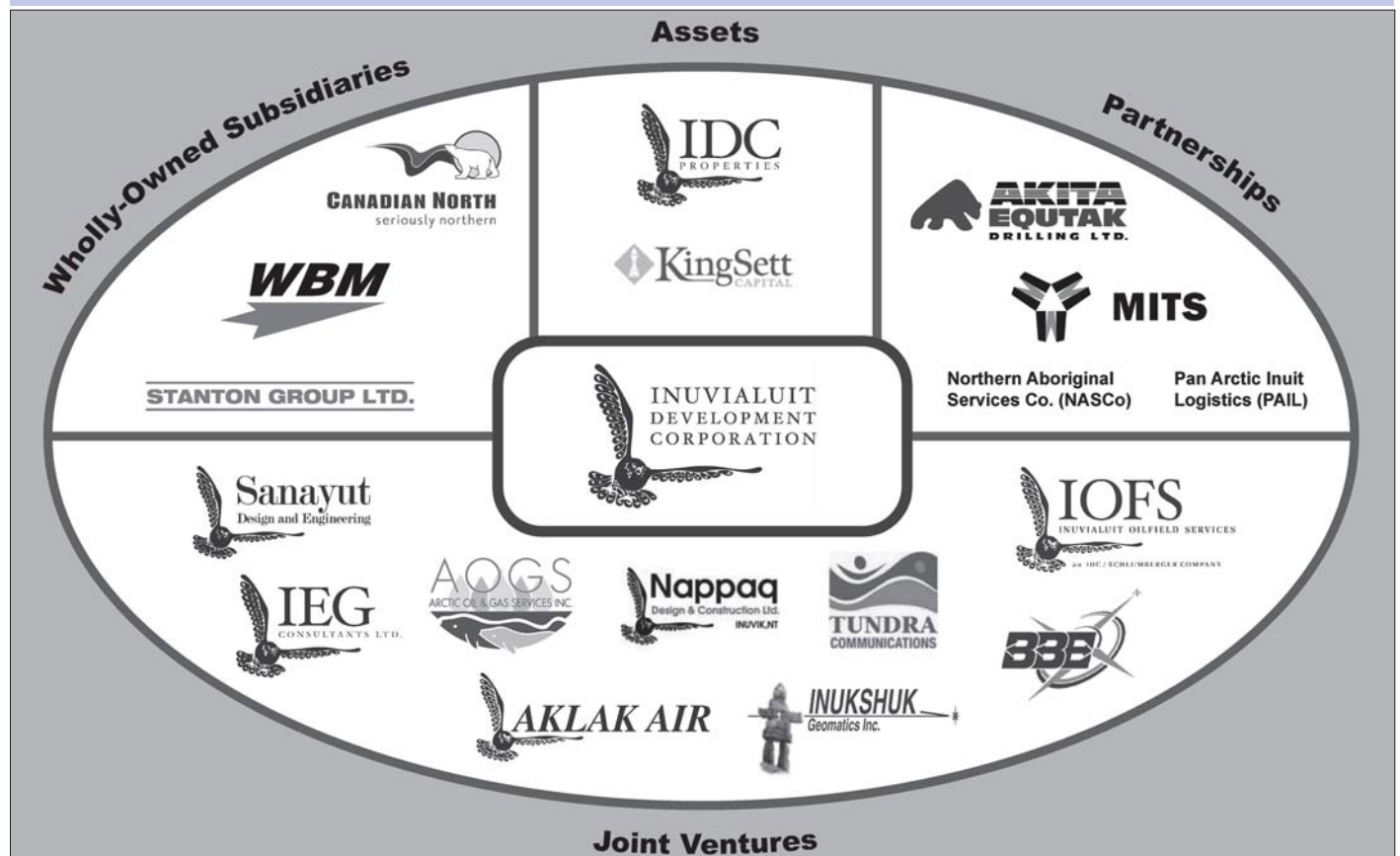
Canadian North continues to offer Pivot fares to beneficiary customers on all flights and routes. Pivot fares can be booked on the Canadian North website (using promo code PVT14) or by calling 1.800.661.1505. Pivot fares are available to Beneficiaries of the IFA and Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Spouses and common-law spouses/partners, children and parents of children are eligible to travel at Pivot rates. They are not required to travel with the Beneficiary. Please note that all Pivot Fare seats are confirmed and not standby seats. Pivot fares are non-refundable. For more information on Pivot Fares, please go to [www.canadiannorth.com/pivot](http://www.canadiannorth.com/pivot).

### New Flexibility Using Personal Electronic Devices

Transport Canada has granted approval to Canadian North to permit passengers travelling aboard its 737 aircraft to use portable electronic devices during additional flight phases, including taxiing out, take off, climb, approach and landing, provided that these devices are set to non-transmitting "flight" mode. Passengers are also now permitted to use cell phones while 737 aircraft taxi in after landing.

"Our passengers have told us how important it is to use their personal electronic devices both for work and for entertainment, so we're pleased to now provide them additional freedom to do so while onboard our 737 aircraft," said **Peter McCart**, Canadian North's Senior Vice-President, Scheduled Services. ■

## IDC Group of Companies



### *Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA)*

ILA staff includes **Mike Harlow**, Director of Lands; **Patrice Stuart**, Land Use Applications Coordinator; **Tina Lucas**, Office Manager; **Janet Elias**, Environmental Monitoring Coordinator; **Glenna Noksana**, Administrative Assistant; and **Mykola Sokurenko**, Environmental Management Coordinator.

#### *Representations*

ILA attended a *Federal Waste Sites Management Committee* meetings in Yellowknife November 30 to December 1. Staff were also able to meet with **William Apsimik** to interview him with respect to Inuvik-Tuk Highway place names. In mid-December ILA hosted elders' teas both in Inuvik and Tuk to gather place names information along the Inuvik-Tuk Highway corridor.

#### *Inuvialuit Land Use Applications*

ILA processed the following new and renewed Land Use Permits/Licences: **Natural Resources Canada** and **Geological Survey of Canada**, Land Use Licence for climate change monitoring; **Canadian Wildlife Services**, Land Use Permit "C" for snow goose population study; **Department of Transport**, Land Use Permit "A" for permafrost monitoring; **Nahanni Wilderness Adventures**, Land Use Permit "C" for guided canoe trips; **Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation**, Land Use Permit "C" for Husky Lakes ATV Trail; and **Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk**, Quarry Licence for gravel extraction.

#### *Inuvik-Tuk Highway Project*

Now that hauling of material from gravel source 312 to finish the final 6 kilometres of embankment construction is completed, work is focused on finalizing 2 bridges, crushing and laying of topping material, installing guard rails and signage. ILA staff carried out 1 inspection to date. Environment monitors were on site for the duration of work. Inukshuk Geomatics completed the legal surveys ahead of schedule. Meanwhile Canada and GNWT are making progress with respect to final land transfer.

The official opening of the Project will be a low key affair on November 15 with a bigger celebration opening in 2018.

#### *Bar C Clean-Up Update*

Imperial Oil began its remediation work at Bar C February 23. This winter work will include the removal of approximately 200 contaminated soil bags and removal of the dock. Completion date is estimated to be March 30 with the remainder of debris removal and work completed this summer.

#### *Husky Lakes Update*

ILA held a meeting with Tuk CC, Inuvik CC, Tuk HTC, Inuvik HTC, Joint Secretariat, GNWT (ITI and DOL) and other organizations to present survey findings December 20 and 21 at Ingamo Hall in Inuvik. Recommendations from this session will be evaluated and included in the development of a *Management Framework for Husky Lakes*. A follow-up meeting is being planned in Tuk where the draft will be presented. ILA intends to have a final Framework ready for IRC Board presentation and approval in August.

As and when required, ILA is assisting the community of Tuk in

their wishes to construct a 4-wheeler trail, approximately 2.5 kilometres in length and 2.5 metres wide, from the Inuvik-Tuk Highway to Husky Lakes. The estimated cost is \$200,000. The Hamlet has received GNWT(DOT) funding to help cover trail costs. At the February meeting, the IRC Board agreed to waive the ILA permitting fees and granular royalties, subject to Tuk CC adhering to ILA permitting processes and associated Permit Terms and Conditions.

#### *ISR Mineral Development*

IRC representatives - **Duane Smith**, **Mike Harlow** and **Brandon Johnston** - attended the *Mineral Exploration Roundup* in Vancouver January 23 to 25. The *Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada* convention in Toronto March 5 to 8 will also see IRC participation. In late March, ILA will undertake a community tour to inform Inuvialuit of the minerals industry general and ISR potential.

IRC is moving towards an *Inuvialuit Mineral Development Strategy* designed to encourage responsible investments in mineral exploration and development for the ISR. The Strategy must focus on the principles of the IFA.

#### *Inuvialuit Land Administration Commission (ILAC)*

The IRC Board was asked to review the current terms of reference for ILAC and to consider the new role of members for the next meeting. The members of ILAC are **Dean (Manny) Arey** (Aklavik); **Hank Rogers Sr.** (Inuvik); **Bobby Ruben** (Paulatuk); **Joe Kudlak** (Sachs Harbour); **Lennie Emaghok** (Tuk); and **David Kuptana** (Ulukhaktok). ■

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*This Page:* In December 2016, ILA held a meeting with Tuk CC, Inuvik CC, Tuk HTC, Inuvik HTC, Joint Secretariat, GNWT and other organizations to present survey findings regarding a *Management Framework for Husky Lakes*. *Next Page:* Gerry Kisoun and Colin Allen looking at traditional place names along the Inuvik-Tuk Highway Corridor for ILA.





## Inuvialuit CEDO

*Jiri Raska, Director, Research & Community Economic Development, met with the IRC Board to provide a report. The CEDO Project Coordinator is Jackie Challis.*

### ICEDO 2020 Plan

Based on key initiatives outlined in the *ICEDO 2020 Plan*, funding is confirmed from CanNor (under the CROP program), GNWT (ITI), Arctic Energy Alliance, Polar Knowledge Canada, Tides Canada, Aurora College (in partnership with ECE, ITI and GTC) and DFO for Seal Market access.

Under the *Essential Business Skills Initiative*, CEDO successfully delivered a *Cultural Host & Tourism Guide Training Workshop* in February in Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk with the following topics: Welcoming Visitors to Your Community, Introduction to Cultural Tourism, Crafting & Sharing Stories for Visitors, Public Speaking & Engaging Visitors, and Cross-Cultural Communications. The workshops were delivered in partnership with Parks Canada and Capilano University.

In the *Opportunity Readiness Research Initiative*, CEDO is awaiting a report from the contractor upon an on-site analysis of the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link. With respect to the *Cruise Ship Management Strategy*, Advisory Committees were set up and the draft strategy/contents developed. Meetings with the communities are planned for May.

Under the *Regional Readiness for Opportunities in Arctic Energy*, CEDO has partnered with Arctic Energy Alliance and Polar Knowledge Canada. The hands-on training workshop in Inuvik to install a net-metered, photovoltaic (solar) system will be mid-March. A 15kW net-metered, photovoltaic (solar) installation for the Inuvialuit Corporate Centre will be delayed till May. There will also be one for Paulatuk and Ulukhaktok. CEDO will circulate to the Community Corporations a proposal developed for regional energy security to access feasibility funding from CanNor.

### Reindeer Meat Initiative

The 2016/2017 reindeer meat distribution will rely on internal funds and CEDO sourced cash to acquire 13,000 lbs of reindeer meat for distribution to the communities.



### IRC Craft Store

The operation is maintaining its commitments to purchase locally produced, culturally-relevant goods, furs and skins for supply and other materials as and when possible. In 2016/2017, country food purchases valued at \$20,000 with \$30,000 in additional purchases for CDD programming were made. These included maktak, aqpiit, iqalukpik, piffi/pipsi, kimmingnat, umingmak and tuttuvak.

### Anti-Poverty Program

In 2016/2017, the *Anti-Poverty Program* funding cut back from \$80,000 to \$10,000. As a result, the focus in the ISR has shifted to support the development of long range inter-community country food exchange. For the 2017/2018 *Anti-Poverty Program* application, CEDO will aim at additional support to country food initiatives. ■

*CEDO's Cultural Host & Tourism Guide Training Workshops. Top Right: In Aklavik where each participant played an item in an ecosystem (loche, rock, river) and learned how all formed a web of interconnectedness and partnerships. Bottom Right: In Tuk participants played "story bag" to share stories and meanings of items they brought - Eileen Jacobson with a picture of her father in residential school, Dorothy Loreen with sewings, Maureen Pokiak with a traditional sewing kit, James Pokiak with a traditional whaling spear, and Betty Elias with ookpiks and fur mitts. (Photos by J. Challis.)*



## Research and Support Services

To provide a coordinated and collaborative approach to Inuvialuit driven research activities in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, IRC and Joint Secretariat (JS) now have an office dedicated to Research and Support Services. The staff are **Jenn Parrott** (Research Manager), **Cassandra Elliot** (Traditional & Local Knowledge Coordinator), **Chloe Brogan** (Community-Based Monitoring Program Coordinator) and **Shannon O'Hara** (Inuit Research Advisor). The Marine Protected Area Coordinator position is currently vacant.

### Traditional & Local Knowledge Coordination Project

To ensure all areas of cultural importance are documented, IRC and JS have partnered to initiate a traditional place names project. A summary list is being developed to include what projects and research has been done in the past related to traditional place names as well as the identification of culturally significant areas within the ISR. Contributors include IRC Records, ILA, Federal Departments, JS, ICRC, HTC's and CC's. Once complete, the next steps will be to collect data associated with these projects, conduct a comparative analysis and establish a single database/map which includes ISR place names. Results from this work will help guide future places names research associated with RSEA (Regional Strategic Environment Assessment).

### Traditional & Local Knowledge Coordination News

**Ray Ruben** (Paulatuk) was appointed as the new Chair of the *Traditional & Local Knowledge Working Group* through the Beaufort Sea Partnership.

### Community Based Monitoring Program Project

The *Inuvialuit Harvest Study* continues to be an invaluable tool to better understand harvesting patterns in the ISR; to assist resource, wildlife and cultural decision-making bodies; and to substantiate any potential compensation claims related to future harvest loss. In 2016, the Community Resource Technicians conducted over 3,000 interviews and recorded over 50,000 harvests in the ISR. An ISR community tour showcasing collected data is scheduled for late March 2017.

### Data Management Project

FJMC, IGC, JS and IRC have partnered to establish a database which

organizes and catalogues previously collected research data within the ISR. Once established, the database will include data related to the marine environment, traditional knowledge, mapping data and local observations originally provided by ISR residents. Led by IRC, this work is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2017.

### Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Government of Canada approved \$19 million for the conduct of a Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Beaufort Sea and the Eastern Arctic. The Beaufort Sea Strategic Environmental Assessment (BSSEA) was allocated \$9.5 million over the next 5 years.

A regional strategic approach to environmental assessment, seen as best practice for areas with multi-project resource development would facilitate more timely reviews. It would maintain the momentum, while addressing issues that are beyond a single project's impacts in the ISR. This will also allow decision makers at all levels to take economic, social and environmental considerations into account in order to make informed decisions in support of sustainable development. ■

*Healthy Living Fair in Ulukhaktok. Left: Lily Alanak teaching youth the quantity of sugar in the different types of drinks. Top Right: Eight year old Tobin Klengenber learning how to do CPR. WTG! Bottom Right: Jane Okheena talking about the health of lungs. (Photos by Laverna Klengenber.) (Photos by Laverna Klengenber.)*





*News Around the ISR and Beyond ...*



**Left Top:** Jennifer Meyook with her print making efforts as part of IRC's Student and Family Support Workers program in Aklavik. (Photo by J. Rafferty.) **Centre Top:** As a member of ITK's Atausiq Titirauisq Task Group, Albert Elias meets HRH Prince Charles in Wales. (Photo courtesy of ITK.) **Right Top:** Chef Kendall Elias making lava cakes in Tiny Tots with Candice Esau in Sachs Harbour. (Photo by Doreen Carpenter.) **Left Bottom:** Lillian Elias and Rick Mercer at the Inuvik Sunrise Festival. (Photo by R. Mercer.) **Centre Bottom:** Fans cheering on their teams at the IRC Native Hockey Tournament. (Photo by Tusaayaksat.) **Right Bottom:** Nicole Lindsay proudly wears the black seal skin mukluks she made in ICRC's traditional sewing and language workshop.

*Abbreviation Glossary ...*

**ACC:** Aklavik Community Corporation  
**AOGS:** Arctic Oil & Gas Services Inc.  
**CC/CCs:** Community Corporation(s)  
**CEDO:** Community Economic Development Organization  
**FJMC:** Fisheries Joint Management Committee  
**GNWT:** Government of Northwest Territories  
**ICC:** Inuvik Community Corporation  
**ICG:** Inuvialuit Corporate Group  
**ICRC:** Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre  
**ICS:** Inuvialuit Communications Society  
**IDC:** Inuvialuit Development Corporation  
**IEF:** Inuvialuit Education Foundation  
**IFA:** Inuvialuit Final Agreement  
**IGC:** Inuvialuit Game Council  
**IHAP:** Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program

**IIC:** Inuvialuit Investment Corporation  
**ILA:** Inuvialuit Land Administration  
**ILAC:** Inuvialuit Land Administration Commission  
**INAC:** Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada  
**IPC:** Inuvialuit Petroleum Corporation  
**IRC:** Inuvialuit Regional Corporation  
**ISDP:** Inuvialuit Social Development Program  
**ISR:** Inuvialuit Settlement Region  
**ITK:** Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami  
**JS:** Joint Secretariat  
**PCC:** Paulatuk Community Corporation  
**SHCC:** Sachs Harbour Community Corporation  
**TCC:** Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation  
**UCC:** Ulukhaktok Community Corporation



## *IRC Native Hockey Tournament*

The *IRC Native Hockey Tournament* celebrated its 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary February 16 to 19 with 16 teams from Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Inuvik, and Tuktoyaktuk. It was a great weekend of hockey and renewing family ties and friendships. Many fans filled the *Roy Sugloo Ipana Memorial Arena* to cheer on their favourite team.

In the “A” Division, LJ Sabres (Fort McPherson) won over K & D Outlaws (Aklavik) with Tuk Bulldogs in third place. In the “B” Division, the AK Knights (Aklavik) won over the Gwich’in Flames (Fort McPherson) with NDN Army (Tuk) in third place. In the “Oldtimers” Division, the Old Dogs (Inuvik) came up on top.

Individual winners in the “A” Division were MVP (Most Valuable Player) - **Kirk Sangris**, Top Scorer - **Sean Portias** and Top Goalie - **Jordan Nighttraveler**.

Individual winners in the “B” Division were MVP (Most Valuable Player) - **AJ Charlie**, Top Scorer - **Cody Greenland**, and Top Goalie - **Kenny Semmler**.

The organizers would like to thank the volunteers - **Donny Hendrick, Wilma Hendrick, Tori Hendrick, Ashlyn Hendrick, Lawrence and Rebecca Kaglik, Shawn Kaglik, Peggy Day, Lizz and Tyler Gordon, Martha Blake, and Blaise Ovayuak**.

A big thank you goes to the generous sponsors - **IRC**, for the ice

time and trophies; **Canadian North**, travel assistance for the officials; and **Stanton Distributing** for support.

See you in 2018 at the 30<sup>th</sup> *IRC Native Hockey Tournament!* ■

*IRC Native Hockey Tournament. Row 1: Duane Smith dropping the official puck between K & D Outlaws (Aklavik) and Malena Selects (Tuk) at the opening. Row 2, Left: NDN Army (Tuk) came third in the “B” Division. Row 2, Right: The Old Dogs (Inuvik), “Oldtimers” Division winners. Row 3, Left: The AK Knights, “B” Division winners. Row 3, Right: The LJ Sabres, “A” Division winners.*



**Aqqik Jam! Aqqik Jam! Aqqik Jam! Aqqik Jam! Aqqik Jam!**

**Note from the Editor**

*Qanuq itpit?* Spring should be here soon and hopefully some great weather during the Jamborees in the Mackenzie Delta: *Muskrat Jamboree* (Inuvik) April 7 to 10; *Mad Trapper Rendezvous* (Aklavik) April 14 to 17; and *Beluga Jamboree* (Tuk) April 21 to 24. Enjoy! Thank you for your photos, good wishes, comments and greetings. We encourage all beneficiaries, particularly those living outside the ISR, to use this column as well as the very active IRC Facebook page to pass on greetings and news, all year round. Just email **Peggy Jay** at [pjay@inuvialuit.com](mailto:pjay@inuvialuit.com) or **Taylor Giffin** at [tgiffin@inuvialuit.com](mailto:tgiffin@inuvialuit.com).

**Rick Mercer in Inuvik**

During Inuvik's *Sunrise Festival* in January, special guest CBC's **Rick Mercer** filmed for episodes of his show, *The Rick Mercer Report*. The **Inuvik Drummers and Dancers** outfitted him in a traditional parka and taught him to both drum and dance. In a special public performance with the group, he moved well and even made the calls associated with the *Seal Hunt* song! In a follow-up episode, with the assistance of **Kurt Wainman** (Northwind Industries), he helped maintain the Inuvik-Tuk Ice Road in fine fashion. He made donuts (or Arctic circles) with the plow truck! *Alii!*

**New IRC Website**

IRC has finally launched its new website! It was driven by the question of "where do people go for timely, reliable information about IRC or its subsidiaries". Check out [www.irc.inuvialuit.com](http://www.irc.inuvialuit.com). At the same time, IRC also expanded its social media outreach via the IRC Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram. Look for **#Inuvialuit**. The IRC website is a work in progress with continued monitoring, tweaking and content development. The next phase will include a beneficiary portal and staff/board portal. Let us know what you think!

Congratulations to **Mervin Jacobson**, winner of the *Predict the Score IRC Native Hockey Tournament* contest! He won a pair of weekend passes to the Tournament and 2 IRC hoodies! Stay tuned for upcoming contests!

**Team IRC at Inuvialuit/Gwich'in Bonspiel**

**Eleanor Jerome** (lead), **Tanya Gruben** (second), **Diane Archie** (third) and **Ashley Lennie** (skip) represented IRC at the *Inuvialuit/Gwich'in Bonspiel* in February. They finished first in the "D" Division. Way to go, Team IRC!



**Sheila Lumsden, MasterChef Canada**

**Sheila Lumsden** is the first aboriginal person to crack the Top 24 in CTV's *MasterChef Canada*, a reality cooking show that pits home chefs from across the country against each other, to determine who is the Master Chef. Her audition dish was wild arctic char ceviche with avocado salad garnished with daikon and chives. Sheila is an Inuvialuk living in Iqaluit. WTG! ■



**Write or call us!**

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### *Taima ... Taima ... IRC News Roundup*

#### *IRC/IDC Staff*

IRC welcomes the staffing in Research and Support Services. **Jenn Parrott** is the new Research Manager. In the last 2 years, she was the Spatial Project Coordinator. A big welcome goes to **Chloe Brogan** as the new Community Based Monitoring Program Coordinator who will focus on the Inuvialuit Harvest Study and Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment.

In this quarter, there are some changes within the Human & Education Resources department. **Leanna Steen** is the new Career Development Officer with previous experience in finance, wellness and administration. She is also working on her Bachelor of Business Administration. Departures include **Kellie Donohue** (Director, Human Resources), **Rebekka Lutes** (HR Advisor), **Lynn MacKinnon** (Training & Development Manager), and **Ethel-Jean Gruben** (Capacity Building Manager).

Over at ICRC, the Manager is now **Ethel-Jean Gruben** with **Cathy Cockney** transitioning into the new position of IRC Project Officer. Meanwhile the position of Language Officer (Uluhkaktok), **Emily Kudlak**, has ended with the completion of the Kangiryuarmiutun dictionary. This will be published once dedicated funding is established.

The Accounting Department is pleased to wish **Shezmin Rajan**, Accounting Manager, all the best on her maternity leave. Congratulations on a baby boy!

#### *Inuvialuit Business List*

This is an important reminder to all businesses on the *Inuvialuit Business List*. Please inform IRC of any changes to contact information - contact person, mailing address, business address, telephone, fax, email address or website.

#### *Are You a Registered Inuvialuit Beneficiary?*

If you are Inuvialuit and over 18, don't forget to register with IRC's Deputy Enrolment Registrar, **Emily Arey**. A mailing list is generated for all issues of *IRC Board Summary*, the mailing of *Elders Benefit Payment* and beneficiaries' annual *Distribution Payment*. Don't wait till the last minute!

If you have turned 18 and are living in the Inuvialuit communities, don't forget to enroll with your Community Corporation.

#### *Change of Address ... Keep in Touch!*

If you have moved recently or are living at another address, contact **Emily Arey**, IRC's Deputy Enrolment Registrar at 867.777.7000 or email [earay@inuvialuit.com](mailto:earay@inuvialuit.com). Please don't wait till the last minute to advise IRC of your change of address. Do it when you move! ■

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