

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

Spring is here in the ISR; and the ice roads are closed! People are sure enjoying ice fishing, geese hunting and just getting out on the land. Hope you enjoy reading the *IRC Board Summary* which is mailed to beneficiaries following every IRC Board meeting.

June 5<sup>th</sup> marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the IFA (Inuvialuit Final Agreement). IRC and Inuvik CC are hosting a BBQ Luncheon in front of the Inuvialuit Corporate Centre and ICC Building. Celebrations will also be happening in



# Board Summary

### IRC Board Meetings

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

- ◆ August 22, 23 and 24, 2017
- ◆ November 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2017

### Around the ISR

- ◆ IRC hosted the *Inuvialuit Youth Symposium - Hakuringniq Katillugu: Gathering Strength* with elders and youth in attendance from the ISR March 13 to 16 in Inuvik. Guest speaker, **Chief Clarence Louie**, focused on the importance of education and hard work.
- ◆ IRC and ITK held an *Inuit Engagement Session on the National Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare Framework* April 19 and 20 in Inuvik.
- ◆ Enrolled beneficiaries over the age of 18 picked up their IRC Distribution Payment cheques of \$400 May 1 from their Community Corporation offices. Those living outside the ISR received theirs in the mail.

the ISR communities. Please contact the Community Corporations!

- ◆ Don't forget to attend IRC's Annual Corporate Group tour of the communities. The IRC Chair and delegation will be making reports and addressing concerns from beneficiaries. For the exact date, contact Community Corporations or check on IRC's Facebook page.
- ◆ Community events in the ISR this summer include Kingalik Jamboree, Ulukhaktok (June 16 to 18); National Aboriginal Day (June 21), Billy Joss Open Golf Tournament (July 14 to 16), Great Northern Arts Festival (July 14 to 23), Shingle Point Summer Games (late July), Paulatuk's Ikhulukpik Jamboree (August 11 to 15), Oceans Day in Paulatuk (August 11) and Land of the Pingos Music Festival, Tuk (mid-August). ■

**Left:** Duane Smith presents Premier Bob McLeod with a bag of dry meat and Father Robert Le Meur's book, *Memories of the Arctic*. **Right:** Aurora College graduates in Business Administration Certificate with Lori Ovilok, Meagan S. Cockney and Vanessa Rogers.



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## Summary of IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

At the IRC Board meeting of April 19, 20 and 21, **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 20/17: ICG Audited Financial Statements**

Upon recommendation by the Audit Committee, the Board approved the 2016 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Inuvialuit Corporate Group.

### **Motion 21/17: IRC Enrollment Committee**

The Board accepted the Enrollment Committee Report as presented with respect to the approval of applications for enrollment in the Inuvialuit Trust.

### **Motion 22/17: IRC Distribution Payment**

In accordance with the IRC Distribution Policy, the Board approved a distribution payment of \$400 to each beneficiary enrolled in the Inuvialuit Trust.

### **Motion 24/17: ICEDO**

The Board provided support for the proposed feasibility study to develop a Beaufort Delta Regional Energy Security with funding from CanNor.

### **Motion 25/17: ILA Lease, Lucas Point**

Upon recommendation by ILAC and ILA, the Board agreed to waive the requirement of an exit environmental assessment upon termination of a commercial lease agreement currently held between ILA and AOGS. (AOGS had informed ILA of their intent to not renew the lease upon expiration on December 31, 2017.)

### **Motion 26/17: ILA Lease, Swimming Point**

Upon recommendation by ILAC and ILA, the Board agreed to an amendment to the Swimming Point commercial lease which will allow AOGS to exercise their option for 5-year extension upon

expiration on October 31, 2017 but at a reduced yearly fee in recognition of the pause in the petroleum exploration.

### **IRC Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is responsible for ensuring the integrity of the financial report and controls within the Inuvialuit Corporate Group. The members are **Vernon Amos**, **Fred Abbott** and **Keith Anderson**.

Although the 2016 Financial Statements for the Inuvialuit Corporate Group were complicated due to several events which occurred, upon their review and subsequent discussions with the auditors and representatives of management, the Committee recommended their acceptance by the Board.

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

IIC Chair, **Floyd Roland**, reported that **Beth Hamilton-Keen** and **Brian Gibson** provided an overview of good governance for Investment Committees. The session included a review of by-laws, board roles and responsibilities, management roles and responsibilities, and comparative structures.

In the first quarter the markets were volatile with the formal approval of Brexit, continued adjustments to the new U.S. president, and decreases in oil prices. The U.S. Federal Reserve continues to lift rates; and there may be another increase in 2017. This has caused some price fluctuations in the bond markets. Further, the prospect of tax and regulation reform continued to keep investors positive. In terms of indicators, investment managers are looking for things like interest rates, oil prices and house market collapse.

### **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. Franchise transfer negotiations are on-going between IGL

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*Cake cutting at the Muskrat Jamboree (Inuvik) with Queen Loretta Rogers and the young (91 years old) Emma Dick.*

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

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

#### **IRC Board**

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

#### **IDC Board**

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

#### **IIC Board**

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



## Message from the IRC Chair - Aariga!

Hello Inuvialuit,

I am pleased to say that we received the 2017/18 housing project funds from the Federal Government and have developed upcoming projects with the NWT Housing Corporation. Additional training programs took place to employ beneficiaries and others to work on these projects. Individual contractors or service providers who expressed interest were advised that they could be considered, but we must abide by the budget.



As you may be aware, IRC is seeking funds from the Federal Government to assess some of the oil and gas fields which will become easily accessible upon completion of the Inuvik-Tuk Highway. By evaluating these sites, there is the possibility of a field which could be economically feasible to develop and provide a secure energy source to surrounding communities, given the emerging technologies and the ability to develop micro plants.

In regards to Inuvialuit Land Administration Commission (ILAC), the IRC board members were asked to seek guidance from their Community Corporation directors and communities on its future role as well as activities to undertake moving forward.

I recently attended the *Circumpolar Inuit Economic Summit* hosted by ICC Alaska which resulted in a commitment by Inuit from Greenland, Alaska and Canada to develop a working committee to explore economic opportunities for Inuit to engage in as well as ensure that benefits would remain within the Inuit organizations.

IRC completed its financial restructuring; an agreement was reached with CIBC. I am pleased to report that in 2016, the Inuvialuit Corporate Group had a profit and was able to meet our commitment to pay an annual distribution to the beneficiaries.

IRC staff worked on their annual workplans to implement and

deliver the *Inuvialuit Strategic Plan* as well as other objectives within their respective agreements with the various governments.

Now that spring is here, it is understandable for individuals and families to take advantage of the weather and spring harvests. Although we fully support this part of our culture along with passing on knowledge to the next generations, it is also a crucial time for students to maintain their attendance at school and to be properly prepared for the upcoming exams. IRC strongly encourages parents to ensure their children attend school consistently and take advantage of the available tutor support program.

The IRC Board just concluded its meetings with the GNWT Premier and Cabinet with a focus on improving the implementation of the IFA amongst many other initiatives related to the ISR. We are also working on the development of an IFA 101 course that will initially focus on educating the next generation of Inuvialuit to develop the skillset for continued IFA implementation. Lastly, we are planning for Inuvialuit Day on June 5<sup>th</sup> to mark the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the signing of the IFA.

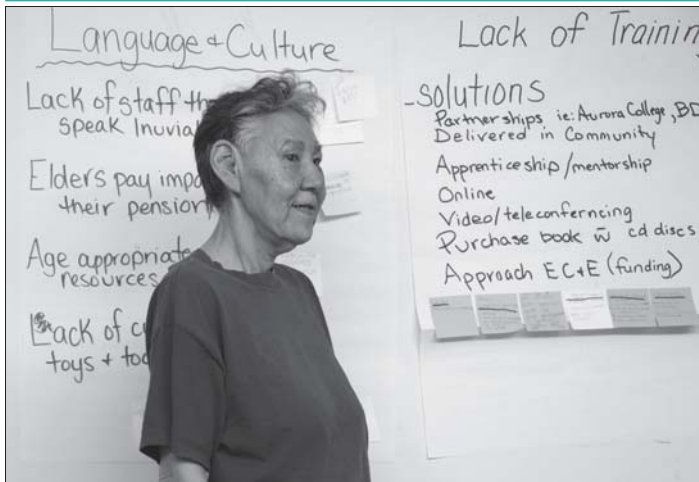
I would like to welcome the Mayors across the NWT who are currently holding their AGM in Inuvik and stressed that IRC is prepared to work with them on matters that are mutually beneficial.

For those going out on the land or *springing out*, travel safe!

*Quyanainni! Koana! Quyanaqpak!* ■

**Duane Ningaqsiq Smith**  
Katimarut Atanurūq  
Chair and Chief Executive Officer

*Left: Catherine Katigakyok (Tuk) at the Inuit Engagement Session on the National Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare Framework in Inuvik. Right: Sarah McCarthy receiving her Business Administration Certificate from Jane Archuk (President) and Mary Beckett (Board of Governors) at the 2017 Aurora College Spring Convocation in Inuvik.*





## More IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

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and the Town on the ownership and operation of the Propane Air System and Distribution System.

An updated well reserve assessment was completed in March. Based on 2016 and 2017 draw rates, the Ikhil J-35 well reserve is now forecasted to be available for another 3.8 years on a P90 basis. There were no signs of formation water in the sample collections.

### *Self-Government Update*

**Bob Simpson**, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, and **Diane Archie**, Self-Government Negotiator, reported that the self-government negotiations are nearing completion. However, there remains 3 important issues regarding voting: (1) Should non-resident Inuvialuit be able to vote to approve the Inuvialuit Self-Government Agreement? (2) Should non-resident Inuvialuit be able to participate in the vote to ratify the Inuvialuit Constitution? (3) Should the Inuvialuit Government be able to pass laws that restrict non-resident Inuvialuit from voting in elections for Inuvialuit Councillors?

The Team has conducted community consultations to provide face-to-face information and seek feedback in most of the ISR communities. Ulukhaktok is scheduled for a July presentation.

### *IFA Implementation Coordinating Committee (IFA ICC)*

Comprised of senior representatives from IRC, IGC, GNWT, Yukon Government and Canada, the IFA ICC is discussing several major activities to ensure effective implementation of the IFA. IRC has requested that there be another Section 16 (IFA) Review since it has been over 14 years since the last one. INAC has agreed to develop an Implementation Parties Funding Plan to develop a Treasury Board Submission. Canada has prepared a detailed report on *Canada's Contracting Process and IFA Contracting Obligations*; this is under review.

With respect to Inuvialuit Identification Cards, IRC is reviewing an Information Sharing Agreement that will help Health Canada to identify beneficiaries that are not registered and cannot receive

Non-Insured Health Benefits (ie. "N" number). A consideration is for the "N" number to be included on an identification card.

IRC has received funding to develop an orientation course, IFA 101, for federal and territorial government officials involved in IFA implementation, IRC and Joint Secretariat staff and board members, and beneficiaries. The workplan includes a virtual library of IFA resources, a framework for online course(s) and an annotated version of the IFA.

### *ITK/ICC Update*

At the conclusion of the *Circumpolar Inuit Economic Summit* hosted by ICC in Anchorage at the end of March, the delegates agreed to pursue closer cooperation and share experiences among Inuit businesses across the circumpolar region.

Recognizing that Inuit businesses have been actively developing Arctic economies with positive results, a task force comprising of 2 members from each country will be established to take steps towards the creation of an International Inuit Business Council. In attendance were **Duane Smith** and **Patrick Gruben** representing the Inuvialuit.

ICC announced that the 2018 General Assembly will be hosted by the North Slope Borough July 16 to 19, 2018 in Utqiagvik, Alaska. ICC assemblies, held every 4 years, bring together delegates from Greenland, Canada, Alaska and Chukotka (Russia) to share experiences and discuss circumpolar strategies. In 2014, Inuvik hosted the ICC-GA. ■

*Left: IRC met with GNWT's Premier Bob McLeod and Cabinet on May 10 in Inuvik to discuss matters of common interest - (front) Dennis Arey, Eddie Dillon, Premier Bob McLeod, Duane Smith, Gerald Inlangasuk, Jack Akhiatak, (back) Ministers Alfred Moses, Louis Sebert, Glen Abernethy, Wally Schumann, Robert C. McLeod and Caroline Cochrane. Right: Bob Simpson and Diane Archie participating in self-government community consultations in Tuk.*



## *Distribution Payments for Beneficiaries*

In accordance with the IRC Distribution Policy, the Board announced a distribution payment of \$400 to all enrolled Inuvialuit beneficiaries over the age of 18 in May 2017. A total of \$1,814,400 was paid to 4,536 beneficiaries enrolled in the Inuvialuit Trust. IRC subsidiaries - IDC, IIC, ILC and IPC - contributed to the distribution.

### *Background*

In 1997, the IRC Board of Director adopted a Distribution Policy that took into account the following 2 guiding principles as outlined in the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA):

“The Inuvialuit enrolled in the Inuvialuit Land Rights Settlement shall share equally in the benefits received by the various Inuvialuit corporations and distributed through the Inuvialuit Trust;” [section 6(4)(a)] and

“Restrictions shall be placed by the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation from time to time on any financial distributions from the Inuvialuit corporations to encourage the preservation of the financial compensation for the benefit of future generations of Inuvialuit.” [section 6(4)(d)]

In 2012, the IRC Board approved a new Distribution Policy to reflect the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for its accounting procedures. This change required unrealized gains or losses in the investment portfolio to be included in computing the income of the Inuvialuit Corporate Group.

The 2017 distribution payments are based upon 15% of the Average Comprehensive Income for the preceding ten-year period as determined from IRC’s audited consolidated financial statements.

### *IRC Distribution Policy*

The IRC Distribution Policy ensures that there is sufficient reinvestment of profits to guarantee the preservation and growth of the land claim capital for future generations of Inuvialuit. The establishment of the Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program; the core funding of the Inuvialuit Education Foundation, Inuvialuit Charitable Foundation and Community Corporations were all made possible through such reinvestments.

### *Distribution Policy History*

Since inception of the IRC Distribution Policy in 1997, enrolled beneficiaries have received the following payments:

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount	Total
1997	2,759	\$297.38	\$820,470
1998	2,886	\$462.71	\$1,335,376
1999	2,972	\$401.51	\$1,196,100
2000	3,073	\$184.98	\$ 568,455
2001	3,173	\$850.49	\$2,698,604
2002	3,280	\$400.00	\$1,312,000
2003	3,352	\$400.00	\$1,360,000
2004	3,426	\$685.01	\$2,346,840
2005	3,530	\$774.15	\$2,732,760
2006	3,650	\$477.99	\$1,744,651
2007	3,726	\$770.12	\$2,869,470
2008	3,816	\$1,001.09	\$3,820,159
2009	3,912	\$400.00	\$1,564,800
2010	3,989	\$400.00	\$1,595,600
2011	4,071	\$400.00	\$1,628,400
2012	4,175	\$483.68	\$2,018,865
2013	4,256	\$563.20	\$2,396,990
2014	4,360	\$551.57	\$2,404,855
2015	4,419	\$576.40	\$2,547,112
2016	4,497	\$538.60	\$2,422,666
2017	4,536	\$400.00	\$1,814,400 ■



*Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment (RSEA)/Community Based Monitoring Program (CBMP) Tour in the ISR. Left: In Paulatuk with Andy Thrasher and Ray Ruben. Right: In Ulukhaktok with Annie Goose.*



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

#### *Aklavik Community Corporation*

**Jordan McLeod** reported that Aklavik CC distributed reindeer meat to the Inuvialuit households as well as the Aklavik Child Development Centre and Mad Trapper Rendezvous. Everyone was pleased!

In March, the Aklavik CC and HTC met with Parks Canada to conduct the hiring of camp cooks and cultural hosts for Ivvavik National Park in 2-week shifts for the summer. **Dean Arey** participated in the SDC (near Herschel Island) inspection and reported that all is well. The Language Classes has wrapped up for the year; Aklavik CC is seeking more funding to continue this popular activity. *Brighter Futures* applications were reviewed with 7 to 10 projects approved.

The community welcomed a flurry of community tours and consultations from IRC: Inuvialuit Self-Government, Inuvialuit Mineral Development Policy (ILA), and RSEA (Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment)/CBMP (Community Based Monitoring Program) Tour.

Aklavik Development Corporation reported that the Aklavik Inn now has a name sign mounted with lights and everything! Results will be forthcoming on the benefits of the Inn's solar panels.

Congratulations to volunteers **Dean McLeod** and **Danny C. Gordon** for making Aklavik a better and healthier community! It was a great evening of community feast, northern games and drum dancing March 30. Thanks go to **Peggy Day** and **Underwood Day!**

#### *Inuvik Community Corporation*

**Gerald Inglangasuk** reported that the AGM is set for May 27 in the ICC Community Meeting Room. All beneficiaries are encouraged to attend. Inuvik CC reviewed applications for the 2017/2018 *Brighter Futures* with support given to youth and elders activities. The Community Wellness Plan was delivered to the Inuvik membership; priorities were reviewed with **Evelyn Storr**, **Peggy Day** and **Alexandrea Inglangasuk**. The 2017 Reindeer Meat Distribution focused on elders and single parents as a priority. Deliveries were very well received and appreciated.

At the Inuvik Elders Committee (IEC) election in March, the following were elected for a term ending December 2018: **William Day**, **Albert Elias**, **Shirley Elias**, **Bertha Joe** and **Rachel Kasook**. The IEC will act as an Advisory Committee for the Inuvik CC.

The Reindeer Station Camp Maintainers, **John and Sally Day**, ensured that the wood, supplies and small equipment were on hand for the busy rentals in March.

Inuvik CC held cultural activities with Inuvialuit Elders March 20 to 30. These included translating songs into Inuvialuktun, genealogy, working with and cooking traditional foods, making small crafts and pins, singing and dancing. The group has decided to continue meeting on Wednesday evenings.

Inuvik CC hosted a luncheon during the Muskrat Jamboree where the family of the late **Sandra Ipana** donated her *Minister's Choice Award Cultural and Heritage Circle, Pride in the North* plaque.

#### *Paulatuk Community Corporation*

**Lawrence Ruben** reported that it was a quiet quarter with Paulatuk CC reviewing policies and budgets for both Paulatuk CC and Paulatuk Development Corporation. The draft Donations Policy will only require one more review. The AGM is slated for early July. IHAP has gone smoothly with all major items being purchased. However orders requiring credit card or full payment are still an issue.

With the advent of warmer weather, the proposals for Community Wellness funding will soon be submitted for on the land programs. As in past years, Angik School submitted one for their Breakfast Program.

PVCC will be doing renovations to include the Northern manager's unit as well as a showcase for Parks Canada's lobby.

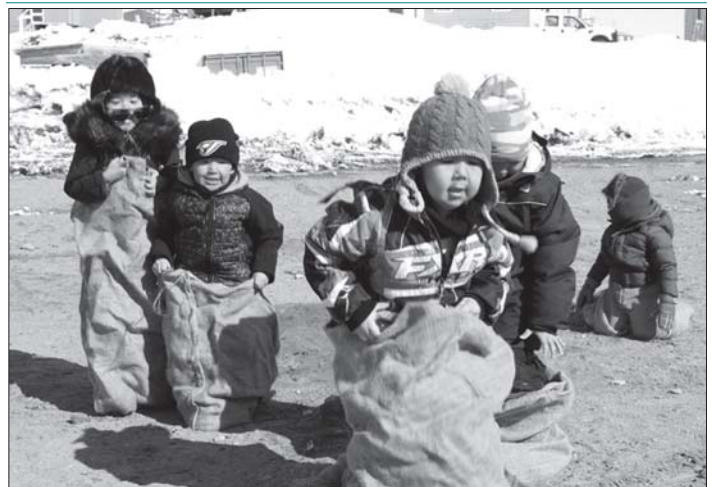
#### *Sachs Harbour Community Corporation*

**Vernon Amos** reported that although 24 boxes of reindeer meat arrived in the community, many households declined due to the abundance of local caribou. However, there were complaints on the quality of the reindeer meat being 90% bones in the boxes.

**Mariah Lucas** is the new Sachs Harbour CC Manager Trainee. A proposal was also submitted to GNWT(ECE) to hire a new Community Justice Coordinator/Bookkeeper. The financial books will be turned over to Crowe MacKay (Yellowknife) at the end of May with a training component built into the contract. The auditors will be Avery Cooper (Yellowknife).

In March **David Patrick** from the Metis/Dene Development Fund visited the community to further discussions on the purchase of the local Bed & Breakfast business. A business plan is being developed. Construction of the Angus Lake cabin will begin shortly; \$17,000 of lumber was purchased in anticipation. As for the building purchased by Sachs Harbour CC last year, half currently houses the office while the other half is now renovated and seeking tenants rental.

*Youth participating in the gunny sack race at the White Fox Jamboree in Sachs Harbour. (Photo by D. Carpenter.)*





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

Due to increased membership interest, Sachs Harbour CC is hoping to resurrect the respective Youth and Elders boards to garner more community involvement. It is nice to see the interest!

The White Fox Jamboree is scheduled for the weekend of May 5 to 7; the Committee is busy fundraising and finalizing the agenda.

#### *Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation*

**Eddie Dillon** reported that Tuk CC, in partnership with the Hamlet, held a *Strategic Direction and Action Plan Workshop* in March. The goal was to address key issues before the opening of the Inuvik-Tuk Highway. In attendance were GNWT, Aurora College, Inuvialuit CEDO, RCMP, Parks Canada along with Tuk CC, HTC and Hamlet of Tuk. It was a very good workshop!

Tuk CC is raising the concern that local employment and businesses are not given the opportunity in contract work being completed in the community. Another concern involved the barge grounded on the coast near Tuk. The community is seeking compensation for its affect on the harvesting season. Thanks to IRC, boxes of reindeer meat were made available for distribution to the Inuvialuit households. Although the quantity was shorted, this was quickly addressed.

The Aimayunga Shelter has entered into an agreement with the NWT Housing Corporation for infrastructure upgrades on a new Shelter to better accommodate clients. GNWT also approved a contribution from the Anti-Poverty initiative; the Shelter will now administer a Healthy Foods drive for low income families. The Jason Jacobson Youth Centre closed the *National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy* contribution agreement with IRC. The youth had a lot of programs (cooking, sewing, music lessons) generating positive feedback from the community. The Centre also continues to be the community's Bottle Depot and administers the After School Program (GNWT-ECE).

Tuk Development Corporation is exploring investment opportunities with the sale of the Nalluk Base Camp to E. Gruben's Transport. With the resignation of **Tyrone Raddi** as Director, Tuk CC will decide on how best to fill the vacant seat. Meanwhile, **Jocelyn Noksana**, Corporate Manager, was part of the planning of the *Ice Road Closing* celebrations. It was great!

#### *Ulukhaktok Community Corporation*

**Jack Akhiatak** reported that Ulukhaktok CC partnered with the Hamlet Recreation Department to distribute a total of 21 whole musk-ox to community households. Also distributed were boxes of reindeer meat from IRC.

Ulukhaktok CC, Hamlet, and BDHSSA held a joint meeting to discuss health services, language services at the local health centre, eye/dentist visits, etc. A recommendation was made to have separate clerk and translator at the local health centre.

In local community news, 10 Search & Rescue community members attended Coast Guard Auxiliary meetings in Yellowknife in March. A community Search & Rescue was conducted April 10 for a hunter who was then medevaced to Yellowknife. Local hunters were successful in harvesting 7 polar bears so far. Sincere condolences go to the families of the late elder **Annie Joss**.

**David Kuptana**, ILAC representative, reported that Kuugyuak cabin is in no shape for use. There were 15 unknown barrels found on the west side of Shailer Mountains. Community members are concerned with the calving of wildlife and hunting areas due to unknown helicopters flying around the area.

**Jack Akhiatak** attended Transport Canada's *Engagement Session on Improving Marine Safety* with respect to cruise ships in Inuvik. On behalf of the Ulukhaktok Development Corporation, **Marge Akoaksion**, attended GNWT(ITI) Tourism Development Workshop in Inuvik. Meanwhile, **Joyce Banksland** (SFSW), **Dana Illasiak**, **Jimmy Ruttan** and **Jack Akhiatak** are working closely on resilience and counselling activities for youth.

It is time to enjoy the outdoors - fishing, hunting, sun tanning. Best of luck in spring hunting and fishing! ■

*Left: Dean McLeod and Danny C. Gordon (not seen here) are recognized. (Photo by P. Day.) Centre: Daughter and father, Jessi and Eugene Pascal, winning their snowshoe races at the Mad Trapper Rendezvous in Aklavik. (Photo by J. Pascal.) Right: Ulukhaktok's Nigel Koplomik is recognized and congratulated by well-wishers for the 2017 NWT Outstanding Volunteer Awards in the Youth category. (Photo by L.Klengenber.)*



## Community Development Division (CDD)

*Evelyn Storr, Director, Community Development, 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: Inuit Health Survey Committee and Health Canada RE NIHB Navigator Position. In March she co-chaired the *Pan Territorial On the Land Summit* in Yellowknife. During this quarter, she and **Peggy Day** completed all community visits to review the Community Wellness Plans.

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

**Debbie Gordon-Ruben** and her team are planning workshops for the communities at their request to deal with specific issues. Upcoming is a *Widow's Retreat* May 23 to 26 in Inuvik. The Cultural Support Workers continue to work closely with clients in the communities. Recently RHSP staff attended the *Pan Territorial On the Land Summit*.

### **Early Childhood Programs**

**Alexandria Desroches**, Early Childhood Programs Manager, is responsible for the Child Development Centres and Aboriginal Head Start program in the ISR. All staff are First Aid and CPR certified; half are food safety certified. Attendance is still an issue as staff continues to work with parents. As GNWT funding is tied to attendance in the programs, it is important to have support from the community leadership. The Ulukhaktok Child Development Centre is open again.

Starting April 24, the Inuvik Aboriginal Head Start program will operate from the school age classroom inside the Children First Centre. Even though the location has changed, all programming will remain the same, including hours of operation.

The Government of Canada has committed to “launch consultations with provinces and territories and *Indigenous Peoples on a National Early Learning and Childcare (NELCC) Framework* as a first step towards delivering affordable, high quality, flexible and fully inclusive child care”. After attending an *Inuit Early Childhood Development Working Group* meeting in Ottawa, IRC and ITK held an *Inuit Engagement Session on the National Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework* April 19 and 20 in Inuvik. The goals for this session included: (1) create an opportunity for early childhood educators, managers and program providers to come together and collaborate; (2) create the opportunity for stakeholders to provide input into a *National Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare Framework*; and (3) identify priorities for action to advance Early Learning and Childcare in the region.

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

**Maria Storr**, ECI Coordinator, is in the second of a 3-year pilot project to improve the process and outcomes of early childhood education through intervention. Building on *Hanen Training*, sessions were held in Aklavik, Paulatuk, Tuk, Inuvik and Ulukhaktok. For example, in Tuk, instructions were given by both the Occupational Therapist and the Speech & Language

Pathologist on the 4 stages of play (Sensorimotor, Cause & Effect, Pretend Play and Complex Play). This was well received by the staff reaffirming what they are doing to be acceptable. However, to reinforce communication and interaction development, parents/family are encouraged to participate with activities at home and in the community.

As a member of the *Inuit Early Childhood Development Working Group (IECDWG)*, Maria attended the bi-annual *7<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health* March 28 to April 3 in Denver, Colorado. This was the first time all 4 Inuit groups were represented at this important event. Sessions included *Social Determinants of Health, Health Care Systems and Indigenous Communities, Home Visiting, Suicide Prevention* (by ITK's **Natan Obed**), *Health Equality*, etc. The IECDWG presented sessions on *Investing in the Future: Inuit Early Childhood Development in Nunangat, Healthy Inuit Communities - What Works, Developing an Inuit Approach to Developmental Screening & Assessment*, and *Katiqsugat: Inuit Early Learning Resources*. All were well received with participants asking many questions.

### **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.

Meghan presented on *Project Jewel* at the *Pan Territorial On the Land Summit*. Accompanying her were 2 past participants, **Denise and Daniel Cockney** (Tuk) who shared their story highlighting the importance of on the land programming in wellness. *Project Jewel* assists participants to begin or continue their healing journey in a culturally sensitive and relevant environment. Three upcoming programs will be offered; Ulukhaktok, *More to Life - Wellness Retreat* for youth 14 to 19 (April 25 to 27), Aklavik, *More to Life - Wellness Retreat* for girls 12 to 16 (April 28), Ulukhaktok, *Building Resilient Youth* (May 24 to 27), and Paulatuk, *The “F” Word: Exploring Forgiveness* for adults 18 and over.

*Jimmy Ruttan and Meghan Etter at the IRC booth at Inuvik's Healthy Living Fair.*





## More Community Development Division

Other *On the Land* camps and activities included *Forgiveness* workshops for past participants in March. Jimmy worked with Inuvik's Homeless Shelter and Emergency Warming Shelter to take residents on day trips on the land. Support was provided for youth workshops in Aklavik and Tuk with G.O.I.N.G Miles crew and Inuvialuit Hoop Dancer/Motivational Speaker **Marika Cockney**.

Peggy and a Red Cross representative travelled to Ulukhaktok to revisit and update a plan to create a safer community. Good work! They then travelled to Tuk to begin the first phase of taking inventory of community services and determining how everyone could work together to create a safer community. They will return in September to continue with the second phase.

In partnership with GNWT(MACA) and Northern Games Society, **Peggy and Underwood Day** presented new Northern Games equipment and at the same time recognized community volunteers. Congratulations to **Dean McLeod** and **Danny C. Gordon** for making Aklavik a better and healthier community! It was a great evening of community feast, Northern Games and drum dancing March 30. The next presentation will be made in Sachs Harbour in June.

### Regional Dietitian

**Jullian MacLean**, Regional Dietitian, held food safety courses in Tuk and Paulatuk. He was also in the communities to review Early Childhood Programs menus and provide feedback. Meanwhile the Northern Games sessions and Nutrition North Cooking Circles continue to happen on a regular basis.

The *Paulatuk Count Food Sharing and Harvesting Survey* is being completed with support from Research Assistant, **Celina Wolki**. Results will be presented to the community.

### Regional Wellness Programs

As the Regional Wellness Coordinator, **Beverly Esau** continues to administer *Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)* and *Community Wellness* (formerly known as *Brighter Futures*).

All CPNP programs are finished for the year and will start again in the Fall. The community visits to meet with mothers to demonstrate traditional food usage/preparation were enjoyed by all. In March Beverly attended a "Healthy Family Program" Workshop in

Yellowknife. It was a great opportunity to network with people in the same area of healthy children.

Here is a list of the Community Wellness activities delivered in 2016/2017 in the communities.

**Aklavik:** Ikayuqti Worker, Enhance Healthy Foods, Inuvialuit Day Celebrations, Cultural Exchange Trip Moose Kerr School, Traditional Drum Dance classes, How to Make a Traditional Drum, Caribou & Ptarmigan Hunting, Berry Picking, Moose Hunting, Caribou Harvesting & Hunting, Community Whale Hunt, Community Feast.

**Inuvik:** Program Coordinator, Reindeer Station Summer Camp (Fishing/Berry Picking), Muskrat Jamboree Committee, Inuvik Minor Hockey Association, Reindeer Station Youth Leadership Camp, Swimming Lessons E3E, Sewing Class, Inuvik Emergency Warming Society, Family Swim, East 3 Drum Dancing, Inuvialuktun Language Assistant, Grade 6 Babysitting Course, Elder's Fitness Program, Aboriginal Head Start Traditional Activities, Whale Camp Kendall Island, Arctic Sports, Kindergarten Screening, Kindergarten Healthy Snacks, E3E Breakfast Program.

**Paulatuk:** Sewing with **Millie Thrasher**, Awareness Program (**Celina Wolki**), Summer Camp with **Elizabeth Kuptana**, Sewing and Language Program (**Susan Ruben**), PDEA Breakfast Program, Elder's Day Program (**Donna Ruben**).

**Sachs Harbour:** Ikayuqti Worker, National Child Day, Drum Making, Swimming, Kiluit Sewing Group.

**Tuktuyaktuk:** Program Administrator, Youth Coordinator, Tuk Minor Hockey, Breakfast Program, Child Development Rent Assistance, A&E Cockney Dryfish Making (Youth), A&E Cockney Bouchiaq Making (Youth), Elders Berry Picking (Akpiks).

**Ulukhaktok:** Ikayuqti Worker, Traditional Sewing (Youth), Older Worker Project, Quickstart Breakfast Program, Nutritional Support Worker, Traditional Sewing Adult. ■

*Inuit Engagement Session on the National Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare Framework. Left: Evelyn Storr and Lorna Storr. Right: The participants from the ISR and ITK.*



### *Human and Education Resources*

*Lucy Kuptana, Director of Operations, 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!

The current staff are **Vina Norris**, the new Human Resources Manager; **Sue McNeil**, Program Advisor; **Nicole Lindsay**, Training Coordinator; **Sandra Elanik**, Education Manager; **Elsa Moscato**, Sunchild Academic Advisor; **Leanna Steen**, Career Development Officer; and **Jennifer Rafferty**, Capacity Manager. 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).

#### *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). She is now working out of the Sunchild office within the Inuvik CC (ICC) building, directly across from the IRC office.

Sandra is conducting her community tours and will be pleased to provide support and answer questions. She will also bring along the application package for the Designated Amount fund (DAF) Program. The deadline for both DAF and IEF applications is July 15.

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

ASETS is extended for one more year, with a new agreement to be launched in April 2018. An Annual Expenditure Plan as well as an ASETS Carry Forward Plan were submitted to ESDC in March.

Service Canada advised IRC of a successful *Skills Partnership Funding* proposal for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program to begin Fall 2018. To prepare students academically, IRC will need to work with partners to hold an LPN Access Year program at Aurora College.

IRC continues to evaluate different approaches to the E-Learning Centre. Discussions evolve around offering a more basic literacy, numeracy and life skills development program. More information will be provided at the next IRC Board meeting.

IRC provided funding for 6 students to participate in the *Building Trades Helper Program* at Aurora College in Inuvik. A total of 8 are taking the 12-week program. As an incentive, Nappaq Design & Construction is committed to hiring the enrolled students upon completion, if they are still interested, for their various projects. Aurora College announced an Early Childhood Diploma program for the Fall 2017.

#### *ASETS Youth Initiatives*

The *Inuvialuit Youth Symposium - Hakuringniq Katillugu: Gathering Strength* took place in March with 13 youth from the ISR and 6 elders: **Karlene Green**, **Barbara Archie**, **Stephanie Charlie**, **Jessi Pascal**, **Monica Jacobson**, **Shannon Green**, **Dennis Illisiak**, **Frank Green**, **Amber Ruben**, **Topsy Banksland**, **Stephanie Koadloak**, **Lena Nigiyok**, **Simon Kudlak**, **Carmella Klengenberg**, **Robert Kuptana**, **Agnes Kuptana**, **Jeffrey Amos**, **Rose Kirby** and **Susan Peffer**. Many thanks go to guest speakers **Terrance Allen**, **Les Semmler**, **Dez Loreen**, **Eddie Dillon** and **Chief Clarence Louie**.

#### *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. Recently, the staff attended the *ASIST (Suicide Intervention) Train the Trainer* workshop in Inuvik. Meanwhile, **Jennifer Rafferty**, Capacity Manager, will be travelling to each community to offer guidance and support to SFSW staff and undertake more life skills/essential skills development within the community. A 10-day plan will be developed for each community visit. ■

### *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, HTCs 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.



## Language and Culture

As Manager of the Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre (ICRC), **Ethel-Jean Gruben** reported that the Siglitun APP is estimated for completion June 30. To provide extra language support to all Language Teachers in the ISR, 7 laminators and supplies were purchased for the communities. Other ICRC language materials were also sent to the communities for distribution.

ICRC continues to fund community Language and Sewing programming in the ISR: Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik, Paulatuk (Language Storytelling Program), Inuvik and Ulukhaktok. Although Sachs Harbour did not apply for any Language and/or Sewing Program support in 2016/2017, ICRC will work closely with Sachs Harbour CC for the 2017/2018 fiscal year.

**Barbara Memogana**, Regional Language Coordinator, travelled to Ulukhaktok to work with the Western-Style Drum Dance Group in transcribing the songs and their meanings. This is an on-going project which will eventually include Aklavik, Paulatuk, Tuktoyaktuk and Sachs Harbour as ICRC receives funding. This will also include the transcription of songs with Ulukhaktok's Central-Style Drummers and Dancers.

**Beverly Amos**, Inuvialuit Language Officer, attended the BDEC Teacher In-Service to make a presentation on language and speak on the revitalization of language. She also travelled to Yellowknife to do a workshop presentation to the NWT Literacy Council.

ICRC staff participated in an *Inuit Language Grammar Conference* in Cambridge Bay with the Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit (IUT) and the Atausiq Inuktut Titirausiq (AIT). The priority was to work with all Inuit groups and come to an agreement (consensus) on one Inuit Grammar System.

ICRC sponsored language classes in the communities as well as Language Nest programming in the Early Childhood Development Centres. Both **Barbara Memogana** and **Beverly Amos** 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**.

Although **Emily Kudlak**'s contract ends April 2017, ICRC is seeking additional funds to continue working with her through contract services as and when required to complete community projects. ■

*Participants in the Inuvialuit Youth Symposium - Hakuringniq Katillugu: Gathering Strength in Inuvik. Top Left: Robert Kuptana. Top Centre: Karlene Green and Jessi Pascal. Top Right: Lesa Semmler, a speaker on youth and resiliency. Bottom Left: Rosemarie Kirby, Frank Green, Amber Ruben, Shannon Green and Dennis Illisiak. Bottom Right: The participants with Chief Clarence Louie.*





## *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 construction and camp catering continue to be IDC's busiest joint venture companies while its Properties Division, Stanton and Aklak remain steady producers. The Oil and Gas industry related companies remain stagnant.

Nappaq Design & Construction is beginning to ramp up staff and order materials for a busy summer season. The new ENR building at Shell Lake was delayed due to additional revisions to the design requested by GNWT. Final approval of the drawings is anticipated in April with construction beginning shortly after with a 12-month anticipated schedule to completion. Materials were also ordered for the Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk NWT Housing Corporation projects to ensure delivery before the winter ice road to Tuk is closed. Nappaq contacted the GNWT barging company to begin preparations to sea lift materials into Sachs Harbour, Paulatuk and Ulukhaktok for the 2018 construction season. After piling installation, construction began in April at the Aklavik rink extension. Carpenters and site supervisors will be sent to each community and the remainder of the required work force will be filled locally where possible.

### *Restructuring IDC Ownership of Subsidiaries*

Arrangements were concluded to transfer ownership of Canadian North and Weldco-Beales Manufacturing directly into IDC. 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.

### *IDC Properties*

Residential and commercial occupancy remains strong at 98%.

### *Aklak Air*

Aklak's hangar renovations are now complete to allow the check-in counter to relocate from the airport terminal. Management is now preparing a transition plan for staff in anticipation of the opening of the Inuvik-Tuk Highway; flight schedule requirements to Tuk will be reduced. Aklak was successful in retaining the

Canada Post contract for Sachs Harbour, Paulatuk, Tuk and Fort MacPherson. This new contract will run from May 2017 until April 2022.

Preliminary discussions took place with Aklak's partner, Kenn Borek Air, regarding the potential Dawson/Whitehorse weekend usage of the 1900 aircraft. There could be 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*

The reduction of Inuvik-Tuk Highway project work has had some effect on Stanton's revenues; expenses are being monitored. Construction on the expansion to the store in Aklavik is on track with a May 2017 completion date.

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

AOGS work on the Inuvik-Tuk Highway resumed with a 30-person camp operating March 1 to April 30 and again June 15 to November 15. AOGS will also provide service for the ConocoPhillips clean-up at Herschel Island - 25-30 people for 30 days on the Wormlinger barge camp. AOGS will service the MDIOS 30-40 person camp at both Bar C and Camp Farewell this summer. Each project is expected to run for 120 days.

Meanwhile 2 letters were submitted to ILA, one terminating the lease at Lucas Point, the other requesting a lease extension at Swimming Point with a reduced rate. Upon recommendation by ILAC, the IRC Board passed motions in support of the requests.

### *Aklak Canadian Helicopters*

Aklak Canadian Helicopters continues to work with NWTEL throughout the spring. It is also working with Parks Canada to conduct a polar bear DNA project in the ISR. ■

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*Left: Northern Games demonstration of the Head Pull in Aklavik with Manny Arey supervising. (Photo by Peggy Day.) Right: Tuk's Jemra Gruben and Agnes Krengnektak with their winning medals at the 2017 Northern Games/Dene Games Summit.*



## 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 being sought from CanNor (under the CROP program), GNWT(ITI), Arctic Energy Alliance, Aurora College (in partnership with ECE, ITI and GTC) and DFO for Seal Market Access and Training.

Under the *Essential Business Skills Initiative*, in collaboration with GNWT(ITI) and Parks Canada, CEDO's focus is on growing the tourism sector opportunity readiness. The plan is to deliver workshops in Paulatuk and Sachs Harbour this summer or fall.

In the *Opportunity Readiness Research Initiative*, CEDO is pleased to report that the contractor has completed the on-site analysis of the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link for wireless communications services in the Delta. A funding application for required infrastructure was submitted to Canada's *Connecting Canadians* program. With respect to the *Cruise Ship Management Strategy*, Advisory Committees were set up and the draft strategy/contents developed. Community meetings are planned for May.

Under the *Regional Readiness for Opportunities in Arctic Energy*, in March, CEDO provided a hands-on training workshop to install a net-metered, 5kW photovoltaic (solar) system on top of the country food freezer at Stanton in Inuvik. CanNor is reviewing a feasibility funding proposal for regional energy security. Meanwhile INAC is in support of receiving proposals for multiple country food freezer units completed with photovoltaic (solar) systems, racking and AC service.

Under the *Country Foods and Value-Added Processing Initiative*, CEDO is scheduling the next series of full workshops for October with applications, procurement and maintenance taking place over the summer.

In the *Regional Connections to Events and Conventions Initiative*, CEDO will provide Cruise Ship Readiness Training in Ulukhaktok to be held with representatives from the other ISR communities and in conjunction with the Crystal Serenity visit. Tourism/Arts & Crafts Opportunity Readiness Workshops will be offered in September to December in Tuk.

### Reindeer Meat Initiative

The 2016/2017 reindeer meat distribution to the communities is now complete. A total of 15,000 lbs was distributed.

### IRC Craft Store

The outlook for the 2017 country food procurement is 80 to 100 pails of maktak at \$125/pail, 200 charr at \$35/fish and a need for moose, muskox, coney, whitefish, berries (for the Country Food Processing Methods workshops).

### Paulatuk Visitors Centre Corporation (PVCC)

Multiple renovations and daily maintenance continue to provide opportunities for local contractors. A 15kW photovoltaic (solar) system installation is planned for 2017/2018. ■

*Top Left: CEDO provided a hands-on training workshop to install a solar system on top of the country food freezer at Stanton. Bottom Left: Jimmy Kalinek, outfitter and tour operator, showing tourists the beauty of the ice road. Bottom Centre: Janet Kanayok at the GNWT(ITI) Tourism Development Workshop. Bottom Right: Annie Steen wearing a fur trimmed parka she made in Tuk, courtesy of a CEDO economic development program. (Photo by J. Challis.)*





### ***Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA)***

**Mike Harlow**, Director of Lands, left ILA to work for Joint Secretariat as their Executive Director. In the interim, **Patrice Stuart** is Acting in that capacity while continuing as the Land Use Applications Coordinator. The ILA staff includes **Tina Lucas**, Office Manager; **Janet Elias**, Environmental Monitoring Coordinator; **Glenna Noksana**, Administrative Assistant; and **Mykola Sokurenko**, Environmental Management Coordinator.

#### ***Representations***

ILA attended the *Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC)* Conference and Trade Show in Toronto March 4 to 7. It is the world's leading convention for people, companies and organizations in, or connected with, mineral exploration and finance. ILA also completed a community tour to Sachs Harbour, Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk, Aklavik and Inuvik March 28 to 30 to introduce the concept of an *Inuvialuit Mineral Development Policy* and to seek feedback from community members.

#### ***Inuvialuit Land Use Applications***

ILA processed the following new and renewed Land Use Permits/Licences: **Natural Resources Canada**, Land Use Licence for coastal geoscience; **University of Idaho**, Land Use Licence for the Forest Tundra Ecotone Project; **University of Victoria**, Land Use Licence for ecological change monitoring; **Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk**, Quarry Licence for gravel extraction; **Only Way Outfitting**, Land Use Permit "C" for tourism activities; and **Geological Survey of Canada**, Land Use Licence for permafrost monitoring.

#### ***Inuvik-Tuk Highway Project***

The 2016/2017 Inuvik-Tuk Highway Project construction season is now complete. This included the hauling of material from gravel source 312 to finish the final 6 kilometres of embankment construction, installation of 2 bridges as well as the crushing and laying of topping material. The installation of guard rails and signage will begin once the embankment is dry enough. ILA staff carried out 2 inspections to date. Environment monitors were on site for the duration of work. Working with GNWT(DOL), ILA developed a *Pit Remediation Guide* for DOT pit remediation work. Meanwhile Canada and GNWT are making progress with respect to final land transfer.

IRC signed off on the legal surveys depicting Inuvialuit owned portions of the Highway.

The Highway is currently under construction and off-limits to those without the proper authorization. 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 25. During the winter work, removal included 242 sheet piles, 611 m<sup>3</sup> soil in bags along with the dock. Upon completion March 30, ILA inspected the site with representatives from Inuvik HTC and Tuk HTC. The remainder of debris removal and work will be completed this summer. Imperial Oil will also arrange a visit to the site for community organizations this summer.

#### ***Husky Lakes Update***

The draft *Management Framework for Husky Lakes* was developed and reviewed by ILAC, Inuvialuit Game Council and FJMC. 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. The contractor and GNWT(DOT) are working with Tuk CC and Hamlet of Tuk with respect to the next steps.

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

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). ■

**Left:** Bags of soil from the Bar C clean-up. (Photo by ILA.) **Right:** The Tuk Siglit Drummers and Dancers performing at the closing celebrations of the Inuvik-Tuk Ice Road in April. (Photo by GNWT.)





## 2017 Northern Games/Dene Games Summit

The Summit was a friendly competition of Traditional Aboriginal Games for all BDEC schools March 12 to 15. It included opening ceremonies, community feast, drum dancing, various indoor and outdoor events, dance, closing ceremonies and many other fun activities. There were approximately 235 students and chaperones participating from 8 communities; including 99 students from outside Inuvik.

### 12 and Under Girls, Overall Winner

Michelle Conley (E3E)  
Dayle Cole (Tsiigehtchic)  
Jenna Guy (E3S)

### 12 and Under Boys, Overall Winner

Aiden Andre (E3S)  
Edward Kaye (Aklavik)  
Morris Blake (Fort MacPherson)

### 15 and Under Girls, Overall Winner

Erial Lugt (Tuk)  
Davina Benoit-Cardinal (Tsiigehtchic)  
Paris Wainman (E3S)

### 15 and Under Boys, Overall Winner

Clyde Elanik (E3S)  
Jorgan Ruben (Paulatuk)  
Darryl Tedjuk (Tuk)

### 19 and Under Girls, Overall Winner

Jemra Gruben (Tuk)  
Agnes Krengnektak (Tuk)  
Chrissy Hvatum (E3S)

### 19 and Under Boys, Overall Winner

Paul O'Connor (E3S)  
Underwood Day (E3S)/Jesse James Elias (Tuk)

The Summit is supported by the Beaufort Delta Sahtu Recreation Association, GNWT(MACA), IRC and BDEC. Way to go to all the organizers, participants and volunteers! ■



2017 Northern Games/Dene Games Summit. **Row 1, Left:** Tegan Allen performing with the Inuvik Drummers and Dancers. **Row 1, Centre:** Northern Games judges watching the Two-Foot Kick. **Row 1, Right:** Kaia Kanayok on the Blanket Toss. **Row 2, Left:** All the winners of the 15 and Under Girls category. **Row 2, Right:** Winners of the 19 and Under Boys category.



## IRC Board Summary Newsletter

### List of Newly Enrolled Inuvialuit Beneficiaries

Congratulations to the following newly enrolled beneficiaries, many of whom just turned 18 and received their first IRC Distribution Payment. The Inuvialuit Enrollment Committee met on April 12, 2017 to review applications.

Chad Terrance John Alanak  
Tegan Michelle Allen  
Timothy Stephen J.R. Allen  
Willow Anne Allen  
Joelle Holly Archie  
Kendall Rose Ann Archie  
Emerald May Arey-Vinnicombe  
Susie Ann M. Bonnetplume-Cardinal  
Cheyanne Michelle Carpenter  
Darryl Thomas Cockney-Goose  
Jasmine Angeline Cuthbert  
Jordan Robert Musson Davidson  
Liem William Davies  
Willie Robert Dick  
Charis Kimberly Dillon  
Aurora Andromeda Donovan  
Stephanie Alexandria Elanik  
Deseraye Keanna Lena Raye Elias  
Cole Felix  
Leon Bernard Firth  
Cameron John Flooren  
Kelly James Flooren  
Cassandra Angel Francis  
John Charlie Francis  
Wallace Joseph Kunak Goose  
Jaqueline Shyanne Gow  
Shannon Alyssa Heather Green  
Evan McKenzie Darryl Gruben  
Jodi Elizabeth Hackman  
Terra Lee Ann Hazlett  
Sheldon Wayne Hendrick Jr  
Mikki Charlotte Mona Hiebert  
Grace Martha Ruth Illasiak  
Lisa Thea Jane Illasiak  
Shawna Illasiak  
Keenen Andrew Wolki Jacobson

Ron Gibson Kallak  
Damian John Kayotuk  
Jordan Abraham Klengenber  
Juliet Robyn Komiak Klengenber  
Marcus Tarrence Komeak-Jager  
Jeremy Samuel Kongayona  
Paige Kimiksana Kreps  
Zane Kuneyuna  
Brittany Amber Megan Kuptana  
Karla Rae Kuptana  
Celine Jessie Lafleur  
Liam Clinton Chase Larocque  
Darryl Harley Leguerrier  
MacKenzie Mae Lester Moore  
Kristopher Sheldon Keith Major  
McKenna Delaney E. Marthiensen  
Cilena Vera Mary Martin  
Frederick John Bruce McCarthy  
Daniel Aldrick Vincent Melanson  
Chloe Taylor Mercer  
Ashley Jade Marie Nakimayak  
Madeline Nicole Nakimayak  
Blair Marie Nuyaviak  
Amber Rae Peters  
Blaine Edward Pingo  
Trevathan John Rain  
Faith Carolanne Raymond  
Mitchell Josiah Roland  
Gloria Ann Ruben  
Latoya Bessie Val T. Pat Ruben  
Theresa Doreen Marjorie Ruben  
Nekaelly Hope Sandstra  
Kaylee Christina Seward  
Nathaniel George Sibbeston  
Adam Joseph Lloyd Steen  
Marc Andrew James Steen

Michael Thomas Harold Steen  
Michelle Kimberlee Anne Steen  
Dakota Ohio Natalie Szarkowicz  
Brayden Nehemiah Teddy  
Lakota Tishaun Teddy  
Rex Robert Teddy Jr  
Shawn Patrick Dennis Andy Thrasher  
Anthony Conrad Trimble  
Kolby Skyler Van Houttum  
Angela Tyra Jade Voudrach  
Natalja Tahsha Lea Westwood  
Brianna Michelle Wolki ■

*IRC Distribution Payment. Top: Brittany Kuptana with her first cheque! (Photo by Ulukhaktok CC.) Bottom Left: Steven Munglaluk Jr. Bottom Centre: Marcy and Abel Tingmiak. Bottom Right: Doris Day.*





## Questions from Beneficiaries

### *Did you know IRC now offers Direct Deposit?*

Direct Deposit is an instant electronic transfer of funds deposited directly into your bank account. This option is available through most banks and credit unions.

Those interested in receiving Distribution Payments and/or Elders Benefit Payments from IRC by direct deposit must provide the following to [enrolment@inuvialuit.com](mailto:enrolment@inuvialuit.com):

1. Your name, address, phone number and date of birth.
2. Your Trust number.
3. A “voided” cheque or filled *Customer Account Information - For Payroll, Direct Deposit or Pre-Authorized Payment* form from your financial institution.
4. Additional information as requested during the registration process to validate your identity.

For assistance, contact the Enrolment Department at 867.777.7093 or speak with your financial institution.

Please note that IRC will continue to pay by cheque unless you initiate the Direct Deposit option.

### *Thank you IRC for the Distribution Payment cheque. Why is my cheque less than the announced payment?*

When the Inuvialuit Trust (Trust) assembles the annual Distribution Payment to beneficiaries, it is approached by various creditors that have amounts owed to them. These range from creditors with court awarded judgments on whose behalf the Territorial Court of the NWT has served the Trust with a Garnishee Summons under the Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act to companies in the Inuvialuit Corporate Group.

When the Territorial Court of the NWT serves the Trust with a Garnishee Summons, the Trust is obligated to pay all monies due to the beneficiary named in the summons directly to the Territorial Courts for payment to the Judgment Creditor. In many instances, the judgment claim is so large that the entire Distribution Payment for 2017 has to be remitted to the courts with no funds left over to satisfy any remaining creditors.

Two other significant creditors are Stanton Group and Inuvialuit CEDO. As part of Stanton’s credit application, the beneficiary applicant assigns their right to Distribution Payments from the Trust as security. This means that he/she authorizes Stanton to apply such payments against overdue balances. As for CEDO, loan agreements are secured by an Assignment of Payments in which the borrower, in the event of a default, authorizes their Distribution Payment to be made to CEDO until the indebtedness is paid in full. Where the repayment schedule has not been maintained, the loan is technically in default and is therefore fully recoverable.

If your Distribution Payment is less than \$400, the cheque stub should identify amounts deducted and to whom they were remitted. For those that did not receive a payment, in place of a cheque stub, you would have received a Payment Advice which indicates the amounts deducted and remitted to your creditors.

### *There wasn’t a cheque for me at the Inuvik CC. I am an enrolled beneficiary. I moved back to Inuvik from Yellowknife about a month ago. Where is my cheque?*

If there was no notification of a change of address received at IRC, the cheque would have been mailed to the last known address on record - Yellowknife. If that is the case, the cheque will either be forwarded from the Yellowknife address to you (if you have left a change of address with the post office) or returned to IRC as undeliverable. IRC will then forward it to you at your new address in Inuvik. As this may take some time, it is vital that IRC is notified of any change of address immediately! ■

*Left: The graduates of the Early Childhood Development Certificate with instructors from Aurora College’s 2017 Spring Convocation in Inuvik.*

*Right: The Sandra Ipana Legacy for Excellence in Leadership Award was created to honour her dedication to the community, culture and Muskrat Jamboree as a tireless volunteer. Here the Ipana Family is presented with a plaque with the late Sandra Ipana as its first honorary recipient! (Photo courtesy of Muskrat Jamboree.)*





*News Around the ISR and Beyond ...*



**Left Top:** Peter Green. **Centre Top:** Camella Klengenber and Topsy Banksland. **Right Top:** Kristen Colton with her IRC Distribution Payment. **Left Bottom:** Mervyn Gruben is sure proud of Danielle Gruben who graduated with an Early Childhood Development Certificate at Aurora College's 2017 Spring Convocation. **Centre Bottom:** Congratulations to the Beluga Jamboree (Tuk) King and Queen Chukita Gruben and Tyrone Raddi. The runner ups were Natalie Noksana and Bradley Felix as well as Lance and Clorese "Biddy" Nogasak. Way to go! (Photo by Tusaayaksat.) **Right Bottom:** William Chicksi is on top of a mountain, taking hairdressing to new heights! (Photo courtesy of CBC.)

*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



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

#### *IRC/IDC Staff*

In the Human & Education Resources department, IRC welcomes **Vina Norris** as Manager, Human Resources. No stranger to IRC, she returns after a number of years with the GNWT in the Department of Human Resources. Also returning is **Sue McNeil** as Program Advisor to assist in managing IRC's Aboriginal Skills to Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) contribution agreement plus other capacity agreements.

The Accounting Department is pleased to welcome **Luke Morine**, with **Shezmin Rajan**, Accounting Manager, on her maternity leave. Welcome!

ILA bids farewell to **Mike Harlow**, Director of Lands, as he assumes the position of Executive Director at Joint Secretariat. Meanwhile **Cathy Cockney**, formerly Manager, ICRC, has decided to move on to other endeavours and opportunities. Best wishes!

#### *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 [earey@inuvaluit.com](mailto:earey@inuvaluit.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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