

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

Happy Spring and Happy Easter! How quickly the days are getting longer, particularly with Daylight Saving Time. The first Jamboree will soon be here. *Alii!* Hope you enjoy reading the *IRC Board Summary* which is mailed to beneficiaries following every IRC Board meeting.

- East Three Secondary School hosted the *Northern Games/Dene Games Summit* February 11 to 14. Students from every school in the Beaufort-Delta region enjoyed the friendly competitions and camaraderie. Some were even “tossed” in the Blanket Toss!



### IRC Board and Meetings

The members of the 2018 Board are as follows:

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

The Board has set these dates for the year with additional meetings to be held by teleconference.

- April 17, 18 and 19, 2018
- August 21, 22 and 23, 2018
- November 20, 21 and 22, 2018

### Around the ISR

- Several ISR communities welcomed back the sun in January with celebrations; Inuvik’s *Sunrise Festival* (January 5 to 7); Tuktoyaktuk’s *Sikiniq Nuimavia Katijvikput* (January 12 to 14) and Ulukhaktok’s *Feed the Sun* (January 22).

- A 42 *Directors Meeting* was held February 13 to 15 in Inuvik bringing together Community Corporation directors to discuss a variety of issues and concerns. The *Regional Youth Advisory Group* also made a presentation.
- The *IRC Native Hockey Tournament* celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary February 15 to 18 with 17 registered teams. Congratulations to Aklavik’s K&D Outlaws for their win over Malena Selects (Tuk) in the “A” Division and Slyck Stars (Inuvik) over the Tuk Bulldogs in the “B” Division. In the Oldtimers Division, Aklavik outlasted the Old Dogs (Inuvik). Kudos to **Donny and Wilma Hendrick**, the main organizers. ■

*Left: Donny Hendrick, organizer of the IRC Native Hockey Tournament, presenting a plaque to recognize IRC for 30 years of support to Duane Smith. Right: The Northern Games/Dene Games Summit with Ariel Lugt and Agnes Krengektak, Overall Winners for the 19 and Under Girls category. Look at all those medals! ■*

# Board Summary



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## Summary of IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

At the IRC Board meeting of February 20, 21 and 22, **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 **Colin Okheena** (Ulukhaktok). **Chris Ruben** (Paulatuk) was an observer.

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 07/18: IRC Executive**

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

### **Motion 09/18: IRC Compensation Committee**

The Board accepted the recommendations from the IRC Compensation Committee with respect to compensations for board members, committee members and non-salaried board chairs.

### **Motion 10/18: NWT Official Language Board**

The Board agreed to appoint **Betty Elias** and **Joshua Oliktoak** as alternate Inuvialuit Trustees to the *NWT Official Language Board* should the current members not be available. [Note: **Deanna Marie Jacobson** (Inuvialuktun) and **Emily Kudlak** (Inuinnaqtun) are currently appointed to the *NWT Official Language Board* for 2-year term.]

### **Motion 11/18: Arctic Winter Games**

The Board agreed to provide an allowance of \$250 to each Inuvialuit participant going to the *2018 Arctic Winter Games*.

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

Here is a list of the ICG board and committee meetings at a glance for 2018:

#### **IRC Board**

April 17, 18 and 19, 2018 (Inuvik)  
August 21, 22 and 23, 2018 (Inuvik)  
November 20, 21 and 22, 2018 (Inuvik)

#### **IDC Board**

April 9 and 10, 2018 (Edmonton)  
August 15, 2018  
November 15, 2018

#### **IIC Board**

April 11 and 12, 2018 (Edmonton)  
May 23, 2018 (teleconference)  
November 1 and 2, 2018 (Edmonton)

#### **Audit Committee**

April 16, 2018 (Inuvik)  
September 13, 2018 (teleconference)  
November 29, 2018 (Edmonton)

#### **Enrolment Committee**

April 12, 2018 (Inuvik)

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

IIC Chair, **Floyd Roland**, reported that IIC did very well in 2017 despite a volatile market. The managers are monitoring the markets and looking at indicators like interest rates, oil prices, NAFTA and TPP talks. Assets allocations continue to be within the *Statement of Investment Policies and Goals (SIP&G)*.

The total Inuvialuit portfolio value of investment was \$464.3 million at December 31, 2017.

The members of the IIC Board are **Floyd Roland** (Chair), **Evelyn Storr**, **Alison Lennie**, **Barry James** and **Phyllis Clark**.

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

Despite the termination of the franchise agreement between IPC, ATCO and AltaGas with the Town of Inuvik, Inuvik Gas Ltd. is still bound to continue delivery of gas until December 8, 2018. Franchise transfer 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 gas draw rates of ~100,000 GJs annually, the P90 of the Ikhil J-35 well reserve is now forecasted to be available for another 3 years. However these forecasts will be impacted by road outages.

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

For 2018, the IHAP allocations by community are as follows:

Aklavik	\$28,593
Inuvik	\$58,589
Paulatuk	\$27,431
Sachs Harbour	\$24,415
Tuktoyaktuk	\$38,455
Ulukhaktok	\$38,464
Outside ISR	\$18,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$234,186</b>

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*The K & D Outlaws (Aklavik) are winners of the "A" Division in the IRC Native Hockey Tournament. Congratulations!*



## Message from the IRC Chair - Aarigaa!

Hello Inuvialuit,

*Attendance! Attendance! Attendance!* I have always stressed the importance of this to students with continued support from parents, families and school faculties. I was pleased to see the



regional leadership also taking this seriously in attending and participating at the 42 *Directors Meeting*. There were good healthy discussions to provide IRC with directions to move forward on priorities and issues. In our leadership role, we want to better improve the social and economic well-being of the community corporations and membership wherever they may reside. We are here to represent all Inuvialuit.

The *Regional Youth Advisory Group* with youth representatives from the communities met face-to-face for the first time at the 42 *Directors Meeting*. Their agenda included discussions amongst themselves as well as learning about job opportunities within the IDC Group of Companies, namely Canadian North, Aklak Air and Weldco-Beales Manufacturing. It was refreshing to hear their collective concerns and aspirations for IRC programming under its Chair, **Melody Teddy**.

The *IRC Native Hockey Tournament* celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, welcoming teams from Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk, Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Tuk and Inuvik. The Arena was always filled with cheering fans from the communities. Congratulations to **Donny and Wilma Hendrick** and all the volunteers for making this event the best ever. The livestreaming and play-by-play commentary by the Inuvialuit Communications Society had many in the communities glued to their screens.

Enhancing the Tournament was the *IRC Cup Cultural Weekend* to celebrate Inuvialuit culture. Traditional country foods quickly disappeared as people enjoyed the variety. People spent time with elders to learn how to make ulus, fish hooks, zipper pulls,

and more. Many proudly left with their finished products. Drum dancing, Northern Games and an Old Time Dance were all welcomed activities. This will definitely be included as part of next year's Tournament.

The East Three Secondary School hosted the *Northern Games/Dene Games Summit* or what I would call the *ISR Olympics* for students from the region. This provided the youth with 4 days of friendly competition, fun activities and camaraderie. The medal winners came from different communities, demonstrating the strength and popularity of traditional games.

It is good to see many of these youth continuing to excel and do their best at the *2018 Arctic Winter Games*. Recognizing the hard work and commitment of the youth, IRC will be providing an allowance of \$250 to each Inuvialuit participant going to the *Arctic Winter Games*.

That was February! On a final note, IRC is pleased with the *Federal Budget 2018*, focusing on the Inuit housing needs and the necessity of enhanced skill development within the ISR. We also welcome the federal commitment towards the *Inuit Health Survey* to help close the gaps of services at the community level. We continue to work on behalf of all Inuvialuit.

*Quyanainni! Koana! Quyanaqpak!* ■

**Duane Ningaqsiq Smith**

Katimarut Atanruruq

Chair and Chief Executive Officer



*Left: Erica Lugt and Terri Lynn Storr holding the fish hooks they made at the IRC Cup Cultural Weekend. Many thanks go to instructor Danny C. Gordon for sharing his knowledge. Right: Participants in the COPE Negotiators/Staff Gathering in Inuvik. It was held in January as part of the IFA-101 Project.*



## More IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

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

### Self-Government Update

**Bob Simpson**, Director, Government Affairs, and **Diane (Archie) Thom**, Self-Government Negotiator, reported that staff are involved with Negotiations, Communications, Reporting/Collaboration, Legal/Legislative Mandates and Meetings. Ongoing is the hiring of Self-Government Field Workers to assist in the process of providing information through presentations, setting up and facilitating meetings, conducting one-on-one/house-to-house visits, etc. in the communities and beyond. Anticipated Self-Government milestones include the following:

**April-August 2018:** IRC Board approval for the Negotiator to initial the Inuvialuit Self-Government Agreement.

**April 2018-August 2019:** Ratification campaign.

**September 2019:** Ratification vote.

**March 2018-March 2020:** Implementation research and planning.

**TBD:** Effective date of Inuvialuit government.

For more information on Self-Government, please visit [www.facebook.com/InuvialuitSelfGovernment/](http://www.facebook.com/InuvialuitSelfGovernment/).

### IRC Welcomes Federal Budget 2018

IRC is pleased with the government's continued focus on the Inuit housing needs and the necessity of enhanced skill development within the ISR. "Inuit housing is essential to better health, education, socio-cultural, and economic outcomes. The continued investment in housing units through Federal Budget 2018 will improve the overall condition of communities and provide better homes," said **Duane Smith**. "With the restructuring of the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program, IRC will be able to continue their delivery of capacity, employment training, and skill development within the region."

"The *Inuit Health Survey* will highlight the gaps in services at the community level," added Smith. "The data gained from the survey could help alleviate discrepancies within our region as compared to the rest of Canada." IRC also welcomes the initiative to reform child and family services and looks forward to this development for the betterment of Inuvialuit children.

### Research Projects Update

**Bob Simpson**, Director, Government Affairs, and **Jenn Parrott**, Research Manager, provided an overview of research projects in various stages of implementation by the Inuvialuit. These range from *Traditional and Local Knowledge* to *Marine Protected Areas* and *Climate Change Monitoring Programs*. Staff includes **Shannon O'Hara**, Inuit Research Advisor; **Chloe Brogan**, Community-Based Monitoring Program Coordinator, **Cassandra Elliot**, Traditional and Local Knowledge Coordinator; and **Kayla Hansen-Craik**, Marine Protected Areas Coordinator.

A community tour at the end of February gave beneficiaries an opportunity to learn about the *Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment (RSEA)* and view the results of the *Community-Based Monitoring Program (CBMP) Inuvialuit Harvest Study 2017*. Representatives from IRC, INAC, Inuvialuit Game Council, and FJMC were in attendance in Sachs Harbour, Ulukhaktok, Paulatuk and Aklavik.

**Julian MacLean** is the Project Director, Health Methods and Data, working closely with the NWT Strategic Patient Orientations Research (Hotii ts'eedo) Support Unit (SPOR). The SPOR Unit is funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research with in-kind support provided by IRC. Julian will be able to also advance health research for the Inuvialuit and in particular build upon information and data to assist in informing the development of health policies and programs. ■

**Next Page:** 42 Directors Meeting with (Left) Gerald Inglangasuk, Colin Okheena and Lawrence Ruben. (Right) Vina Norris, Tanya Gruben, Millie Thrasher and Tina Lucas. **This Page, Left:** Duane Smith, Peter Nogasak and Patrick Gruben checking out the NWT Housing Corporation units in Tuk. **This Page, Right:** Staff of the RSEA/CBMP community tour giving a presentation to Ulukhaktok youth.



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Jordan McLeod	Chair
Dennis Arey	Vice-Chair
Dean McLeod	Secretary/Treasurer
Dean Arey	Director
Michelle Gruben	Director
Brandon McLeod	Director
Richard Storr	Director

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Andy Thrasher	Vice-Chair
Bill Steven Ruben	Secretary-Treasurer
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John Alikamik	Director
Annie Goose	Director
Helen Kitekudlak	Director
Eddie Okheena	Director ■



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

#### *Aklavik Community Corporation*

**Jordan McLeod** reported that Aklavik CC paid off their debt! Congratulations to the board for staying on track.

In December, Aklavik CC distributed Christmas hampers to Inuvialuit households. In January, Aklavik CC met with the Geological Survey of Canada on their *Geology of the Richardson Mountains* project to be based in Aklavik in July/August. It will involve approximately 8 to 10 people. If additional funding becomes available, students will be able to experience fieldwork with them.

In February and March, under the *Brighter Futures Jigging and Reeling Activities*, youth will learn how to square dance in readiness for the *Mad Trapper Rendezvous* this coming Easter.

The Aklavik Elders Committee will once again be receiving funding from NWT's *Get Active Program*. Individuals can then sign out a gas card to take an elder jigging (fishing) or harvesting rabbits or to elders' gatherings, etc.

Aklavik Development Corporation reported that the Aklavik Inn is busy as usual this time of the year. The 3 sea cans are now in place and funding is sought to block them off the grounds.

Lastly, congratulations to all the Aklavik hockey teams in the different divisions for doing so well at the *IRC Native Hockey Tournament*. It was a great weekend!

#### *Inuvik Community Corporation*

**Gerald Inglangasuk** reported that in recognition of limited resources, Inuvik CC is engaging with other community organizations to create partnerships to pool resources benefitting members. Meanwhile, Inuvik CC is working to develop a strategic business plan.

With the assistance of **Roy Goose**, Inuvik CC is motivating the membership to learn and use more of the Inuvialuktun language through Facebook and social media. In February, Inuvik CC began hosting soup & bannock luncheons and Open Houses on Fridays to engage the members in language activities.

As the *Brighter Futures Traditional Sewing Class* is very popular and has waiting lists, a *Community Sewing Circle* was started for people to attend and participate in sewing projects. The cost of the supplies was sponsored by ICRC.

Another *Brighter Futures* program, the *Drum Dancing Classes*, is coming to a wrap. The songs learned by the youth will be performed at the East Three School spring concert. Funding was also instrumental in the success of the recent *Northern Games/ Dene Games Summit* at East Three School. Many youth participated from Inuvik and the region.

Inuvik CC is seeking Request for Proposals for 2018/2019 *Brighter Futures*. Proposal eligibility includes Mental Health and Wellness, Addictions and Solvent Abuse Training, Suicide Intervention, Cultural and Elder Supports, Capacity Building and Education.

#### *Paulatuk Community Corporation*

**Lawrence Ruben** reported that although Paulatuk CC was very quiet in terms of business, it was quite busy through the holidays with events for elders, children and adults. Christmas hampers filled with turkeys, hams and oranges were given out to the beneficiary households. In conjunction with the HTC, Paulatuk CC held a community feast and dance as well as a crib tournament.

Paulatuk Development Corporation (PDC) reported on dealing with a few issues concerning the Paulatuk Hotel; ie. O&M repairs, job skill sets for maintainer and room rental. PDC is considering taking over full ownership of the PVCC with the blessing of the membership at this year's AGM.

**Candace Ruben** is back as the Corporate Manager and doing a good job. She will be taking future courses offered by IRC on finance and office procedures.

The *IRC Native Hockey Tournament* was great! Special thanks to the **Hendricks** for their hard work and always making it happen like clockwork. A big thank you goes to the volunteers too!

#### *Sachs Harbour Community Corporation*

**Vernon Amos** reported that Sachs Harbour CC is moving their office to the Manager's residence which came with their recent Polar Grizz Hotel acquisition. This building was renovated and has additional offices available for rental. Meanwhile the Hotel business was steady and busy throughout the winter. The Sachs Harbour Development Corporation (SHDC) has made loan payments and is expected to pay off the building in 4 to 6 years.

The audit is done for Sachs Harbour CC and the SHDC. With new auditors on board, more time was spent on explanations regarding the different funding sources and expenditures to bring them up to speed.

An application for language and cultural activities was submitted to ICRC. Sachs Harbour CC has been supporting their own drum dance group with drums and materials. This additional ICRC

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



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

funding will hopefully provide support in terms of sewing supplies and materials for their outfits.

All *Brighter Futures* programs are now completed; the staff is busy with reports and getting ready for next year's funding allocations.

The Angus Lake Trail is 95% completed. The last 400 metres was the hardest due to a creek with lots of clay. The Angus Lake Trail cabin was moved into position for re-assembly in the Spring. It will be an interesting geodesic dome, not a regular boxed cabin.

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

**Eddie Dillon** reported that Tuk CC is managing 27 contribution/service agreements totalling \$1.5 million aside from the IRC core funding. As per the *Tuk Strategic Direction and Action Plan*, the funding from INAC and GNWT is keeping Tuk CC busy. A society for a Friendship Centre is being formed. The Arts & Crafts Committee is working hard on strategy development, branding and promotion for arts and crafters.

Tuk CC, in partnership with ICEDO, Tuk Elders Committee and GNWT (ITI), is offering basic sewing classes, serger machine training and embroidery stitching basics.

Under the *Community Access Program*, due to the change in location of the Husky Lakes Trail, Tuk CC will need to go through the application process again with ILA.

Through funding from the *NWT Housing Corporation Shelter Enhancement*, the Aimagunga Shelter moved into their newly renovated 5-bedroom housing unit in December. An Open House was scheduled for the end of February.

The Jason Jacobson Youth Centre continues to operate the *After School Program* with the support of GNWT(ECE). It also administers the Bottle Depot twice a month and a Soup Kitchen every Monday until March 31. With the lottery license and monthly bingos, there is now a *Youth Acceleration Donation* fund to assist youth wishing to attend a conference, sport camps, etc. Upon Board's approval, the youth will be given \$250. Lastly, the Centre is now self-sustaining.

The Tuk Elders/Justice Committee was successful in obtaining funding from the *New Horizons for Seniors Program*. This will provide monthly programming activities for elders in the community.

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

**Colin Okheena** reported that December was busy with Christmas activities. The annual *Christmas Games Night* December 27 had live music with a jiggling contest, games and door prizes. A *Meat Pack Radio Bingo* had 229 players! Ulukhaktok CC distributed turkeys and food hampers to 126 membership households.

In mid-January, Ulukhaktok CC and the Hamlet Council met with BDHSSA representatives on a Pilot Project for Interpreter/Translator at the local Emegak Health Centre. This is something the community has been wanting for a long time; the position is anticipated to begin in April.

Ulukhaktok CC is pleased to report that all *Brighter Futures* projects are going well and should wrap up by the fiscal year end of March 31.

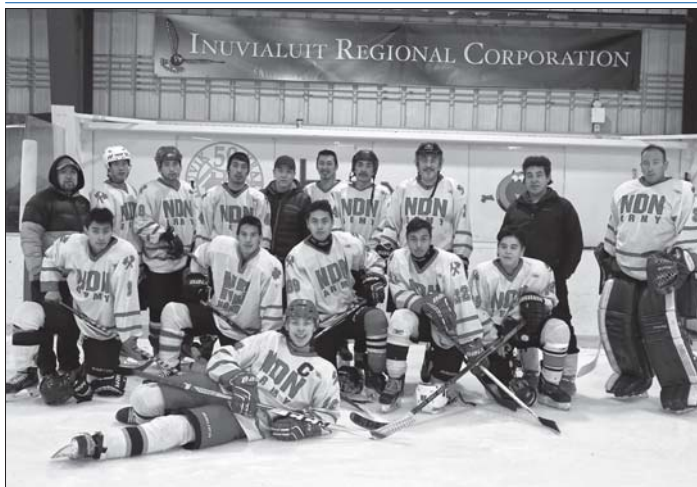
The *Return of the Sun Celebration* was held January 22. Events included feeding of the sun, ice jiggling, drum dancing, soup and bannock, games and prizes.

Funding was approved for the *Nunamin Illihakvia, Learning from the Land Project*. Many thanks go to **Tristan Pearce** for initiating this climate change and adaptation project.

In this period, donations were made to funeral assistance, Emegak Health Centre, purchase of books, education and sports. ■

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*Teams in the IRC Native Hockey Tournament include the following: (Left) Tuk's NDN Army. (Right) Ulukhaktok's Islanders. (Photo by ICS.)*



## Regional Youth Advisory Group (RYAG)

RYAG was founded based on a mutual interest and need for the IRC Board and ISR youth to have input and a voice in IRC programming to address issues related to youth within the Inuvialuit communities.

- ♦ Engage and collect opinions and concerns of youth in the respective community.
- ♦ Collaborate with existing organizations whenever possible, involved in youth programming.
- ♦ Offer insights and informed concerns collectively from the ISR youth to the IRC Board via the Community Development Division and/or the Capacity Team.
- ♦ Improve the *system* through collaboration and an informed youth-friendly approach to services.

### 42 Directors Meeting

The 42 Directors Meeting provided an opportunity for the first face-to-face meeting of RYAG. The intention was to collaborate as a group to identify roles, create a draft terms of reference, brainstorm ideas on the priorities/needs of RYAG, and create a brief presentation for the 42 Directors Meeting.

As part of the RYAG meeting, IRC decided to engage the youth on job opportunities within the IDC Group of Companies. On a field trip to the Aklak hangar, they heard presentations on the various companies and participated in hands-on learning opportunities. For example, Canadian North brought up a 737 jet engine to demonstrate how an engine operates as well as the work of an aircraft maintenance engineer. Thanks to Canadian North, Weldco-Beales Manufacturing and Aklak, youth were able to see additional job openings, including those behind the scenes, in the air industry.

The following RYAG members attended the 42 Directors Meeting:

**Aklavik:** Cassandra Paul, Tyler Sittichinli.

**Inuvik:** Davonna Kasook, Faith Raymond.

**Paulatuk:** Lanita Thrasher, Brianna Wolki, Jerry Bennett-Ruben, Amberley Buray (Youth Facilitator).

**Sachs Harbour:** Shelby Jade Lucas, Calysta Sky Lucas-Kudlak.

**Tuktoyaktuk:** Jewel Keevik, Tianna Gordon-Ruben.

**Ulukhaktok:** Topsy Banksland, Sydone Okheena.

**Chair:** Melody Teddy.

**Staff:** Meghan Etter, Britney Selina.

### RYAG - Next Steps

RYAG will have on-going communication through the Facebook page and monthly teleconference meetings to discuss future agenda items. Any youth engagement opportunities for the ISR are directed to RYAG. For example, a member is attending the *Water Stewardship Conference* in Yellowknife on behalf of the youth in the ISR.

The next steps for RYAG will include gathering data and input from other youth within their community to provide collective ideas and priorities within wellness, education and culture. ■

*Regional Youth Advisory Group. Row 1: Tianna Gordon-Ruben, Melody Teddy (Chair) and Faith Raymond. Row 2, Left: The Group at the Aklak hangar for presentations on the IDC Group of Companies. Row 2, Right: At the 42 Directors Meeting with Amberley Buray, Topsy Banksland, Sydone Okheena and Annie Goose.*





## 42 Directors Meeting

The *42 Directors Meeting* convened in Inuvik at the Midnight Sun Complex February 13 to 15 with (42) directors from the 6 Inuvialuit Community Corporations. A key component was the involvement of the *Regional Youth Advisory Group*.

IRC and IDC staff interacted to present and provide program information as well as updates to the Directors, Corporate Managers and Youth. Resource tables were set up around the meeting to give more information or have one-on-one conversations. Many thanks go to the staff of Human Resources, Enrolment, Community Development Division, Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre, ILA and IDC.

The various presentations generated healthy and positive discussions. These ranged from *Board Governance; IFA-101 Project; Inuvialuit Corporate Group Overview* and *Review of the IRC Strategic Plan (Goals and Outcomes)* to an in-depth session on *Self-Government*. Participants spent a full day reviewing the plain language summary of the *Inuvialuit Self-Government Agreement* including a good understanding of the various chapters - ie. Chapter 6 on Health, Chapter 13 on Social Housing, Chapter 19 on Student Support Services, Chapter 28 on Ratification and more.

It was a very positive meeting! The regional leadership took their role and responsibilities seriously, participating in all the

discussions. In the end, the Directors provided IRC with directions to move forward on priorities and issues. They all shared the same outcome of doing their best for the beneficiaries and communities.

However, it was not all work and no play! One evening featured a presentation by the Inuvialuit Communications Society. Another had a community feast with a performance by the **Inuvik Drummers and Dancers**. And of course, directors were most welcomed to cheer on their teams at the *IRC Native Hockey Tournament!* All in all, it was a busy week!

### *The Next Step ...*

Once the minutes are finalized from the *42 Directors Meeting*, IRC will circulate these to the Community Corporations for review and feedback. Next will be continuing discussions at the upcoming IRC Board Meeting with the intent of developing an action plan to report back to the Directors. ■

*42 Directors Meeting. Row 1, Left: Helen Kitekudlak and Jean Gruben. Row 1, Centre: IRC's Jessica Stewart providing information to Darrel (Luga) Nasogaluak. Row 1, Right: Manny Kudlak is all dressed up for Valentine's Day. Row 2: Group photo of the participants.*



## 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 in this quarter, CDD welcomed **Lesla Semmler** as the Inuvialuit Health Systems Navigator. She has over 16 years of culturally-diverse experience as a registered nurse in the North, including 2 years of management experience with BDHSSA. The priority in this quarter was to complete the updates to the Community Wellness Plans and submit them to GNWT. Staff was busy developing work plans and understanding what was needed by funders to access funds.

Evelyn and Lesla attended a *Roundtable on Non-Insured Health Benefits* (Yellowknife); the *Regional Wellness Council* at the Inuvik hospital; and ITK's *TB Elimination Task Force Group Framework* teleconferences and meeting. Evelyn continues to participate in teleconferences and meetings with respect to NiCoH, Self-Government, Health Canada on the Legalization of Cannabis, etc.

### **Health Systems Navigator**

As the Inuvialuit Health Systems Navigator, **Lesla Semmler**, was quickly brought up to speed on key health issues. She assisted beneficiaries (from Ontario, BC, Alberta and the ISR) with NIHB services and questions. Recently, on behalf of IRC, she and **Deanna Marie Jacobson** attended the *Inuit Education Summit* in Nuuk, Greenland.

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

**Debbie Gordon-Ruben** reported that all Group IAP purchase orders have been issued for the clients; an additional amount was allocated to 6 more members of the Inuvik Group. The *Shingle Point Commemoration* event has been tentatively scheduled for March 29 as part of Aklavik's *Mad Trapper Rendezvous*. **Susan Peffer** provided support to ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) in the communities. Cultural Support Workers continues to work closely with clients in the communities.

### **Early Childhood Programs**

**Alexandria Desroches**, Early Childhood Programs Manager, is responsible for the Child Development Centres and Aboriginal Head Start programs in the ISR. All Centres have had their yearly licensing inspections and are all compliant. Kitchen cupboards were installed in the Paulatuk and Ulukhaktok Centres. Attendance continues to be a concern. In the last quarter, figures ranged from 15% to 81%. In February, all staff attended regional training in Inuvik which covered the following topics: learning through play, program planning, nutrition, the use of iPad to help with the language and culture aspect, etc.

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

**Maria Storr**, ECI Coordinator, is in the last of a 3-year pilot project to improve the process and outcomes of early childhood education through intervention. The good news is that this will be extended for another year. In the last quarter, 2 Blocks of Hanen training were delivered to 9 participants including 4 returning participants. For the final scheduled Block 4 training, 5 Aurora College ECE

Diploma students, 3 AHS staff and 3 Children's First Centre staff will be in attendance. Community sessions were held in Tuk, Inuvik, Paulatuk, Aklavik and Ulukhaktok. This program really focuses on the involvement of parents and caregivers.

### **Community Counselling**

**Meghan Etter** is the Counselling Services Manager with **Jimmy Ruttan** as the Land and Support Services Coordinator, **Peggy Day** as the After-Care Coordinator and **Ruth Goose** as the Regional Outreach Worker. Jimmy and Meghan attended the *Northern Rural and Remote Health Conference* in Goose Bay, Labrador. Jimmy and Peggy travelled to Tuk to deliver MHFA - Inuit version. Ruth hosted a Tuk community event with Red Cross working towards healthy communities. This visit ended with Northern Games/Arctic Sports demonstration and a community meal. A presentation of Northern Games/Arctic Sports equipment was made.

Other events included attending a *Cancer Support Conference* for the region; delivering ASIST workshops in Tuk, Inuvik, Paulatuk and Ulukhaktok; and co-facilitating a workshop called *Engaging Men and Boys in Reducing Violence Against Women and Girls*.

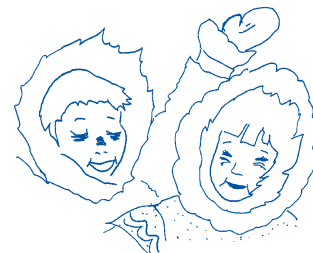
### **Regional Dietitian**

As all Nutrition North Canada funding for community cooking circles has ended, the focus is now on the *Anti-Poverty Men Cooking Initiative*. This program aims to attract single men with limited cooking skills in public housing to attend cooking classes; single fathers are also encouraged to participate.

**Jullian MacLean**, Regional Dietitian, is leaving CDD and transitioning into the position of Project Director, Health Methods and Data. This IRC position will be working closely with the NWT Strategic Patient Orientations Research (Hotii ts'eedo) Support Unit (SPOR). He will be able to dedicate 25% of his time to IRC research priorities like food security in the communities.

### **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 up and running; more fathers are being involved. CPNP programming consists of 20 cooking classes, 5 sewing classes and 4 food hampers. Food hampers are divided throughout the year and is based on participation. To be eligible, one must regularly attend the sessions. ■



## Language and Culture

**Deanna Marie Jacobson**, Intern Manager Language Coordinator, ICRC, attended the IRC Board meeting to provide reports and address concerns on the Centre.

ICRC is pleased to support opportunities in learning the Inuvialuktun language and cultural activities through community language classes, traditional sewing programs, the revitalization of Inuvialuit drumming, dancing and singing as well as traditional craft/tool making programs. It is currently working with Sachs Harbour CC to revitalize the Inuvialuktun language through language sewing classes. Members would be able to learn traditional sewing skills, gain a sense of pride, and showcase newly-learned drum dance songs and dances in full traditional dress.

The *Kangiryuarmit Dictionary Project* is in the final stages of publishing and printing by **Emily Kudlak** and **Richard Compton**. ICRC has ordered 500 copies.

The *After School Language Sewing Classes* (grades 7-9) began January 30 with **Brenda Lucas** as the sewing instructor in Inuvik. As numbers are low, ICRC will open the classes to those in grades 6 and/or consider other alternatives to increase participation.

### *Digital Library North*

The *Digital Library North* project will soon be connected to the IRC website once the issues of administration and hosting are resolved. It aims to be user-friendly and interactive. The site was developed by the University of Alberta in conjunction with ICRC. It is a digital library of information resources housing photos, videos and documents that focus on the ISR communities.

### *Thunder in Our Voices Project, Drew Anne Wake*

The *Thunder in Our Voices Project* led by **Drew Anne Wake** tells the stories of 24 Indigenous leaders from the NWT who spoke out in defence of land claims during the *Berger Inquiry* 1975-1977. The exhibition incorporates life-size portraits of northern leaders, original audio recordings and short videos. The goal is to create interactive stories that can be used in different ways in the education system. This is a new project that will be on-going into 2018/2019 at no cost to ICRC.

### *Remembering Schooners Project*

**Beverly Amos** and **Deanna Marie Jacobson** will work with **Charles Arnold** and **Albert Elias** to publish a book on Beaufort-Delta stories of schooners and their use. It is scheduled for completion and ready for print in the Fall.

### *IRC/IDC Staff Development*

Weekly Language Classes for IRC/IDC staff started in November to promote and support the revitalization of the Inuvialuktun language. Tentative combined language and sewing projects will include atikluk, aitqatik, kammak and Kaukkak making. **Beverly Amos** took the lead with the *Raw to Product Wolf Project*, *Kaukkak Making Project* and *Terminology Workshop* to preserve Inuvialuktun terms and patterns so unique patterns could be used in the future by the younger generations.

### *Other Updates*

In January, **Ethel-Jean Gruben** attended the *Indigenous Languages Legislation Meeting* in Yellowknife to discuss preservation, revitalization and promotion. **Beverly Amos** participated in ITK's *Atausiq Inuktitut Titirausiq (AIT) Task Group* meetings in Ottawa on the standardization of the Inuit writing system. In February, representing IRC, **Deanna Marie Jacobson** and **Les Semmler** attended the *Inuit Education Summit* in Nuuk, Greenland. In March, **Deanna Marie Jacobson**, **Ethel-Jean Gruben** and **Lucy Kuptana** will visit the *Anglican Church General Synod Archives* in Toronto to assist transfer of Shingle Point Residential School materials to IRC which will be housed/maintained under ICRC. ■

*Left: The ASIST Workshop in Paulatuk (January 31 to February 1) with instructors Susan Peffer and Jennifer Rafferty, and students - Amberley Buray, Mabel Thrasher and Carla Ruben. (Photo by J. Rafferty.) Right: The Inuvik Drummers and Dancers performing for and with the participants of IRC's 42 Directors Meeting.*



### *Human and Education Resources*

*Vina Norris, Human Resources Manager, and Veronica Kasook, ASETS Program Manager, 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**, HR Manager; **Leanna Steen**, HR Coordinator; **Sandra Elanik**, Education Manager; **Beverly Lennie**, Education Assistant; **Elsa Moscato**, Academic Advisor; **Fred Kuptana**, Career Development Officer; **Veronica Kasook**, ASETS Program Manager; **Merlyn Rogers**, ASETS Program Coordinator; **Jennifer Rafferty**, Capacity Manager; and **Britney Selina**, Capacity Advisor.

The current Student and Family Support Workers (SFSW) staff are **John Stuart Jr.** (Tuk), **Joyce Banksland** (Ulukhaktok), **Rhonda John** (Aklavik), **Jeffrey Amos** (Inuvik) and **Carla Ruben** (Paulatuk).

#### *Inuvialuit Education Foundation*

Beneficiaries interested in learning more of IEF's programs, please contact **Sandra Elanik**, Education Manager, at 867.777.7029 or 1.855.777.7011 or email [sandra.elanik@inuvialuit.com](mailto:sandra.elanik@inuvialuit.com). These include the *Post-Secondary Financial Assistance Program (PSFAP)*, *Designated Amount Fund (DAF)*, scholarships and tutoring.

For the 2017/2018 academic year, IEF is providing funding to 103 students : 50 in Diploma programs, 45 in Degree programs and 8 under DAF. Only the communities of Tuk and Ulukhaktok are participating in the *After School Tutor Program*. However, IEF annually offers \$2,000/year to each community school. Individual tutoring is available upon request.

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

In February, IRC received a Notice of Extension from ESDC for

the IRC ASETS Agreement for an additional year, 2018/2019, at the current funding levels. Work has begun on the Annual Operational Plan for 2018/2019. Meanwhile the 2016/2017 Audit is now complete and sent to ESDC.

Two students are attending and doing well in the Sun Child program. To provide a wider reach, a Numeracy and Literacy program is running in the evenings with 6 students participating on an on-going basis. Several individuals were also assisted by ASETS.

Other delivered partnership programs included *Construction Trades Exposure and Trades Entrance Exam*; *General Financial Practices* (Ulukhaktok and Inuvik); *Merging Arts & Crafts with Technology and Manufacturing*; and the *University College Access Program - Licensed Practical Nurse Program*. Upcoming partnership programs in development discussions include *General Financial Practices* (Sachs Harbour), *Small Business Tourism Focus* (Paulatuk), *Wildlife Monitor & Wildlife First Aid 5-week Course*, and *HEO Group Training*.

#### *Capacity Building Team*

The Capacity Building Team focuses on developing support programs with full community involvement, building positive relationships, supporting and seeking student educational success, and bridging the gap between the educational system. Working with Frontier College, the *Summer Reading Camps* will take place at the end of June.

As for the SFSW staff, they are all now ASIST certified. The *SFSW Attendance Competition* was launched to run February to April with a possible extension to June to promote the importance of being in school. ■

### *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>.
- ◆ IRC Website – [www.irc.inuvialuit.com](http://www.irc.inuvialuit.com).
- ◆ 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.

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.

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

**Charles Klengenber**, Director of Lands, met with the IRC Board to review ILA updates and address concerns. The ILA staff includes **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.

During the quarter, ILA staff attended workshops, presentations and meetings on *NWT Board Forum Workshop*, *Yukon Government Off-Road Vehicle Regulations Workshop*, *Aurora Research Institute GIS Info Sharing & Collaboration Workshop*, *Climate Change Monitoring in the Tuk Area* (Tuk CC initiative), *Development of a GNWT Waste Resource Management Strategy for the NWT*, etc.

In November 2017, ILA and IRC's IT Services commissioned a business needs assessment of LUAS (Land Use Application System). The objective is to develop a new automated Land Use Application system that could be managed, maintained, is user-friendly and under full control of IRC.

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

ILA processed the following Land Use Permits/Licences: **Canadian Wildlife Services**, Banks Island habitat assessment; **Environment and Climate Change Canada**, snow mass remote sensing; **Canadian Wildlife Services**, banding and marking of waterfowl (Banks Island); **Geological Survey of Canada** for monitoring of climate change in the Mackenzie Valley; and **Natural Resources Canada**, coastal research of the nearshore Beaufort Sea.

Prospecting Permits issued by the GNWT, Mine Recorder's Office for the ISR included 5 to **Rio Algom Exploration Inc.** located east of Ulukhaktok and 3 to **Talmora Diamond Inc.** located south of Paulatuk. All are for 5-year periods.

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

With the transfer of Borrow Source 312 to Inuvialuit private lands, the land exchange between ILA and GNWT is finalized. Secure gates were installed to restrict access from the Highway to Borrow Sources 1401A, 312, 177 and the Tuk Solid Waste Site. Signs will be placed. ILA and GNWT(Lands) also finalized coordinates for the signage on the Highway for the 8 boundaries between crown and Inuvialuit private lands.

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

In October, Imperial Oil submitted a *Bar C Remediation Closure Report* to ILA. In December, ILA approved the Closure Report and confirmed that the clean-up project was completed according to the Remediation Action Plan. (Note: Even after the acceptance of the final Closure Report, regular monitoring will be provided by Imperial Oil for many years in the post-remediation period.)

### ***ESSO Tuk Base Proposed Remediation Project (RAP)***

In January, Imperial Oil submitted a letter as a prelude to the RAP 2017 to 2024 submission outlining proposed risk-based, site-specific remediation criteria for ESSO Tuk Base. Going forward, the timeline will be as follows:

- ◆ **January 31, 2018** - Imperial Oil submitted a letter on RAP submission
- ◆ **February 28, 2018** - ILA approval or feedback
- ◆ **April 30, 2018** - Imperial Oil will submit the Tuk Base RAP
- ◆ **August 30, 2018** - ILA approval or feedback of RAP
- ◆ **September 2018** - Community consultation, detailed engineering, project contracting
- ◆ **September 2019** - Preparation for fieldwork
- ◆ **2020 to 2023** - Field execution
- ◆ **2024 and beyond** - On-going monitoring program

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

As directed by the IRC Board, ILA is coordinating feedback from the communities on ILAC's future roles and responsibilities. The current 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: Fred Kuptana at the IRC booth in the Career Expo (East Three Secondary School). Right: Leonard Kikoak and Louis Jerome canning muskox meat in CEDO's Country Food Processing Methods program.*



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

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

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

IDC held the annual joint venture and partnership meetings in Calgary January 17 to 19. Options for the 3 rigs were discussed with Akita Equitak, with possible work in the Permian region of Texas. IOFS (Schlumberger) recognized that the oilfield service demand in the ISR is non-existent at this time but will continue to update IDC on its evolving company portfolio.

There are 2 major GNWT projects slated for Inuvik on which IDC is tracking: the Inuvik airport terminal replacement and a 48-bed long-term care facility. Meanwhile IDC is involved with the on-going feasibility study undertaken by IRC to assess the viability of completing a gas production facility at one of the existing gas well along the Inuvik-Tuk Highway route. This study is anticipated for completion by the end of May.

#### ***IDC's Ownership of NorTerra Subsidiaries***

With the transfer of ownership of Canadian North and Weldco-Beales, NorTerra activities are now fully absorbed into IDC. Both organizations are performing well. The focus will be on ensuring that these companies move forward with a clear path to growth and continued profitability.

Canadian North and BBE Expediting recently announced the launch of *Fetchable*, a new easy-to-use 24/7 online shipping solution to allow seamless, cost-effective, and efficient shipping to and from almost anywhere in the world. Goods can range from fresh produce and meat, frozen and canned good, clothing, electronics, furniture, hardware, tires or automotive parts.

#### ***IDC Properties***

Residential and commercial occupancy remains strong at 98%. IDC Properties sent letters to tenants at the end of January informing them of a slight rent increase.

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*IDC staff at the 42 Directors Meeting - Johanna Michener, George Parkes, Barry Jacobson and Sue McNeil.*



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

Aklak is still anticipating the relocation of the check-in counter from the airport terminal to the hangar by June. Scheduled service to Tuk was officially cancelled February 9. Due to the opening of the Inuvik-Tuk Highway, there was a significant decline in demand for the service.

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

Stanton had another successful year in 2017 and anticipates another productive year for 2018. Meanwhile inventory count was completed with a variance of only 0.6% on an inventory of \$1.4 million.

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

AOGS continues to provide trucking and delivery services for Stanton in Tuk and Aklavik. There may be potential work at Camp Farewell this summer pending project announcements.

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

Nappaq is focused on completing the on-going projects for IRC/ NWT Housing Corporation as well as the GNWT(ENR) project at Shell Lake in Inuvik. Nappaq continues to grow the local workforce and implement a program where potential apprentices from the new Aurora College trades entrance exam program can join their team and begin working towards a journeyman certificate in carpentry.

#### ***Inuvialuit CEDO***

**Sue McNeil**, CEDO Manager, reported on confirmed funding in support of various key initiatives: CanNor under the CROP program ; GNWT (ITI) to deliver cultural host training; REACHE for solar panels; CanNor and INAC for feasibility study, purchase and training of UAV drone services; and CCHAP on food security in the ISR.

Under the *Essential Business Skills Initiative*, there are small business training in Paulatuk in February, and online workshops and toolkits to be accessible by March. Under the *Opportunity Readiness Research Initiative*, meetings were held in Aklavik and Inuvik to discuss commercial fisheries. Under the *Opportunities in Arctic Energy Initiative*, federal funding is available for projects that include wind, solar, hydro or other energy alternatives to diesel. Under the *Country Foods and Value-Added Processing Initiative*, 4 two-week *Country Food Processing Methods* programs, including entrepreneurship training, ran in February and March.

Another initiative involves a pilot project for *Arts Meet Engineering* where local artists are learning new tools - CAD, laser cutter, 3-D printer - to further their arts and crafts. Once the pilot project is completed, there will be a launch of a *Maker Space* with the potential to develop and manufacture on a small scale. Partners in this initiative include CEDO, GNWT(ITI), Aurora Research Institute and Gwich'in Tribal Council. ■

## 2018 Northern Games/Dene Games Summit

The Summit was a friendly competition of Traditional Aboriginal Games for all BDEC schools February 11 to 14. It included opening ceremonies, community feast, drum dancing, various indoor and outdoor events, dance, blanket toss, closing ceremonies and many other fun activities. There were 207 students and chaperones participating from 8 communities. More than half (105) were from out of town!

### 12 and Under Girls, Overall Winner

Brianna Gruben (E3E)  
Jody Arey (Aklavik)  
Alyssia Irish (Uluhaktok)

### 12 and Under Boys, Overall Winner

Kaleb Picek (E3S)  
Kolsen Church (E3S)  
Nelten Panoktalok (Tuktoyaktuk)

### 15 and Under Girls, Overall Winner

Michelle Conley (E3S)  
Mikayla Jacobson (Tuktoyaktuk)  
Kyra McDonald (E3S)

### 15 and Under Boys, Overall Winner

Anthony Kay (E3S)  
Dalton McLoed (E3S)  
Joel Arey (Tsiigehtchic)

### 19 and Under Girls, Overall Winner

Agnes Krengnektak (Tuk)  
Andrea Carmichael (E3S)  
Ariel Lugt (Tuktoyaktuk)

### 19 and Under Boys, Overall Winner

Braeden Picek (E3S)  
Underwood Day (E3S)  
Clyde Elanik (E3S)

The Summit is supported by GNWT(MACA), IRC, Gwich'in Tribal Council, Inuvik Justice Committee, Beaufort-Delta Education Council, Inuvik DEA, Tuk DEA, Fort McPherson DEA, Northern Games Society, Inuvik Community Corporation and East Three Secondary School. Way to go to all the organizers, participants and volunteers! ■

2018 Northern Games/Dene Games Summit. **Row 1, Left:** The Opening Ceremonies with Team Paulatuk. (Photo by ICS.) **Row 1, Centre:** Northern Games judges watching the Two-Foot Kick. **Row 1, Right:** Mikayla Jacobson on the Blanket Toss. **Row 2, Left:** All the winners in the 15 and Under, Girls category. **Row 2, Right:** All the winners in the different age categories under Boys.



## IRC Native Hockey Tournament

The *IRC Native Hockey Tournament* celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary February 15 to 18 with 17 teams from Aklavik, Paulatuk, Ulukhaktok, 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, K&D Outlaws (Aklavik) held off the Malena Selects (Tuk). In the “B” Division, the Slyck Stars (Inuvik) easily handled the Tuk Bulldogs. In the “Oldtimers” Division, Aklavik outlasted the Old Dogs (Inuvik).

Individual winners in the “A” Division were MVP - **Elton Ruben**, Top Scorer - **Sean Portias** and Top Goalie - **Mitchell Jacobson**.

Individual winners in the “B” Division were MVP - **Kendall McDonald**, Top Scorer - **Charlton Wolki**, and Top Goalie - **Josh Tetliichi**.

The organizers would like to thank the volunteers - **Donny Hendrick, Wilma Hendrick, Tori Hendrick, Ashlyn Hendrick, Lawrence and Rebecca Kaglik, Shawna Kaglik, Peggy Day, Liz and Tyler Gordon, Martha Blake, Justin Collison, Shelly Hendrick and Mackenzie Cockney**.

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. The Inuvialuit Communications Society provided livestreaming of the games, with **Dez Loreen** providing a running commentary. Much appreciated by all!

### IRC Cup Cultural Weekend

New this year to enhance the Tournament was the *IRC Cup Cultural Weekend* held at the MSRC Community Hall. A celebration of Inuvialuit culture, people enjoyed the country food (Eskimo donuts, bannock, charr chowder, fish patties and more) prepared by **John and Sally Day**; *Tool Making Workshop* with **Danny C. and Annie C. Gordon**; *Sewing Sealskin Keychains* with **Brian Rogers**; Arctic Sports and Northern Games; Old Time Dance; and Drum Dancing.

Many left the *IRC Cup Cultural Weekend* with big smiles holding onto their self-made ulus, fishing hooks, keychains and zipper pulls. There were lots of door prize winners too! ■

*IRC Native Hockey Tournament. Row 1, Left: Duane Smith dropping the official puck between K & D Outlaws (Aklavik) and Malena Selects (Tuk) at the opening. Row 1, Right: Volunteer Shelly Hendrick selling promotional items - hoodies, caps, pucks - for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Row 2, Left: Elton Ruben is the MVP in the “A” Division. Row 2, Right: Ruth Goose giving Donovan Arey a door prize, a complete kit for the making of fur mitts as part of the IRC Cup Cultural Weekend.*





*News Around the ISR and Beyond ...*



**Left Top:** This is Mabel Ruben; apologies for incorrect name in the previous IRC Board Summary newsletter. **Centre Top:** In recognition of Pink Shirt Day, February 28, in support of Anti-Bullying, IRC staff wore pink for the day! **Right Top:** Melanie Keevik is holding (left) bacon made from lean beaver meat and (right) salami made from reindeer meat. She participated in CEDO's Country Food Processing Methods program. **Left Bottom:** Doris Rogers singing "O Canada" during the official opening ceremonies at the IRC Native Hockey Tournament. **Centre Bottom:** The youth in Aklavik just loved the neck warmers with the face of a seal from the RSEA/CBMP community tour! **Right Bottom:** Duane Smith with Churchill Wolki Jr., winner of the Aklak Air ticket at the IRC Cup Cultural Weekend.

*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

### ***IFA-101 Project - COPE Negotiators/Staff Gathering***

In the 30+ years since the signing of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA), a new generation of Inuvialuit and the people they interact with has come into being. Many do not have first hand knowledge of the historical background to the IFA, how the IFA applies to their rights, responsibilities and opportunities as Inuvialuit beneficiaries, or how the IFA affects governance within the ISR. Without this knowledge, Inuvialuit cannot use the IFA to meet its intended goals, nor adapt it to meet future needs.

People today would ask: What is the IFA? What were the traditional ways in which Inuvialuit governed themselves? Why was a land claim needed? How did the IFA come about? What were the factors or events? What does the IFA cover? How does the IFA affect me? How can I learn (more) about the IFA?

IRC and the Joint Secretariat started the *IFA-101 Project* consisting of 3 inter-related projects: *IFA Virtual Library* of digitized archival material, *Annotated IFA* with a “plain language explanation” and *eLearning Program on Understanding the Inuvialuit Final Agreement*.

#### ***COPE Negotiators/Staff Gathering***

As part of the information collecting process for the *eLearning Program*, a *COPE Negotiators/Staff Gathering* was held in Inuvik January 23 to 25. Participants spoke on their role in the IFA negotiations, the need for a land claim, their thoughts on the major successes of the IFA, and most importantly, what they would like the current and younger generations of Inuvialuit to know about the IFA. Some also shared personal stories and spoke on how the elders were always thinking of the future, planning for the future generations. It was recognized that many like **Andy Carpenter Sr., Agnes Semmler, Nelson Green, Mark Noksana, Sam Raddi, Charlie Haogak, Wallace Goose** and more had passed on.

The COPE participants included **Nellie Cournoyea, Robert Kuptana, Renie Arey, Annie Goose, Peter Green, Gilbert Thrasher Sr., Randal (Boogie) Pokiak, Annie C. Gordon, Joey Carpenter and Bob DeLury** (via FaceTime).

To facilitate the passing on of IFA knowledge to the younger Inuvialuit generation 5 individuals were invited: **Kayla Hansen-**

**Craik, Michel Lindsay, Jessica Stewart, Jodie Maring and Devalynn Pokiak.** They were also tasked with providing on-going feedback on the *eLearning Program* of the *IFA-101 Project*.

The Inuvialuit Communications Society was asked to videotape this Gathering and to subsequently produce a short video of the participants’ collective knowledge of the IFA. As well, short clips would be developed for the education and better understanding of the IFA.

#### ***Modules in the eLearning Program***

The *eLearning Program* will be “on demand”, that is, available on the IRC website and via DVD. It is intended to be self-paced, narrated, visually interesting and with multimedia components. The reading comprehension level is Grade 10. It is aimed at creating awareness of topics and curiosity to learn more about the IFA. Links will be provided to access additional information.

The eLearning modules will consist of the following:

1. Introduction to the Program
2. Tradition to Transition - *Ingilraani to Taimani*
3. Steps along the Way to the IFA
4. The Western Arctic Claim - IFA
5. Implementing the IFA

#### ***IFA-101 Project - Going Forward***

The *IFA-101 Project* was presented at the *42 Directors Meeting* and received positive feedback and encouragement. The next step is completion of the Project with a view to publish online with enhanced multimedia features. ■



*COPE Negotiators/Staff Gathering. Left: Nellie Cournoyea, Randal (Boogie) Pokiak, Annie C. Gordon and Gilbert Thrasher Sr. Right: Inuvialuit youth, Kayla Hansen-Craik, addressing the COPE participants, “I have so many questions for you!”*



## IRC Board Summary Newsletter

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

#### *IRC/IDC Staff*

IRC is pleased to welcome **Daniel Aviugana** as the new Receptionist. Raised in Inuvik, he is a familiar face having worked at Home Hardware and Driving Force. He is the friendly voice and face that greets you first! Welcome!

The Community Development Division (CDD) welcomes **Lesa Semmler** as the Inuvialuit Health Systems Navigator. She has over 16 years of culturally-diverse experience as a registered nurse in the North, including 2 years of management experience with BDHSSA.

**Jullian MacLean**, Regional Dietitian, is leaving CDD to transition into the position of Project Director, Health Methods and Data. This IRC position works closely with the NWT Strategic Patient Orientations Research (Hotii ts'eedo) Support Unit (SPOR). He will also be able to advance health research for the Inuvialuit and in particular build upon information and data to assist in informing the development of health policies and programs.

Inuvialuit CEDO welcomes **Patrice Stuart** as the new ICEDO Project Coordinator. Formerly with ILA as the Land Use Applications Coordinator, she will be an excellent fit with all the on-going activities.

In the Human & Education Resources department, **Veronica Kasook** is now the ASETS Program Manager. Working with her is **Merlyn Rogers** as the new ASETS Program Coordinator. Welcome!

IDC Properties is welcoming **Charles Elias** as the new Plumber. The Inuvialuit Corporate Group building will now have in-house custodians - **Ronald Binder** and **Jimmy Arey**.

Meanwhile **Lauri Forcade**, formerly Corporate Legal Assistant/Paralegal, moved home to be closer to her family. 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.

#### *Sign Up for Direct Deposit!*

IRC now offers Direct Deposit of Distribution Payments and/or Elders Benefit Payments for beneficiaries. For more information or assistance, please contact the Enrolment Department at 867.777.7093 or [enrolment@inuvialuit.com](mailto:enrolment@inuvialuit.com).

Please note that IRC will continue to pay by cheques unless the Direct Deposit option is initiated.

#### *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@inuvialuit.com](mailto:earey@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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