

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

Summer is here with 24 hours daylight! There is a warming trend, even with some winter-like days. People are enjoying ice fishing, geese hunting, boating 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> marked the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the IFA (Inuvialuit Final Agreement). IRC and Inuvik CC hosted a BBQ Luncheon in the new location of Jim Koe Park. Celebrations also took place in the ISR communities.



### IRC Board Meetings

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

- ◆ August 21, 22 and 23, 2018
- ◆ November 20, 21 and 22, 2018

### Around the ISR

- ◆ Enrolled beneficiaries over the age of 18 picked up their IRC Distribution Payment cheques of \$536.60 in May from their Community Corporation offices. Those living outside the ISR received theirs in the mail or via **direct deposit**.
- ◆ IRC and ITK hosted the *National Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Network Gathering* in Inuvik May 29 to 31.
- ◆ The *ITK Inuit Arctic Tour* took place in the ISR June 3 to 8, visiting the communities of Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Aklavik. The Tour's objective is to provide an opportunity for senior staff in the federal government to become familiar with the challenges of life in the Arctic environment.

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, questions and suggestions from beneficiaries. For the exact date, contact the Community Corporations or check IRC's Facebook page.

Community events in the ISR this summer include Kingalik Jamboree, Ulukhaktok (June 8 to 10), Muskrat Jamboree Kiddie Carnival (June 9 and 16), National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), Oceans Day in Ulukhaktok (July 11), Billy Joss Open Golf Tournament (July 13 to 15), Great Northern Arts Festival (July 13 to 22), Shingle Point Summer Games (late July), Paulatuk's Ikhakupik Jamboree (August 10 to 13). ■

**Left:** Duane Smith presenting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with the *Taimani* book. (Photo by Adam Scotti, PMO.) **Right:** Davonna Kasook, ENRTP is presented with the Student Leadership award by Aurora College's President Jane Arychuk.

# Board Summary



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## Summary of IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

At the IRC Board meeting of April 17, 18 and 19, **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).

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 17/18: ICG Audited Financial Statements**

Upon recommendation by the Audit Committee, the Board approved the 2017 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Inuvialuit Corporate Group.

### **Motion 18/18: IRC Distribution Payment**

In accordance with the IRC Distribution Policy, the Board approved a distribution payment of \$536.60 to each beneficiary enrolled in the Inuvialuit Trust.

### **Motion 19/18: IIC Board Appointment**

The Board re-appointed **Alison Lennie** to the Inuvialuit Investment Corporation for a 3-year term.

### **Motion 20/18: Regional IHAP Committee**

The Board re-appointed **Gerry Kisoun** and **Joshua Oliktoak** to the Regional IHAP (Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program) Committee for a 3-year term.

### **Motion 21/18: IFA Arbitration Board**

The Board re-appointed **Lena Selamio** to the IFA Arbitration Board.

### **Motion 23/18: ICC-GA, Utqiaqvik, Alaska**

The Board appointed **Duane Smith**, **Vernon Amos**, **Lawrence Ruben** and alternate **Gerald Inglangasuk** as delegates to the *Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly* to be held in Utqiaqvik, Alaska July 16 to 19, 2018.

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

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

#### **IRC Board**

August 21, 22 and 23, 2018 (Inuvik)  
November 20, 21 and 22, 2018 (Inuvik)

#### **IDC Board**

August 15, 2018 (Inuvik)  
November 15, 2018

#### **IIC Board**

May 23, 2018 (teleconference)  
August 9, 2018 (Inuvik)  
November 1 and 2, 2018 (Edmonton)

#### **Audit Committee**

September 13, 2018 (teleconference)  
November 29, 2018 (Edmonton)

### **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**, **Alison Lennie**, **Fred Abbott** and **Keith Anderson**.

After reviewing the 2017 Financial Statements and subsequent discussions with the auditors and representatives of management, the Committee recommended their acceptance by the Board. Members also asked for the establishment of a Credit Committee for the Inuvialuit Corporate Group as a formal process to enter or review complex arrangements.

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

IIC Chair, **Floyd Roland**, reported that although IIC did very well in 2017, the significantly increased market volatility is causing stress. IIC continues to review risks, including market risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. In a scenario analysis, the current IIC asset mix is considerably more diversified than the 2008 asset mix; and as such, models indicate it would have less downside risk. Assets allocations continue to be within the *Statement of Investment Policies and Goals (SIP&G)*. The total Inuvialuit portfolio value of investment was \$467 million in February 2018.

The members of the IIC Board are **Floyd Roland** (Chair), **Evelyn Storr**, **Alison Lennie**, **Barry James** and **Phyllis Clark**. The new external board members bring a new perspective to the table with different questions. Congratulations go to **Phyllis Clark** who was recently appointed as Chair of the Royal Canadian Mint.

### **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.

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*The Northern Games demonstration of the Head Pull on Inuvialuit Day (Inuvik) with Churchill Wolki, Noel Cockney and Chris Church.*



## Message from the IRC Chair - Aarigaa!

Hello Inuvialuit,

I am pleased to share the good news of how well IRC - including IDC, IIC, ILC, and IPC - performed financially in 2017. IRC had a record pre-tax earnings of \$83 million and a profit of \$69.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017. These returns are primarily



from the business operations of IDC and supplemented from the investment returns of IIC. In accordance with the Distribution Policy, a portion of the earnings is returned to beneficiaries every year. (Please see *Distribution Payment for Beneficiaries* on Page 5.)

This year saw \$2,462,994 paid to 4,590 enrolled beneficiaries of the Inuvialuit Trust. It was good to see more than 80 newly enrolled beneficiaries, who just turned 18, receiving their first distribution payment of \$536.60!

Working closely with the other Inuit land claim organizations, IRC participated in the Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee (ICPC) to review progress made since its formation last year. At the end of March, **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** and the Committee agreed to carry forward the (7) priority areas established in Year One, and add *Environment and Climate Change* as a new priority. We also discussed how to build on the momentum of the past year to further advance important priorities and policies. IRC will be co-hosting an ICPC meeting in late June with federal Ministers in Inuvik to develop implementation strategies like housing.

Now it is time to celebrate the end of the school year and, of course, graduations. Recently many Inuvialuit students graduated from Aurora College with certificates, diplomas and degrees in the areas of *Environmental & Natural Resources Technology*, *Office Administration*, *Business Administration*, *Early Childhood Development* as well as *Bachelor of Science (Nursing)*. Congratulations go to all the students on their achievement and hard work. IRC recognizes the importance of pursuing educational goals to develop the capacity of Inuvialuit.

I would also like to congratulate all the high school graduates in the ISR and beyond. Job well done! You have achieved a great milestone and your success is the result of your hard work and dedication. We encourage you to consider post-secondary pursuits as the next step in your journey.

Coming up in June, IRC will be holding its annual Corporate Group Tour to the communities. Come and listen to our reports on the activities of the Inuvialuit Corporate Group. We also welcome your concerns, questions and suggestions.

Inuit from Canada, Alaska, Greenland and Chukotka will come together July 16 to 19 in Utqiagvik, Alaska under the banner *Inuit - The Arctic We Want*. This General Assembly will see 66 delegates take stock of where Inuit are and discuss the Arctic we want. The Inuvialuit will have (3) delegates in attendance as part of the Canadian delegation. On the cultural front, the *Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers* will proudly represent the Inuvialuit. Also in August, IRC will host the ITC AGM; dates will be announced soon.

On a final note, stay tuned for the release of the online modules of the *IFA-101 Project's eLearning Program*. It will help not only beneficiaries, but all Canadians, achieve a better understanding of how the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) is the tool that recognizes and protects our rights as Inuvialuit - indigenous people within Canada - as well as the obligations of Canada to work proactively with IRC to ensure the successful implementation of the IFA.

Wishing you a successful Spring/Summer harvest. Please be safe when travelling on the land - wear your life jackets when boating!

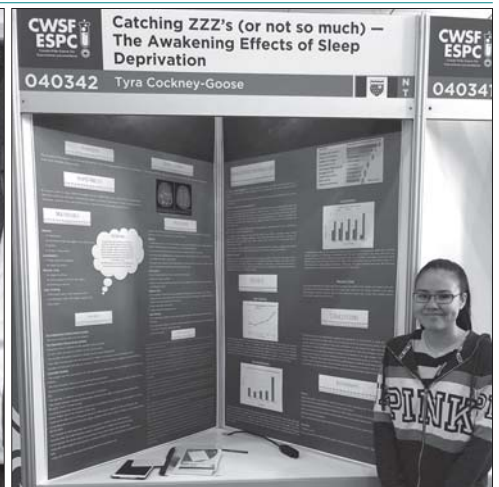
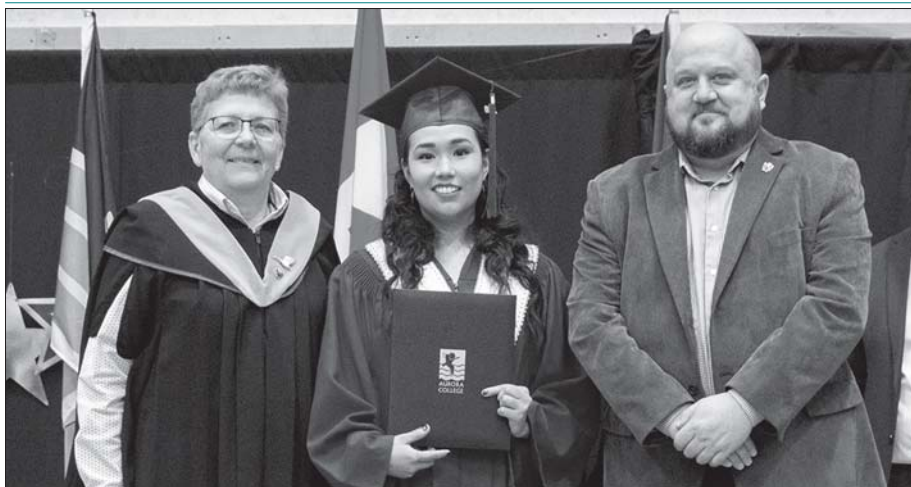
*Quyanainni! Koana! Quyanaqpak!* ■

**Duane Ningaqsik Smith**

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Chair and Chief Executive Officer

*Left: Amber-Joy Gruben graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree at the Aurora College Convocation in Inuvik, with Jane Arychuk, President, and Denny Rodgers, Public Administrator. Right: Tyra Cockney-Goose won a bronze medal for her experiment on sleep deprivation at the recent Canada-Wide Science Fair in Ottawa. Congrats!! (Photo courtesy of J. Parrott.)*



## More IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

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

For 2018, IHAP approved 110 applications which enabled beneficiaries to purchase a total of 46 major and 64 minor items/equipment. For more information on IHAP, please contact the Community Corporation Corporate Managers. 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**

**Diane (Archie) Thom**, Self-Government Negotiator, **Dawn Anderson**, Policy Analyst, and **Maggie Crump**, Program and Policy Analyst, invited the Board to drop by their new location in the Mack Travel Building (155 Mackenzie Road) in Inuvik. A recent Open House welcomed guests with plenty of snacks, trivia, prizes and engaging conversation. Meanwhile the Inuvialuit Fieldworkers positions, within the ISR and outside, continue to be filled. Recently Dawn was in Paulatuk and Ulukhaktok to review the Inuvialuit Self-Government Agreement as well as provide more information to the Inuvialuit Fieldworkers. These visits will continue throughout the summer and fall.

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

### **Research Projects Update**

**Bob Simpson**, Director, Government Affairs, reported that research within the ISR is consistently changing and evolving to meet the needs of beneficiaries, community organizations, funders, and partners at the regional, territorial, and national level. Today, the Inuvialuit manage research activity through various advisory and support positions, but primarily under a Shared Services Unit (SSU) model that is operated in partnership between Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and Joint Secretariat.

There are 4 positions in the SSU. As of April, 3 are now directly managed by Joint Secretariat: **Chloe Brogan**, Community-Based Monitoring Program Coordinator, **Cassandra Elliot**, Traditional and Local Knowledge Coordinator; and **Kayla Hansen-Craik**, Marine Protected Areas Coordinator. Meanwhile **Jenn Parrott**,

Research Manager, and **Shannon O'Hara**, Inuit Research Advisor, remain with IRC.

In addition, **Julian MacLean** is in an advisory research position at IRC as the Project Director for the NWT SPOR UNIT (Hotii ts'eeda). Two new coordinator positions in - GIS/Data and Climate Change/Energy - are anticipated in the near future.

### **ITK/ICC Update**

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Many attended ITK's *Taste of the Arctic* May 28 which offered a selection of Arctic country foods as well as showcased Inuit culture and performers in Ottawa.

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*Left: ITK's Inuit Arctic Tour participants visiting Tuktoyaktuk. (Photo by Shaun Cormiers.) Right: The family of the late John Banksland accepted an Honourary Social Work Diploma from Aurora College (Inuvik) - Annie Banksland with daughter, Onida, and grandson, Telly.*



## Distribution Payments for Beneficiaries

In accordance with the IRC Distribution Policy, the Board announced a distribution payment of \$536.60 to all enrolled Inuvialuit beneficiaries over the age of 18 in May 2018. A total of \$2,462,994 was paid to 4,590 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 2018 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
2018	4,590	\$536.60	\$2,462,994 ■



**Left:** Shirley Kisoun with her grand-daughter, Lesli, who received her first IRC Distribution Payment this year. **Right:** One of the items in the Inuvialuit Day Scavenger Hunt in Inuvik was to take a selfie with Duane Smith, by Kate Snow and Tamara Bain.



## Members Comments: Concerns from the Community Corporations

### Aklavik Community Corporation

**Jordan McLeod** reported that in March the Aklavik CC met with Parks Canada on the hiring of camp cooks and cultural hosts for Ivvavik National Park as well as summer work opportunities. The SDC Meeting discussed the testing of paint flakes coming off the structure to see if there would be any harm to the ocean. Meanwhile ConocoPhillips provided an update on activities.

The *Brighter Futures Jigging and Reeling Activities* of teaching youth how to square dance in readiness for the *Mad Trapper Rendezvous*, were very successful. Many youth are now coming out to the dances. All extra funds from *Brighter Futures 2017/2018* were reallocated to the *Mad Trapper Rendezvous* to support the entertainment activities.

The Aklavik Elders Committee was involved once again in NWT's *Get Active Program* where individuals could sign out a gas card to take an elder jigging (fishing) or harvesting rabbits or to elders' gatherings, etc. **Trudy Kogiak**, Elder & Youth Support Worker, is working closely with the membership in planning events and activities. Aklavik Development Corporation reported that the Aklavik Inn is busy as usual this time of the year.

### Inuvik Community Corporation

**Gerald Inglangasuk** reported that on behalf of Inuvik CC, he attended Joint Secretariat's *IFA-101 Workshop* on Sections 11 to 14, the *Shingle Point Commemoration* event during the *Mad Trapper Rendezvous* in Aklavik, and the *Inuvik Wind Project* meeting at the MSRC.

In March, Inuvik CC held 2 *Ulu & Fish Hook Workshops*, one with **Danny C. and Annie C. Gordon** and the other with **Sammy and Samuel Lennie** at the Inuvik Youth Centre. The youth enjoyed learning these traditional skills. In April, **Jimmy Ruttan** (IRC) held a program at Reindeer Station; **Freddie Rogers** and **Sally Day** were the camp attendant and camp cook. A road had to be cleared to reach Reindeer Station.

All *Brighter Futures* programming ended as of March 31 with year end reports being completed and submitted. A special meeting was held April 5 to review the 2018/2019 program proposals; a majority were approved!

The Inuvik CC *Brighter Futures* programming will resume mid-July with the *Reindeer Station Fish & Berry Camp* and August for the *Reindeer Station Adult Language Camp*. The *Sewing*, *E3E School Arctic Sports*, *E3E School Drum Dancing*, *Aboriginal Head Start Cultural Activities* will all resume in October.

Meanwhile the *Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program (IHAP)* opened January; the Committee met in February to review applications for Major and Minor items. Approved applicants were then contacted to make their financial arrangements. IHAP cheque distributions began April 1.

The Inuvik CC AGM will be held June 23 to review financial statements and activities for the year. All beneficiaries welcome!

### Paulatuk Community Corporation

**Lawrence Ruben** reported that Paulatuk CC has set a tentative date of July 3 for their AGM. The Board has moved its meeting dates from the first to the second Monday of each month to allow for bank statements to be available for review. With the receipt of *Brighter Futures*' new program funding, a Coordinator will be hired and a call for proposals issued.

Paulatuk CC received their qualified statements from the auditors and a concern was how to account for the funds under the Elders Committee. One option was to register the Elders Committee under the Societies Act so that they could oversee their own funding and expenditures. Another option was to better track and separate the finances of the Elders Committee, core funding and general.

Paulatuk Development Corporation (PDC) is awaiting a deposit from PVCC as a dividend payment from the previous year. PDC also received a proposal from Generation Mining Ltd. (formerly Darnley Bay Resources) for a project on Paulatuk 7.1(a) and 7.1(b) lands. They were advised that monies owing must be paid first before any consideration of the current proposal.

*Left: Faith Gordon giving instructions for the Egg & Spoon Race at Aklavik's Mad Trapper Rendezvous. Right: Women's Log Sawing at the Muskrat Jamboree in Inuvik.*



## Members Comments: Concerns from the Community Corporations

### Sachs Harbour Community Corporation

**Vernon Amos** reported that the audit for Sachs Harbour CC was done and completed. It took a little longer as some money were not earmarked and a new auditor was in place. The Board will be reviewing the financial statements. The Sachs Harbour Development Corporation is pleased to announce that it has paid back \$70,000 of the loan for their recent Polar Grizz Hotel acquisition. Business has been steady.

Sachs Harbour CC secured funding from ICRC to purchase supplies and materials for the drum dance group's outfits. All *Brighter Futures* programs are now completed; the staff is busy with reports. New proposals are coming in slowly.

A meeting with the BDHSSA and **Evelyn Storr** (IRC) has resulted in a full-time psychologist for Sachs Harbour. This service had never been available before in the community!

The Sachs Harbour CC Board would like to extend condolences to the Esau family on the passing of **Beverly Esau**. Vernon remembers her as one of his teachers as a young student.

### Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation

**Eddie Dillon** reported that with Tuk CC's support, registration for the *Ilannariit Katimaviat Society* was submitted. Its long-term goal is to qualify and apply to become a Community Friendship Centre. An Arts & Crafts Advisory Committee conducted a door-to-door survey of residents in the completion of an *Arts & Crafts Strategy*. It contains 12 objectives and 29 goals which will be worked on in the coming year.

To build community capacity, basic workshops were held in sewing, sewing machine and serger operations, embroidery, carving, agenda and minute taking. Support was provided by ICEDO, Tuk Elders Committee, ICRC and Aurora College.

The Aimayunga Shelter was incorporated and has a fiscal year end of March 31. Happy to report that the Shelter was successful in sustaining themselves with their annual GNWT funding.

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.

The Tuk Elders/Justice Committee is busy administering programs with funding from the *New Horizons for Seniors Program*.

Condolences are sent to the Esau family on the recent passing of a beloved team member, **Beverly Esau**.

### Ulukhaktok Community Corporation

**Colin Okheena** reported that Ulukhaktok CC has set May 17 as the date for their AGM. Recently MLA **Herb Nakimayak** and MP **Michael McLeod** met with the community to discuss cruiseships, Northwest Passage, Ulukhaktok as a possible base for search and rescue, new alternate energy, and housing issues.

On behalf of Ulukhaktok CC, **Adam Inuktalik** attended the *Pests, Pathogens, and Invasive Species NWT* symposium held in Yellowknife in April.

Ulukhaktok CC purchased 6 whole muskox from members to divide up and distribute to the single parents, those with no means of transportation to get out on the land, and elders. A call for proposals for cabin repairs down Prince Albert Sound was issued; no response thus far for any sites.

An application for a *Family Summer Language Camp* was submitted to the *Anti-Poverty Fund*. The local IHAP Committee met and allocated funds to 7 Major and 6 Minor applicants.

In this period, donations were made to Ulukhaktok Flyers Association and Ulukhaktok Youth Council.

Congratulations to **Marge Akoaksion**, Corporate Manager, for successfully completing the General Financial Practices course with a 95% overall grade!

It is once again that time of year to enjoy the outdoors. Best of luck in spring hunting and fishing! Safe travels! ■

*Left: Beluga Jamboree King and Queen, John and Glenna Noksana, with Mayor Merven Gruben in Tuk. (Photo courtesy of Hamlet of Tuk.)*

*Right: Ulukhaktok's Michael Koadlak receiving the Outstanding Youth Award from GNWT(MACA). He is congratulated by friends and family in Yellowknife. (Photo by H. Nakimayak.)*



### 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, staff in CDD was meeting all year end requirements. Upon completion, the new focus will be on developing the work plan for Community Wellness. Recently, she and **Lesla Semmler** attended the *Inuit Tuberculosis Elimination Task Force* meeting in Ottawa. Evelyn attended a Self-Government session with GNWT (ECE) in Yellowknife. She continues to participate in teleconferences and meetings with respect to Health Canada and GNWT regarding the Inuit funding, TB committee and Task Force, NIHB with ITK, NICOH and Inuit Health Survey.

#### Health Systems Navigator

As the Inuvialuit Health Systems Navigator, **Lesla Semmler** assisted Self-Government in finalizing a proposal for an assessment of cost and process of taking over NIHB program for the Inuvialuit. She also attended the Aklavik Health Fair in March.

As the IRC Community Representative member for the *Inuit Tuberculosis Elimination Task Force*, Lesla and **Evelyn Storr** attended a meeting in Ottawa to get updates on the work of the Task Force. Adding on to the tuberculosis work, Lesla then attended a community engagement session at a conference in Chicago.

Thanks to IRC's Communications Department, the information pamphlets have now been completed and are available to the communities.

#### Resolution Health Support Program (RHSP)

**Debbie Gordon-Ruben** reported that the Group IAP proposal for 62 eligible recipients was approved. The *Shingle Point Commemoration* event took place March 29 as part of Aklavik's *Mad Trapper Rendezvous*; it went well. **Susan Peffer** and Debbie attended RHSP Health Canada Northern Departments' annual gathering and workshop in Ottawa.

#### Early Childhood Programs

**Alexandria Desroches**, Early Childhood Programs Manager, is responsible for the Child Development Centres and Aboriginal Head Start programs in the ISR. Her last day was April 27.

Although staff turnover was at its lowest, staff attendance was also low. Casual staff are being hired monthly in all communities in the hopes of preventing Centre closures. In February, a regional training session took place in Inuvik.

A reminder that come next year, funding from GNWT for the Centres will be based strictly on the attendance of participants. Yes, attendance will be the key to keeping the Centres funded and staffed.

#### Early (Childhood) Intervention Pilot Project

**Maria Storr**, ECI Coordinator, is in a pilot project to improve the process and outcomes of early childhood education through intervention. In February, she made a quick trip to Paulatuk to

deliver the third Block of Hanen training. Other community visits included Tuk and Aklavik with a focus on evaluation which involved parents and caregivers.

In Inuvik, a parent information session was held at Ingamo Hall in partnership with the *Healthy Babies* program. For the final scheduled Block 4 Hanen training, 4 Aurora College ECE Diploma students, 2 AHS staff and 2 Children's First Centre staff received certificates of completion. There were also videos and video feedback.

#### 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 Elder's Advocate.

Meghan and Jimmy participated in the *NWT On the Land Collaborative* decision making for applications/funding dispersal in Yellowknife. Jimmy will be replacing Meghan on this file as the Community Advisor. Peggy and Ruth participated in the *Wellness Fairs* in Inuvik, Aklavik and Tuk with a focus on Inuvialuit history and resilience (*Knowing Where We Come From*).

In March, Jimmy took 10 youth *On the Land* for *Muskrat Trapping* with **Hank and Sarah Rogers** as hosts. Ruth took participants from the *Parenting Program* to Reindeer Station. In partnership with GNWT and Ingamo Hall, IRC hosted a *Cancer Sharing Circle* in Inuvik. All staff participated in the *Indigenous Tool for Living* workshops.

In April, staff of IRC participated in the week-long *Advanced Wilderness First Aid Training* at Reindeer Station. It was an excellent course!

#### Regional Wellness Programs

CDD will miss **Beverly Esau**, the Regional Wellness Coordinator, upon her recent passing. All community programs and agreements met the year end requirements. All CPNP programs are up and running; and coordinators are trying to be more creative in their program delivery. CPNP programming consists of 20 cooking classes, 5 sewing classes and 4 food hampers. ■





## Language and Culture

ICRC supports 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. Sewing materials and equipment will be provided to Sachs Harbour CC for their *Traditional Drum Dance Parka Making Sewing Classes*. Participants will then be able to make up to 8 traditional drum dance parkas.

ICRC continues to provide resource materials to support the Inuvialuktun Language Program. However, this will be the last year of working on booklets for distribution in the ISR. This year end, ICRC ordered Large Arctic Animal Plush Puppets to make *Inuvialuit Story Sacks and Booklets* which will be gifted to the 5 Child Development Centres as well as Inuvialuktun Language Instructors in the ISR.

### 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. It will be going live later this year.

### Remembering Schooners Project

**Beverly Amos** is working 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 2020.

### Inuvialuit Drum Dance Groups

**Deanna Marie Jacobson** is taking the lead in this project which involves the transcribing of Inuvialuit Drum Dance Songs and their meanings. It will also include partnering with the *Cambridge Bay Central Style Drum Dance Group* to look at their completed transcriptions of songs from the region. This project has now been extended to March 31, 2020 for completion.

### Anglican Church General Synod Archives

In March, **Ethel-Jean Gruben**, **Deanna Marie Jacobson** and **Lucy Kuptana** visited the Anglican Church of Canada General Synod Archives in Toronto to assist the transfer of Shingle Point Residential School materials to IRC. They followed up on details regarding the publishing of (teacher) **Bessie Quirt**'s Shingle Point journals and photos. As well, language materials that may be of interest to ICRC and the communities were reviewed.

### IRC/IDC Staff Development

Weekly Language Classes for IRC/IDC staff ran November to March to promote and support the revitalization of the Inuvialuktun language. Although attendance was low, there was positive feedback from the participants. The Classes will continue again in September with participants having the opportunity to attend combined language and sewing projects.

### Other Updates

The 2018/2019 Cultural Centre Work Plan is now completed and will be shared at the next IRC Board meeting. **Beverly Amos** is working towards a linguist certificate; she travelled to Yellowknife to attend the **CILLDI Linguist Course** in February. **Deanna Marie Jacobson** participated in the *Indigenous Languages and Education Committee Meetings* with GNWT(ECE) in May. Meanwhile a translation rate sheet is now available for staff to use as a guide when providing translation services. ■

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**Previous Page:** IRC provided funding to the Inuvik Regional Hospital to purchase a van to transport elders in the community - Duane Smith, Lorna Gruben (BDHSSA) and Lucy Kuptana. **This Page, Left:** The elders showing their appreciation to IRC for the purchase of a new hospital van on Inuvialuit Day. **This Page, Right:** Student Betty Elias showcasing her crafts at the Open House for the Merging Arts & Crafts with Technology and Manufacturing Program at Aurora College (Inuvik).



## Human and Education Resources

*Vina Norris, Human Resources Manager, Veronica Kasook, ASETS Program Manager; and Jennifer Rafferty, Capacity 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 **Joyce Banksland** (Ulukhaktok), **Rhonda John** (Aklavik), **Jeffery Amos** (Inuvik), and **Carla Ruben** (Paulatuk). The position in Tuk will be filled shortly.

### *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 provided funding to 100 students: 73 NWT residents and 27 outside the NWT. A total of 18 scholarships were awarded instead of the usual 10. Final scholarship payments were made in January 2018. 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)* KETO, the reporting database program was extended for 2018/2019. In April, IRC and GTC held a joint 3-day training session for staff in the IRC offices. ASETS funds not expended in 2017/2018 were successfully carried forward to 2018/2019.

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 the *2017/2018 School Programs* with Skills Canada NWT; *General Financial Practices* (Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Tuk and Aklavik); *Merging Arts & Crafts with Technology and Manufacturing*; *University College Access Program - Licensed Practical Nurse Program*; *Country Food Processing Intakes 1 & 2*; *Start Your Own Small Business* (Sachs Harbour and Paulatuk); and *Microsoft Office Programming* (Aklavik and Inuvik).

### *Capacity Building Team*

In the Capacity Building Team, **Britney Selina** is taking the lead on the attendance initiative. All schools celebrated the class with the best attendance for February; and the class with the highest attendance as well as most improved for March. There was also *Games Night* with the SFSWs to draw in families to the schools.

Working with Frontier College, the *Summer Reading Camps* will take place in July in Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuk. Program objectives include building on the literacy and numeracy skills of campers, preventing summer learning loss, and promoting parental and community involvement in the children's learning.

Under *Northern Adult Basic Education*, there are new short-term embedded literacy courses being piloted or developed including *Introduction to Warehousing/Supply Chain Management*, *Introduction to Northern Leadership*, and *Introduction to Community Caregivers*. ■

## 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 *Tina Lucas*, Office Manager; *Janet Elias*, Environmental Monitoring Coordinator; *Glenna Nokšana*, Administrative Assistant/Land Use Coordinator; and *Mykola Sokurenko*, Environmental Management Coordinator.

During the quarter, ILA staff attended workshops, presentations and meetings on 2018 Inuvik-Tuk Highway Construction Update, Tuk Strategic Planning Workshop, Beaufort Sea Coastal Zone Study, Thaw and Re-Vegetation of Coastal Erosion Slumps, ISR Prospecting Permits (BHP), Oil Spill Working Group, etc.

### *Inuvialuit Land Use Applications*

ILA processed the following Land Use Permits/Licences: **Hamlet of Tuk**, private roads construction, Temporary Right of Way; **University of Wuerzburg**, remote sensing and geophysics of tundra landscapes; and **University of Ottawa**, Banks Island Seismic Network-Ulukhaktok. Meanwhile consultations are being conducted on projects with the **Memorial University of Newfoundland & Labrador**, **Queen's University** and **Tundra North Tours**.

### *Inuvik-Tuk Highway Project*

ILA met with GNWT(INF) on progressive reclamation of the borrow sources assigned for subsequent closure or future use. Joint inspections will be conducted this Spring with GNWT (Lands) and ILA to determine the current status of all Inuvik-Tuk Highway quarries. GNWT(INF) will then conduct a Borrow Source 312 quarry survey after freshet to determine the official gravel quantities used for the Highway construction. ILA did raise concerns associated with the Highway construction and operation, such as the Gunney Creek Bridge outside of Tuk. Also discussed was the new design for the proposed parking area for the Husky Lakes ATV Trail.

### *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 the proposed risk-based, site-specific remediation criteria for ESSO Tuk Base. On February 28, ILA reviewed and provided feedback on the details and approach proposed by Imperial Oil.

The project timeline proposed is as follows:

- ◆ **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

### *BHP/Rio Algom Prospecting Permits (ISR)*

The BHP/Rio Algom Prospecting Permits in the ISR is based on an Airborne Geophysical Survey. In 2018, the company will focus on the Nunavut permit areas with all business/logistical support out of Cambridge Bay.

In early winter 2019, BHP/Rio Algom will travel to Ulukhaktok to hold an information session on the scope of the work. As per the requirements under the IFA for work in the ISR, they will contact the Inuvialuit Game Council and EISC. For 2019, their camp/base of operations will be set up in Nunavut since the majority of their exploration permits are located there. However, they will reach out to IDC for business opportunities.

### *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:* Participants from the second intake of CEDO's Country Food Processing Methods program at Aurora College (Inuvik) - Georgina Neyando, Denise Ruben, Sadie Lester, Ruby Ruben, Amber Ruben and Rita Carpenter. *Right:* IDC Properties' Noel Gordon congratulating Terrance Allen on completing and passing his Carpentry Apprenticeship for his Carpentry Ticket.



### *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 started the year on a positive note for most of the joint ventures and 100%-owned companies. Aklak and Stanton are tracking slightly ahead of budget. IEG expects a busy summer working on Shell remediation projects. Weldco-Beales continues to outperform their budget. Canadian North is undergoing operational restructuring and improvements.

There are 2 major GNWT projects slated for Inuvik on which IDC and GDC (Gwich'in Development Corporation) are working on a joint submission: the Inuvik airport terminal replacement and a 48-bed long-term care facility.

#### *NorTerra Inc.*

With the transfer of ownership of Canadian North and Weldco-Beales, NorTerra's (subsidiary) activities are now fully absorbed into IDC. Both organizations are performing well. Moving along, NorTerra was placed into bankruptcy on March 29 with no effect on the operations of its former subsidiaries.

#### *IDC Properties*

Residential and commercial occupancy remains strong at 95%. The staff is reviewing potential energy efficiencies throughout the portfolio. A meeting with Arctic Energy Alliance has resulted in researching potential programs to upgrade selected units. Approval was received on lighting projects for conversion to LED lights.

IDC Properties is sharing the good news that **Terrance Allen** has completed and passed his Carpentry Apprenticeship. Congratulations! Meanwhile, **Trent Gordon** is signed on as an Apprentice Carpenter and working under Terrence.

#### *Aklak Air*

Although Aklak's scheduled service to Tuk was officially cancelled in February, service began in May due to the temporary closure of the Inuvik-Tuk Highway. Early indications are positive for summer charter work on the Twin Otter with Parks Canada, rafting/canoeing expeditions, and researchers.

#### *Stanton Group*

All 3 Stanton stores (Aklavik, Tuk and Inuvik) have received approval to sell ammunition. Advice is sought on the type of shells to stock, ie. 22 short, 22 long rifle, 223, 30-06, etc. In a partnership with Canadian North, Stanton began offering Aurora Rewards points to customers who present their Aurora Rewards number when shopping. As well, customers can redeem their points for a Stanton gift card.

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

The purchase of the AOGS shares from Horizon North Ltd. is complete. AOGS signed a contract with ATCO to provide property management and custodial services for the Inuvik FOL base for one year with the potential for a four-year extension. It is also bidding on other camp catering work in the region.

#### *Nappaq Design & Construction*

Nappaq continues to work in the ISR on the IRC/NWT Housing Corporation units. The 4-plex in Tuk was completed and successfully turned over to the NWT HC. The 6-plex in Inuvik is on schedule as well. The GNWT(ENR) project at Shell Lake in Inuvik is on schedule for completion by mid-May.

Nappaq currently has one first-year Apprentice Carpenter, **Adrian Kagyut**, and one third-year Apprentice Carpenter, **Michael Firth**. There are 6 Inuvialuit and 3 Gwich'in employees on staff.

#### *Inuvialuit CEDO*

Under the *Essential Business Skills Initiative*, small business training was completed in Paulatuk by CEDO in conjunction with Parks Canada. Under the *Opportunity Readiness Research Initiative*, there is on-going collaboration with IRC's IT Department and the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link as well as a final report on the *Cruise Ship Management Strategy*.

Under the *Country Foods and Value-Added Processing Initiative*, 4 two-week *Country Food Processing Methods* programs, including entrepreneurship training, ran successfully in February and March with 21 participants. CEDO is working on a proposal for the facility to become a commercial plant in 2018/2019. The CHHAP food security funding will train operators for the facility in Inuvik and trainers for the communities. On-going and upcoming visits to each community will provide input regarding harvested foods and unique facilities required to process and store them. Results and recommendations will then be reported back to the communities.

The *Arts Meet Engineering* pilot project saw 11 artist participants learning new tools to further their arts in Inuvik. There was a clear demand for access to expertise and equipment! The next step is the launch of a *Maker Space* or *Creative Hub* 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. ■



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## *Inuvialuit High School Graduations*

June is a busy month with high school graduations. Congratulations to all the Inuvialuit graduates in the communities!

### *Inuvik, (June 2)*

Kendall Allen  
Destiny Beaulieu  
Tyra Cockney-Goose  
Billie Jean Conley  
Janine Hurst  
Chris-Lin Hvatum  
Olivia Inglangasuk  
Dakota Joss  
Courtney Kasook  
Jasmine Keogak  
Shania Noksana  
Kaylee Seward  
Keenen Wolki-Jacobson

### *Paulatuk (June 12)*

Curtis Krengnektak  
Keara Ruben  
Jerry Ruben-Bennett  
Heather Thrasher

### *Ulukhaktok (June 13)*

Matt Kanayok  
Jacob Klengenberg  
Nadine Kuneluk

### *Aklavik (June 15)*

Cassandra Paul  
Dakota Whitbread

### *Fort McPherson (June 15)*

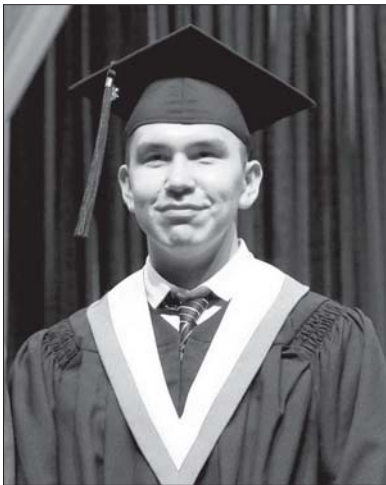
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### *Tuktoyaktuk (June 22)*

Lucas Felix-Emaghok  
Allysa Felix  
Marcus Kimiksana  
Elishia Lugt  
Brayden Teddy  
Breanna Wolki ■



**Left Top:** Keenen Wolki-Jacobson. (Photo by E3SS.) **Centre Top:** Nadine Kuneluk, Matt Kanayok and Jacob Klengenberg in Ulukhaktok. (Photo courtesy of CBC.) **Right Top:** Keara Ruben in Paulatuk. (Photo by Paulatuk CC.) **Left Bottom:** Inuvialuit graduates from East Three Secondary School. (Photo by V. Norris.) **Right Bottom:** Jasmine Keogak with family and friends - Herb Nakimayak, Donna and John Keogak and Duane Smith. (Photo by H. Nakimayak.)



## 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, 2018 to review applications.

Kendall Allen  
Rhea Allikamik  
Nora Amos  
Hugh Angasuk  
Miguel Apolar-Gordon  
Kasey Arey  
Kolbi Bernhardt  
Randi Bisson  
Austin Carmichael  
Jackson Christie  
Agnes Cockney  
Tyra Cockney-Goose  
Jake Danielsen  
Elijah Day  
Jacob Day-MacLeod  
Edgar Dillon  
Papak Ekpakohak  
Caitlin Elias  
Jesse Elias  
Tolkhin Eyre Green  
Lucas Felix-Emaghok  
Peter Francey  
Amber Girvan  
Keasha Green  
Ahnour Gruben  
Jemra Gruben  
Madelyn Gruben  
Cheyenne Gully  
Joseph Guthrie  
Millie Harley  
Stacey Hendrick  
Michael Iatridis  
Katrina Illasiak  
Natasha Jacobson  
Tianna Joe-Bates  
Dillon Johnson

Stanley Kasook  
Courtney Kikoak  
Lesli Kisoun  
Peyton Kisoun-Hind  
Austin Kitekudlak  
Carly Komeak-Jager  
Aaron Kowikchuk  
Adrianna Krznar  
Donald Kuptana  
Tyrell Kuptana  
Balinda Lavallee  
Cassandra LeClerc  
Tyson LeClerc  
Carlee Leduc-Bewley  
Caleb Lennie  
Calysta Lucas-Kudlak  
Elishia Lugt  
Devin Mangelana-Raymond  
Benjamin McGregor  
Jayden Myran-Gordon  
Florence Nasogaluak  
Ruby Nasogaluak  
Dakota Nicol  
Kristen Nicol  
Lyndell Pokiak  
Sydney Pope-Tingmiak  
Michael Reid  
Taylor Rinas  
Rachel Rodrigue  
Keara Ruben  
Madison Ruben  
Alexandria Sayers  
Charlie Schaefer  
Elias Schiller  
Morgan Simon  
Jessica Souter

Chazz Stasiuk  
Anna-Michelle Thivierge  
Christina Thrasher  
Heather Thrasher  
Joseph Thrasher  
Marisa Thrasher  
Travis Thrasher  
Avery Topp  
Cassandra Voudrach  
Jaden Weir-Barnes  
Lane Weislein  
Page White  
Breanna Wolki  
Adam Yalahow ■

*Happy beneficiaries receiving their IRC Distribution Payment, some for the first time. **Top:** Tyrell Kuptana. (Photo by M. Akoaksion.) **Bottom Left:** Devin Mangelana-Raymond. (Photo by Inuvik CC.) **Bottom, Centre:** Faith Raymond and William Rogers. **Bottom, Right:** Mary T. Okheena (Photo by M. Akoaksion.)*



## Questions from the 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 2018 has to be remitted to the courts with no funds left over to satisfy any remaining creditors.

IRC may receive garnish orders from the Stanton Group, Inuvialuit CEDO, Maintenance Enforcement and Canada Revenue Agency. If your Distribution Payment is less than \$536.60, 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.

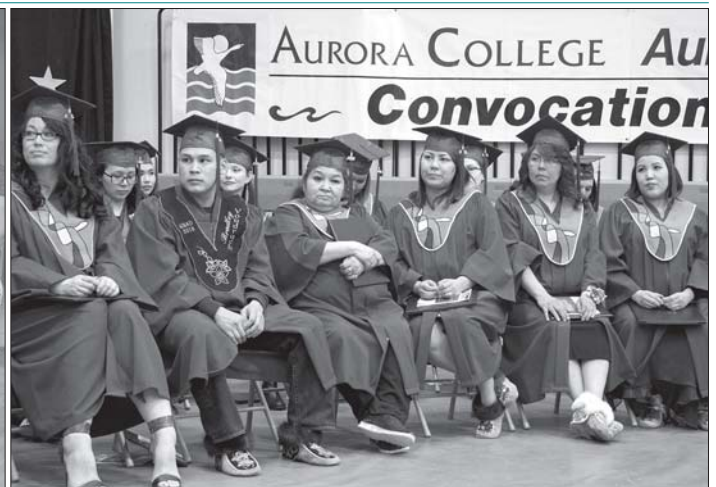
### *There wasn't a cheque for me at the Inuvik CC. I am an enrolled beneficiary. I moved back to Inuvik from Yellowknife about a month ago. Where is my cheque?*

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!

### *What are some of the enrolment rights and benefits under the IFA?*

There are many rights and benefits provided by or derived from the IFA. Beneficiaries benefit from training, employment and business opportunities in the region. Students eligible to enroll can receive financial support from the Inuvialuit Education Foundation (IEF). Elders receive annual payments. Every beneficiary receives a distribution payment annually. Inuvialuit businesses may be eligible to register in the Inuvialuit Business List. This is a non-exhaustive list; please contact IRC for more information on the rights and benefits associated with enrolment. ■

*Left: Nutrition North Canada Regional Training with Sharon Green, Mollie Oliktoak, Jean Ruben, Courtney Charlie, Jullian MacLean and Elizabeth Arey. Right: Graduates at the Aurora College (Inuvik) Convocation. Congratulations!!*



## Inuvialuit Day Celebrations, Near and Far, Part 1

Inuvialuit Day celebrates the signing of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) 34 years ago on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1984. It is a living document, a blueprint which contains powerful provisions:

- ♦ To preserve Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;
- ♦ To enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society; and
- ♦ To protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment and biological productivity.

Today Inuvialuit Day is celebrated in all the ISR communities - Aklavik, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk, Ulukhaktok, Inuvik and beyond. It is a recognition of the Inuvialuit culture and people as well as the contribution to Canada. In the communities, beneficiaries came together to eat traditional foods, play traditional and non-traditional games, proudly wear their atluks or traditional clothing and generally visit with old friends as well as make new acquaintances.

Happy Inuvialuit Day to all beneficiaries, far and wide, wherever you may reside!! ■

**Row 1:** Busy schedule of activities for Inuvialuit Day in Tuktoyaktuk.  
**Row 2, Left:** Jeanie Rose Bennett's grandchildren, Brooke and Kingston Lennie sang "Happy Birthday IFA" in Red Deer, AB. Little Kingston thought it was his birthday! (Photo by J.R. Bennett.) **Row 2, Centre:** Paulatuk CC's Candice Ruben and Sheena Adams (Arctic Energy Alliance) drawing for door prizes in Paulatuk. Activities included a BBQ, drum dancing, fire truck rides and more. (Photo by S. Adams.) **Row 2, Right:** Debbie Raddi won the heaviest fish at 25 lbs in Tuk's Annual Fishing Derby! (Photo by D. Raddi.) **Row 3, Left:** Nikita Larter, Nanook Gordon and Darryl Day proudly flew the Inuvialuit flag in Toronto. (Photo courtesy of the Toronto Inuit Association.) **Row 3, Right:** Ulukhaktok held an all ages, "Best Tan Contest"! (Photo by Dana Illasiak.)

**INUVIALUIT FINAL AGREEMENT 34<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
 Tuesday, June 5, 2018 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM  
 KITI-Hall

Cook-out begins at 11:30AM with Geese, Turkey, Ham, Char Chowder, Smoked tea, Cooked Mukluk, Macaroni Salad, Potatoe Salad, Donutstr, Buns, Bannock, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Trifle and Cake.

<b>Darkest Tan Contest</b> 15 & Under - \$75.00 16 & Over - \$75.00	<b>Traditional Dress 1:00 PM</b> 15 & under 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$40.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$30.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$20.00 16 & over 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$40.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$30.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$20.00 <b>Day of war 1:30 PM</b> 16 & Over - Men & Women Categories 5 per team 1 <sup>st</sup> Only \$300.00 PRIZE	<b>Recreation Department will be distributing their annual Heaviest &amp; Lightest Fish Contest at this event!</b>
<b>1 CANADIAN NORTH INUVIK-EDMONTON RETURN WILL BE DRAWN AT 5:00 PM. MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO WIN!</b>	<b>Foot Races 2:30 PM</b> 5 & under 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$20.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$15.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00 6-9 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$20.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$15.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00 10-12 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$20.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$15.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00	<b>GOOSE CALLING 3:00 PM</b> 5 & Under 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00 6-9 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00 10-12 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00 13-15 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00 16-49 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00 50 & over 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$30.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$10.00
<b>BILL C-49</b> <small>Any Act to amend, give effect to, or otherwise affect the provisions of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, or any provision of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, shall be subject to the approval of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement Council.</small>	<b>Scavenger Hunt 4:00 PM</b> 4 Per Team & ONE PRIZE split of \$200.00 to be won. To play, gather a team of 1 Youth, 1 Teen, 1 Adult and 1 Elder. Sign up with the Games Coordinator and get the list of items and rules for entry.	<b>THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!</b>
<b>5:00 P.M. 3 GREAT PRIZES to win the IFA Trivia Questions</b>	<b>Door prizes to be won!</b> <b>Drum Dance 5:30 P.M.</b>	





## *Inuvialuit Day Celebrations in Inuvik, Part 2*

Once again the staff of IRC, IDC, Joint Secretariat and Inuvik CC worked together to host the Inuvialuit Day luncheon barbecue at the new location of Jim Koe Park June 5. The sun with a brisk breeze brought out over 400 people to enjoy muktuk, hamburgers, hotdogs, Eskimo donuts, a variety of soups (reindeer, brisket, geese), muskrats, rabbits, dry fish, dry meat, aqpiqs, salads, and a variety of desserts. There was even cotton candy for the young at hearts! *Mamaqtuq!*

The youth from the **Aboriginal Head Start** provided an opening prayer and sang *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* in Inuvialuktun. **Mrs. Margaret Gordon's** class from **East Three Elementary School** also sang *O Canada* in Inuvialuktun. Entertainment included a performance by the **Inuvik Drummers and Dancers**, Northern Games and Blanket Toss demonstrations by the **Northern Games Society**, and an Old Time Dance featuring **Daniel Rogers, Angus Alunik and Howie MacLeod**.

Many thanks go to the staff volunteers and organizations that provided donations (including volunteers and door prizes) to make this 34<sup>th</sup> Inuvialuit Day a huge success: **Canadian North, Aklak Air, Stanton Distributing, Inuvik Gas Ltd., Town of Inuvik, Home Hardware, Arctic Digital, DFO, Parks Canada, Arctic Oil & Gas Services, NR Canada, Inuvialuit CEDO and Inuvialuit Communications Society.** ■

**Row 1:** The Inuvik Aboriginal Head Start doing Opening Prayer. **Row 2, Left:** Dawn Anderson and Maria Storr are intently serving soup and quaq at the country foods tables. **Row 2, Centre:** William Day is airborne in the Blanket Toss. **Row 2, Right:** The official Inuvialuit Day cake of a 3-D drum dancer, made by Tanya Gruben. **Row 3, Left:** Peggy Day presents Ruth Pulk with the major door prize of a Canadian North air ticket. Her family is just as thrilled! **Row 3, Right:** The Inuvik Drummers and Dancers on the stage! Happy Inuvialuit Day!



*News Around the ISR and Beyond ...*



**Left Top:** Congratulations to Jeremy Hansen, Environment & Natural Resources Technology Diploma from Aurora College (Inuvik). **Centre Top:** Guess who skidoed over from Kaktovik for the Mad Trapper Rendezvous in Aklavik? Carol D. and Herman Oyagak! Here they are with Nellie Arey. **Right Top:** Mabel Thrasher with her IRC Distribution Payment! **Left Bottom:** Inuvik's Muskkrat Jamboree King and Queen, Teddy and Loretta Rogers. (Photo courtesy of Muskkrat Jamboree Committee.) **Centre Bottom:** The Cotton Candy Crew on Inuvialuit Day with Erin Baldwin, Daniel Aviugana, Kayla Hansen-Craik, Yuk-Sing Cheng, Jessica Stewart and Jodie Maring. **Right Bottom:** Naomi Klengenberg showing off her prize-winning 22+ lbs trout in the annual fishing derby in Ulukhaktok. (Photo by Carmella Klengenberg.)

*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

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

**Note from the Editor**

*Qanuq itpit?* Spring/summer is here, with a few cold days here and there! The geese and ducks are back; the call of the land is strong. Hoping for great weather this summer. Thank you for your photos, good wishes, comments and greetings. We encourage all beneficiaries, particularly those living outside the ISR, to use this column as well as the very active IRC Facebook page to pass on greetings and news, all year round. Just email **Peggy Jay** at [pjay@inuvialuit.com](mailto:pjay@inuvialuit.com) or **Taylor Giffin** at [tgiffin@inuvialuit.com](mailto:tgiffin@inuvialuit.com).

**Enrollment Committee**

In April **Fred Bennett** resigned from the Enrollment Committee. To help the next Committee member from Paulatuk, he provided 2 pages of notes! **Duane Smith** expressed deep-felt gratitude to Fred for his life-long dedication to the well-being of Inuvialuit.

**Inuvialuit Summer Literacy Camp**

Parents can now register their children for the upcoming Inuvialuit Summer Literacy Camp, which will take place July 3 to 20. This opportunity is open to youth 6 to 12 years old. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited. Campers will take part in many types of fun and educational activities designed to help prevent summer learning loss by promoting a love of reading and learning. Activities may include: reading, storytelling, arts and crafts, field trips, music, sports, and more. This year, the *Inuvialuit Summer Literacy Camp* will be held in Inuvik (Inuvik Youth Centre), Aklavik (Moose Kerr School), and Tuktoyaktuk (Mangilaluk School).

For more information, contact **Britney Selina**, Regional Youth Outreach Coordinator at 867.777.7098.

**Chantal Gruben ... Congratulations!!!**

**Chantal Gruben** was pleased to learn the cookbook she collaborated on has won first place for best food book of the year at the *Gourmand World Cookbook Awards*. She found out on Facebook! The book is called *EALLU - Food, Knowledge and How We Have Thrived on the Margins*. It included 50 contributors representing “14 Arctic Indigenous peoples’ food cultures in one volume”, according to the *Association of World Reindeer Herders* which led the Arctic Council project. Chantal represented the Inuvialuit last January at a reindeer-herding conference with other delegates from Arctic countries. She brought along a caribou meat gravy recipe for the book.

**Remembering Beverly Esau ...**

A sad farewell to **Beverly Esau** (CDD’s Regional Wellness Coordinator) upon her recent passing. She lived life fully, bringing joy to those around her. She always enjoyed making Muktuk Salad. She will be missed at IRC and in the communities. Heartfelt condolences to her family.



Thanks to IRC, during Inuvik’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary July 20 to 22, the *Jive* and the *Twist* in the *Dance Competition* will be named and dedicated to Beverly! ■

**2018 Aurora College Graduates**

The following Inuvialuit graduates were recognized at Aurora College’s 2018 Spring Convocation in Inuvik. Congratulations!

**Environment & Natural Resources Technology Diploma**

- Jeremy Hansen (Inuvik)
- Davonna Carley Renie Marie Kasook (Inuvik)
- Jordon Norman-Goose (Inuvik)
- Jessi Pascal (Aklavik)
- Bradley Voudrach (Tuktoyaktuk)

**Office Administration Certificate**

- Joyce McLeod (Inuvik)
- Carol Moore (Inuvik)
- Loni Nokana-Ruben (Paulatuk)
- Melissa Rogers (Inuvik)

**Office Administration Diploma**

- Savannah Greenland (Aklavik)
- Trista Ipana (Inuvik)
- Janelle Pascal (Aklavik)

**Business Administration Certificate**

- Alexander J.E. Illasiak Jr. (Aklavik)
- Eliana Joe (Inuvik)

**Business Administration Diploma**

- Meagan S. Cockney (Tuktoyaktuk)
- Sarah McCarthy (Inuvik)
- Lori Ovilok (Ulukhaktok)
- Vanessa Rogers (Inuvik)

**Early Childhood Development Diploma**

- Danielle Gruben (Tuktoyaktuk)
- Vivian Koe (Aklavik)

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree**

- Amber-Joy Gruben (Inuvik) ■

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## IRC Board Summary Newsletter

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

#### *IRC/IDC Staff*

IRC is pleased to congratulate **Patrice Stuart** and **Meghan Etter** on the completion of the *Leadership Certificate* through Aurora College in partnership with Vancouver Community College.

Congratulations also to **Terrance Allen** for completing his Carpentry Ticket. He started out with IDC as a summer student in July 2011, then casual labourer in December 2011 and quickly moved up to work as an Apprentice Carpenter in August 2012. He gets along well with his maintenance crew and works well with the tenants within IDC properties.

Staff changes in the Community Development Division (CDD) include **Ruth Goose** as the new Elder's Advocate - Ikayuqti Innainun who will be working with the Elders of Inuvik (predominately those who are not on home care lists) to ensure they have the supports they need and to inform them of other opportunities. Meanwhile **Britney Selina**, formerly in the Capacity Department, is the new Regional Youth Outreach Coordinator to ramp up youth empowerment programming in the region.

Meanwhile **John Stuart Jr.** (Student/Family Support Worker) and **Alexandria Desroches** (Early Childhood Program Manager) are no longer with IRC. Best wishes!

With the closing of the Edmonton office this summer, there will be a transition to a smaller satellite office in Calgary.

#### *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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