

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

It was sure a different summer with a lack of sun and days of rain, winds and cool temperatures. Meanwhile in Aklavik, a pod of whales in Schooner Channel meant a harvesting of muktuk for the community. Hope you enjoy reading the *IRC Board Summary* which is mailed to beneficiaries following every IRC Board meeting.

◆ IRC held *Summer Literacy Camps* in Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuk in July. More than 100 youth, aged 6 to 12, attended the camps. Sponsors included *Frontier College, ACTUA, Imperial Oil, Inuvik Youth Centre, NWT Literacy Council, NWT Power Corporation, ITK's National Inuit Suicide*



Board Summary

IRC Board Meetings

The most recent board meeting was August 21, 22, 23 and 24, with the next scheduled for November 20, 21 and 22. Additional meetings are held by teleconference.

Around the ISR

- ◆ ITK, with the assistance of IRC, hosted the *Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee* meeting in Inuvik June 26. This is a bilateral mechanism for advancing work on shared priority areas between Inuit and the federal government.
- ◆ The *Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly* was held in Utqiagvik, Alaska July 16 to 19. The Inuvialuit representatives were **Duane Smith, Lucy Kuptana** and **Patrick Gruben**. The **Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers** participated in the cultural component.
- ◆ Tuk's *Land of the Pingos Music Festival* July 27 to 29 was a successful weekend of local and regional entertainers along with headliners *Green River Revival*. Many thanks go to the volunteers!

Prevention Strategy, Stanton Group, and GNWT(ECE and Justice Committee).

- ◆ ITK held their AGM in Inuvik August 15 and 16 to discuss progress and achievements from the previous year. **Duane Smith, Eddie Dillon** and **Jerry Inglangasuk** represented the Inuvialuit. Congratulations to **Natan Obed**, re-elected as President of ITK.
- ◆ IRC's Annual Corporate Group Tour of the communities are taking place: Aklavik (September 24), Tuktoyaktuk (September 25), Inuvik (September 26), Ulukhaktok (October 15), Sachs Harbour (October 16) and Paulatuk (TBA). This was postponed due to a plane's mechanical issues. ■

Left: Duane Smith and GNWT Minister Alfred Moses signing MOA for future partnership between IRC and NWTHC. (Photo by Tusaayaksat.) Right: During the Prime Minister's Science Fair in Ottawa, Tyra Cockney-Goose chatted with PM Justin Trudeau on her sleep deprivation experiment. (Photo by PMO.)



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Summary of IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

At the IRC Board meeting of August 21, 22, 23 and 24, **Duane Smith**, Chair and CEO, welcomed members: **Jordan McLeod** (Aklavik), **Gerald (Jerry) Inglangasuk** (Inuvik), **Lawrence Ruben** (Paulatuk), **Vernon Amos** (Sachs Harbour)(via teleconference), **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 36/18: Credit Lines in Financing

The Board agreed to merge the lines of credit for IDC and IRC.

Motion 37/18: Resource Revenue Sharing Funds Allocation

The Board approved the recommendations as presented regarding Year 4 disbursement of approximately \$1.97 million from the *Resource Revenue Sharing* agreement. (Note: The recommended allocation would see a continuation of prior year's allocations but with a new *Culture Investment Fund*.)

Motion 38/18: IIC Board Appointment

The Board re-appointed **Floyd Roland** as Chair and **Evelyn Storr** as Director to the Inuvialuit Investment Corporation for a 3-year term.

Motion 39/18: Audit Appointment

The Board re-appointed **Fred Abbott** for one year and **Keith Anderson** for a 2-year term to the IRC Audit Committee.

Motion 40/18: IIC By-Laws

After a lengthy and thorough review, upon recommendation by the IIC Board, the *IIC By-Law Number 1* was approved by the Board.

Motion 46/18: IIC SIP&G

Upon recommendation by the IIC Chair, the Board agreed to approve a revised IIC *Statement of Investment Policies & Goals (SIP&G)* to address diversification and allow for better management of risk and returns.

Motion 47/18: Regional Energy Proposal

The Board provided direction to staff with respect to the *Regional Energy Proposal*.

Motion 48/18: Prohibited Positions During IRC Board Tenure

The Board adopted a new policy on prohibited positions during the IRC Board tenure to support the check-and-balance system established under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) and to ensure that each IRC Director and Chair dedicate themselves fully to their role. (For more information, please see Page 15.)

Motion 49/18: Political Activities and IRC Staff

The Board adopted a new policy to provide direction with respect to appropriate involvement of IRC staff in political activities outside of the organization. This does not apply to non-political volunteer involvement. (Note: Similar to GNWT's policy, this ensures transparency is there for all.)

Motion 50/18: Canadian North

After an in-depth presentation and discussion, the Board is in full support of the plans for Canadian North.

Motion 51/18: Corporate Travel Policy

The Board adopted a *Corporate Travel Policy* to reduce the risk of travel-related catastrophes by limiting the number of senior directors travelling on the same aircraft or other means of transportation.

Motion 52/18: Audit Appointment

The Board appointed **Lawrence Ruben** to the IRC Audit Committee.

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The Kingullivut Summer Day Camp in Sachs Harbour. Many thanks to Doreen Carpenter from the Hamlet for this photo.

Inuvialuit Corporate Group (ICG) Meetings

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

IRC Board

November 20, 21 and 22, 2018 (Inuvik)

IDC Board

November 15, 2018

IIC Board

November 1 and 2, 2018 (Edmonton)

Audit Committee

November 29, 2018 (Edmonton)



Message from the IRC Chair - Aarigaa!

Hello Inuvialuit,

IRC is about building relationships and how we can better implement the land claim for all Inuvialuit. In September, I appeared before the *Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples* in Yellowknife and Inuvik. As Canadian citizens, we all need to hold the government accountable as to how they may or may not be working with organizations to proactively implement those treaty rights.



When the Government of Canada announced the December 2016 moratorium on the off-shore oil and gas development *with only 20 minutes notice*, this was not an example of a mutually respectful relationship. The Beaufort Sea is not an uninhabited place. It is a major component of the ISR, along with all the oil and gas stranded from development.

Also, IRC recommended that the Government of Canada help improve access to coastal communities for material goods, provide longer-term financing arrangements, ensure better Internet services – particularly for online and distant education – strengthen marine coastal infrastructure and replace fossil fuel use with cleaner energy sources.

The Inuvialuit must be heard. In recent weeks, IRC attended the *Senate Committee on the Arctic Policy Framework* and the *Intergovernmental Forum* with the GNWT Premier and other NWT leadership. Coming in October, IRC will be present at the *NWT Indigenous Leaders Economic Summit* in Inuvik.

Representation is a responsibility that IRC takes seriously. We need to protect our rights as Inuvialuit as well as the obligations of Canada to work proactively with IRC to ensure the successful implementation of the IFA.

In partnership with the Federal Government, IRC and the NWT Housing Corporation are pleased that the 6-plex built by Nappaq in Inuvik is now ready for occupancy. Working through IDC, units were built ahead of schedule, at lower costs, of higher quality as well as increased local employment and training opportunities. Furthermore, a new Memorandum of Agreement was signed to set the stage for future partnership opportunities.

Early this summer, ITK held their AGM in Inuvik with delegates from the 4 Inuit regions. ITK presented a series of awards recognizing contributions and achievements of Inuit in the region hosting the AGM. It was difficult as there are so many deserving individuals and organizations. Congratulations to all the worthy recipients! For a full listing, please see Page 5.

Focusing on youth, IRC initiated and supported programs which benefit this younger generation. The *Summer Literacy Camps* in

Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuk had over 100 youth in attendance. There were many suggestions to making the camps last an entire summer.

Under the *First Shift* program, IRC - in partnership with *Canadian Tire, Bauer Hockey* and *Hockey Canada* - provided 45 youth from Inuvik and the Beaufort-Delta with free head-to-toe gear as well as 6 on-ice training sessions. It is all about having fun and giving the kids an opportunity to pursue healthy recreational life pursuits, share with each other and build friendships.

Once again IRC sponsored 2 youth to participate in the *2018 Students on Ice Arctic Expedition*. In total 4 Inuvialuit youth experienced this once-in-a-lifetime experience July 23 to August 7 - **Ethan Cockney, Kirsti Voudrach, Mataya Gillis and Janelle Pokiak**.

After winning a bronze medal at the *Canada-Wide Science Fair*, **Tyra Cockney-Goose** displayed her experiment on sleep deprivation at the *Prime Minister's Science Fair* September 19 in Ottawa which celebrates the best and brightest young Canadians in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Hers was the only medal-winning entry by an NWT participant and the first for a Beaufort-Delta student since 2013.

As the school year begins, IRC is once again stressing the importance to all students of keeping up **attendance** with continued support from parents, families and school faculties. **Attendance! Attendance! Attendance!**

Quyanainni! Koana! Quyanaqpak! ■

Duane Ningaqsik Smith

Katimaġut Atanġuruq

Chair and Chief Executive Officer

The First Shift program saw Zoe Minakis being outfitted with hockey gear by Hockey Canada's Chris Bright. (Photo by S. Burnett.)



More IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

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Inuvialuit Investment Corporation (IIC)

IIC Chair, **Floyd Roland**, reported that although the market is up and down due to the global situation, it is still performing well. IIC continues to review risks, including market risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. The total Inuvialuit investment portfolio value was \$522 million at the end of June 2018.

On the administration front, both the *Statement of Investment Policies and Goals (SIP&G)* and *IIC By-Law Number 1* were reviewed and updated. 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 on the ownership and operation of the Propane Air System and Distribution System. The new General Manager of Inuvik Gas Ltd is **Paul Unangst** (ATCO Midstream).

Inuvialuit Harvesters Assistance Program (IHAP)

For 2018, IHAP reported that 82% of the allocation total of \$234,187 was spent. The unspent fund is due to applicants withdrawing from the program and/or not following through before deadlines. IHAP enabled beneficiaries to purchase a total of 38 major and 46 minor items/equipment.

ITK/ICC Update

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. IRC co-hosted an ICPC meeting June 26 in Inuvik to directly clarify priorities with federal Ministers.

In July the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) Canada, held an election for the positions of President and Vice-President in Utqiagvik, Alaska just prior to the 2018 ICC General Assembly.

The candidates for President were **Monica Ell-Kanayuk**, **Okalik Eegeesiak** and **Herb Angik Nakimayak**. The candidates for Vice-President were **Lisa Koperqualuk** and **Sheila Lumsden**. Congratulations to **Monica Ell-Kanayuk** as President and **Lisa Koperqualuk** as Vice-President; both for the 2018-2022 term.

Duane Smith, **Patrick Gruben** and **Lucy Kuptana** represented the Inuvialuit on the Canadian delegation at the 2018 ICC General Assembly. The **Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers** participated in the cultural component. The theme was *Inuit - The Arctic We Want*. For more information on the 2018 ICC General Assembly, please see Page 13.

ITK held their AGM in Inuvik August 15 and 16 to discuss and decide upon a number of issues and initiatives including: (1) Work with the federal government to support the development of Federal Child and Family Services Legislation, (2) Approved the establishment of a working group with representatives from the 4 Inuit regions to guide work around an Inuit-specific equivalent to Jordan's Principle, (3) Implementation of the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy, (4) ICPC and the commitment to continue work on shared priorities, (5) Establish a task group comprised of representatives of Inuit regions and ICC-Canada to review and develop a proposal to amend the ITK and ICC-Canada by-laws, including elections procedures.

For the first time, the proceedings of the ITK AGM were live-streamed, creating greater transparency for those wishing to observe Inuit leaders' discussions in real time.

ITK and IRC also presented a series of awards August 16 recognizing the contributions and achievements of Inuvialuit. For a listing and photos, please see next page. ■

Left: The ICPC (Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee) meeting in Inuvik June 26 provided an opportunity for the Inuit leadership to directly clarify priorities with federal Ministers. **Right:** Inuvik Drummers and Dancers performing for the ICPC members. (Photos courtesy of ITK.)



2018 Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) Awards

ITK and IRC presented a series of awards recognizing the contributions and achievements of Inuvialuit. Each year these awards are presented in the region that hosts ITK AGM.

ITK Advancement of Culture and Language Award

The **Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers** are recognized for their work in revitalizing the tradition of drum dancing with a focus on passing knowledge onto Inuvialuit youth.

ITK Community Volunteer Award

Peggy Day is recognized for her work with the *Inuvik Homeless Shelter*, a year-round emergency shelter for single men and women from Inuvik and surrounding communities.

ITK Community Volunteer Award

Melissa Rogers is recognized for her work with the *Inuvik Emergency Warming Centre*, an emergency night-time shelter for those in need.

ITK Advancement of Youth Award

Underwood Day (Inuvik) is 17 years old and has been practicing and competing in Arctic Sports for about 6 years.

ITK Advancement of Elders Award

Fred Bennett (Paulatuk) is a retired community justice coordinator known for developing on-the-land programs.

Inuit Cultural Repatriation Award

The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have taken steps to repatriate Inuit intellectual or cultural property, or other items that hold significance for our people.

ICRC, together with the Anglican Church General Synod Archives and **Dr. Val Marie Johnson** (Saint Mary's University) are receiving the award for repatriating copies of archival materials from St. John's Eskimo Residential School at Shingle Point. The materials are available at ICRC.

"These awards were created to recognize individuals and organizations in each of the regions of Inuit Nunangat to help make our communities better. I would like to thank the individuals and organizations for their valuable contributions to Inuit society," said **Duane Smith**, IRC Chair and CEO. ■

Award presentations were made by Duane Smith and Natan Obed (ITK). Row 1, Left: ITK Advancement of Culture and Language Award to Faith Gordon and Mary Ruth Meyook of the Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers. Row 1, Right: ITK Community Volunteer Award to Melissa Rogers, seen here with Joey Amos of the Inuvik Emergency Warming Centre. Row 2, Left: ITK Advancement of Youth Award to Underwood Day. Row 2, Centre: ITK Advancement of Elders Award to Fred Bennett with support of Albert Elias. Row 2, Right: ITK Community Volunteer Award to Peggy Day. (All photos courtesy of ITK.)



Members Comments: Concerns from the Community Corporations

Aklavik Community Corporation

Jordan McLeod reported that Aklavik CC held an outdoor cookout on *Inuvialuit Day*; many thanks to the board and staff. Working with Parks Canada, several cooks and cultural hosts were hired for Ivvavik National Park this summer.

Ten staff from Natural Resources Canada conducted the *Red Mountain Geological Survey*. During the 14 days, they provided local employment in 4 positions (Wildlife Monitor, Youth Research Assistant and Cooks).

Thanks to the *Anti-Poverty Funding*, Aklavik CC was able to purchase 40 pails of muktuk for community households. The muktuk was harvested from a pod of whales in Schooner Channel, just outside Aklavik.

The DAF Funding was used to build a traditional tent frame for elders to have cookouts and host events. However, due to inclement weather this summer, it was not used for cookouts.

The Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers were pleased to represent the Inuvialuit in the cultural component at the *Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly* in Alaska. They worked hard at fundraising to ensure a larger group would be in attendance.

Several Brighter Futures programs took place this spring/summer including *Gardening/Food Security, Jam Sessions & Coffee House, Boot Camp/Community Mental Health* and *Crochet Classes*.

The new Corporate Manager is **Shauna Charlie!!** Summer student staff included **Skylar Storr, Trudy Kogiak, Taylor McLeod, Kaidynce Storr** and **Tyler Sittichinli**.

Inuvik Community Corporation

Gerald Inglangasuk reported that Inuvik CC held a cookout at Jim Koe Park during *National Indigenous Peoples Day*. They cooked along side Raytheon. It was a busy summer with the *Great Northern Arts Festival* and the *60th Anniversary of Inuvik*.

The Inuvik CC AGM was held June 23 where the audited financial statements were presented by **Steve Roher**. Many thanks go to the organizations who donated prizes. The winner for the Aklak Air return ticket was **Diane Thom!**

In July and August, Inuvik CC utilized both the *Mental Health & Wellness Fund* and *NWT On the Land Collaborative Fund* to provide the following programs: On the Land (Fishing), Adult Language Camp, Fish Camp, On the Land (Berry) Camp and Reindeer Station On the Land Camp.

Since the beginning of June, Inuvik CC has held 3 luncheons for the Elders and the membership including one at Duck Lake Park and others around the community.

Meeting every 2 months, the Inuvik Elders Committee plans activities for its membership. One event is a *Family Tree Workshop*. More activities will be planned once the *New Horizons for Seniors* funding is approved.

Three summer students were hired to initiate/deliver programs and services to the Elders and Youth with each week featuring different activities. **Haley Smith** worked with **Valerie Stefansson** to host reindeer soup and bannock sessions for participants of all ages. The Youth sure enjoyed these; a few have continued to make bannock at home.

A *Team Building Workshop & Planning Meeting* was held at Reindeer Station in September for the Elders Committee and Inuvik CC staff.

Paulatuk Community Corporation

Lawrence Ruben reported that Paulatuk CC had a very active summer starting with *Inuvialuit Day* and *National Indigenous Peoples Day* in June. A big thanks go to the many volunteers!

It was an excellent spring/summer harvesting season. There were whales galore with 16 harvested, this was so different from last year. There were also lots of seals, whitefish, Arctic charr and cods. People were catching 6 to 10 charr a day!

Although the Community Wellness programs experienced some setbacks (difficulty in obtaining heating gas as well as driftwood), all were completed with a few more to start in the fall.

After a lengthy wait, Paulatuk Development Corporation (PDC) is pleased to announce that the solar panels have been installed and are up and running with some early data on power usage. As Project Lead, **Klausa Dohring** is also looking at other potential buildings - Aboriginal Head Start and Hamlet units - for solar power installations. PDC is looking forward to holding a PVCC Board meeting soon to review financials. Meanwhile Generation Mining Ltd. (formerly Darnley Bay Resources) resolved their issues with PDC and worked on Paulatuk 7.1(a) and 7.1(b) lands this summer.

Sachs Harbour Community Corporation

There is no Sachs Harbour CC Report in this *IRC Board Summary* newsletter.

Community members from Aklavik harvesting one of the beluga whales gathered in Schooner Channel. Muktuk!!! (Photo by Tom McLeod.)



Members Comments: Concerns from the Community Corporations

Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation

Eddie Dillon reported that it was a busy summer with lots of tourists in town due to the opening of the Inuvik-Tuk Highway. On *National Indigenous Peoples Day*, there were 32 campers at the Point. **Duane Smith** added, “Kudos to your community for coming together to welcome and take care of tourists.”

The *Ilannariit Katimaviat Society* was incorporated with officers in place: **Tianna Gordon-Ruben** (President), **Rosemary Lundrigan** (Vice-President), **Billy Emaghok** (Secretary/Treasurer) and directors - **Nellie Cournoyea**, **Nita Felix**, **Wallace Panaktalok**, **Rita Green**. The long-term goal is to qualify and apply to become a Community Friendship Centre. The Society is advertising for a part-time Executive Director.

In the *Branding Project*, a logo was chosen for the community destination marketing with a community marketing strategy in place. A 5-day carving workshop was offered for beginner/intermediate carvers; there were 3 full-time participants. Two sold their work to tourists at the end of the workshop.

The *Painting Tuk* initiative is happening again this summer. Currently 5 homes are painted with more to come.

Tuk CC was approved for a 3-year \$500,000 *Community-Based Climate Monitoring Project* from INAC. The monitoring and measuring are set to begin this fall. The funding is to mainly train youth to be involved in this area. Elders will also be involved.

Under *Brighter Futures*, the 2 sessions of *Youth Dry Fish Making* was successful with **Angus and Evelyn Cockney**. It also became a tourist attraction! The *Youth Harpoon Workshop* with **Darrel Nasogaluak** was also a success. The fall saw **Davy and Sarah Krengnektak** take youth out on the land to learn traditional harvesting under *Culture Teachings Identity*.

Holly Campbell was the Acting Corporate Manager with **Jocelyn Noksana** on maternity leave. **Shaun Cormier** is the new Project Manager with **Kendyce Cockney** as Project Assistant. Beneficiaries raised issues/concerns regarding the community morgue, Health Centre and Elders Support (elder abuse) at the Tuk CCAGM.

Ulukhaktok Community Corporation

Colin Okheena reported that the Ulukhaktok CC AGM May 17 had a good turnout. Spring and summer were good for harvesting of geese, ducks and seals, although it was too windy at times. Unfortunately, when beluga whales were sighted, they would go to deep waters as soon as they heard the boats.

Oceans Day took place July 11 and was very successful thanks to DFO, IRC, Hamlet, Ulukhaktok CC, OHTC and FJMC. It was a fun day at Jack’s Bay. Many thanks for IRC’s support of the *Billy Joss Open* July 13 to 15. Although out of town guests were down, community involvement made this a very special event.

With the help of **Tristan Pierce**, funding for *Nunamin Ilihakvia* was approved. **Donna Akhiatak** was hired as the Program/Sewing Coordinator and **Tony Alanak** as the Hunter/Skill Coordinator.

Later in July, the 5-day summer camp for youth, ages 12 and under, went well. Staff included **Allen Pogotak** (Supervisor), **Kelly Nigiyok** (Assistant) and **Jack Kataoyak** (Cook).

With funding approval for a carving workshop by GNWT(ITI), this activity will take place October/November when more participants would be available.

In staff news, **Denise Taptuna** is the new EDO, upon finalizing the contract position with GNWT(ITI). With **Dana Illasiak** on parental leave, **Darlene Nigiyok** is the new BF Ikayuqti/IRC Youth Worker. **Lucy Ann Okheena** was the summer student. ■

Left: Paulatuk’s Aboriginal Head Start staff - Toutuk Lester, Irene Ruben and Veronica Ruben. (Photo by Tusaayaksat.) Right: Elder Frank Kudlak, assisted by John Keogak Sr., cutting the Canada Day cake in Sachs Harbour. Many thanks to Veronica Dezelak for making the cake! (Photo by Doreen Carpenter.)



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 it was a busy quarter with involvement in numerous teleconferences on the *Inuit Health Survey, TB Elimination, Inuit Public Health Task Group* along with meetings with Indigenous Services and GNWT Health departments. **Meghan Etter, Lesa Semmler** and Evelyn met with GNWT on Oral Health. She also attended the *National Indigenous Education Summit* and the *Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee* meetings in Inuvik. This summer, she participated in the *Inuit Health Survey* face-to-face meeting in Ottawa.

CDD is pleased to announce the return of **Alice Thrasher** as the Manager of Early Childhood Programs. Originally from Paulatuk, she previously worked for IRC in this capacity. Alice is a registered Nurse and holds a diploma in Business.

Health Systems Navigator

As the Inuvialuit Health Systems Navigator, **Lesla Semmler** met with program leads of all NIHB department and Northern Region Director and staff in Ottawa. She also presented to the doctors at the Inuvik Hospital on her role as a Systems Navigator in assisting beneficiaries to become familiar with NIHB services.

Other areas included the completion of a policy regarding respite care, attendance at the *Hotii ts eeda NWT SPOR Unit* gathering in Yellowknife as well as the *Building a Foundation for a Long-Term Care Strategy* in Ottawa.

Resolution Health Support Program (RHSP)

RHSW staff worked in partnership with other program people and participated in the day programs over the summer months. With **Debbie Gordon-Ruben**, Program Manager, being off sick and staff taking annual during this time, there is continued on-going support to clients. Lastly, **Jeffrey Amos** returned as staff.

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. Staff training continues. Once completed, support must then be provided for the implementation of the newly gained skills.

As part of the evaluation process, the contracted Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) observed staff interacting with the children in Tuk. Maria and the SLP also travelled to Aklavik to monitor and conduct observations of the Program Staff. In both communities, staff completed a follow-up questionnaire; the SLP was pleased. Support and information were also provided to other programs where children are involved.

The final report was submitted in May. Funding for the program was extended for another year for evaluation purposes.

Early Childhood Programs

Alice Thrasher, returns as the Early Childhood Programs

Manager, responsible for the Child Development Centres and Aboriginal Head Start programs in the ISR.

All reporting requirements including attendance reports to GNWT(ECE) were completed for month ending June 2018. All documentation for staff were completed. Funds were provided to all the Centres for year end activities; very much appreciated by the parents!

In preparation for the Centres' opening September 4, staff attended training sessions in Yellowknife. IRC met with staff from GNWT(ECE) to complete inspection for the Inuvik Aboriginal Head Start program and pre-inspection report for Tuk Child Development Centre.

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. *Project Jewel* is running a series of day trips on the land with the homeless population, engaging them in healthier living. Due to an abstract developed on the Movember funding for *Project Jewel*, Jimmy and Meghan recently attended the *International Congress on Circumpolar Health* conference in Copenhagen. Peggy travelled to Ottawa to assist in delivery of *Mental Health First Aid-Inuit* to ITK staff.

Youth Initiatives

Britney Selina, Youth Outreach Coordinator, reported that the *Summer Literacy Camps* in Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuk finished July 20 with over 100 youth from the ISR in attendance. Many felt the time period was not long enough and suggested the entire summer for next year. The *Community Mapping Activity* took place in Ulukhaktok and Inuvik. This involves creating maps for youth mental health and support services in partnership with ICHR.

In September, IRC (in partners with Bauer Hockey, Hockey Canada and Canadian Tire) hosted a *Welcome Event* for 45 youth (and their families) who were accepted into the *First Shift* program. As a result, each youth received free head-to-toe gear in preparation for 6 on-ice sessions in the fall.

Regional Wellness Programs

All contracts for community workers to deliver the CPNP program were finalized. All Mental Wellness agreements except for Sachs Harbour were signed; programs are being delivered in the communities.

Late flash - **Ashley Morine** is the new Health Promotions Coordinator. She will be working closely with the Community Coordinators who manage the prenatal programs in the communities, in the mental wellness programming envelope and on many other health promotions initiatives. ■

Language and Culture

Ethel-Jean Gruben, Manager, ICRC, attended the IRC Board meeting to provide reports and address concerns.

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. ICRC will accept proposals for language revitalization and cultural programs from the communities until September 28. Each community is eligible for \$10,000.

The *Kangiryuarmit Inuinnaqtun Dictionary* is completed! ICRC ordered 500 printed copies; they will be available in Ulukhaktok. Many thanks go to **Emily Kudlak** and **Richard Compton** for their work.

Digital Library North

The *Digital Library North* project is on-going. ICRC is transcribing and cataloguing 648 items: 522 items are from the COPE collection, 50 from the Genealogy collection and 76 from the Oral History collection. 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.

Inuvialuit Drum Dance Groups

The transcribing of Inuvialuit Drum Dance Songs and their meanings continues. Work with the Inuvik Group was completed March 31, the Aklavik and Tuk Groups are scheduled for completion by March 31, 2019, with the Paulatuk and Ulukhaktok Groups by March 31, 2020. Once the project is completed, ICRC will look at publishing an *Inuvialuit Drum Dancing Book* to capture all the songs, dances, stories and pictures.

Shingle Point Residential School (Repatriation) Project

From June 2017 copies of archival and related materials on Shingle Point Residential School (1929-1936) were negotiated for repatriation to ICRC. These materials will soon be available digitally and through print publication. There is the possibility of publishing teacher **Bessie Quirt's** journals as well as a *Shingle Point Residential School Book*.



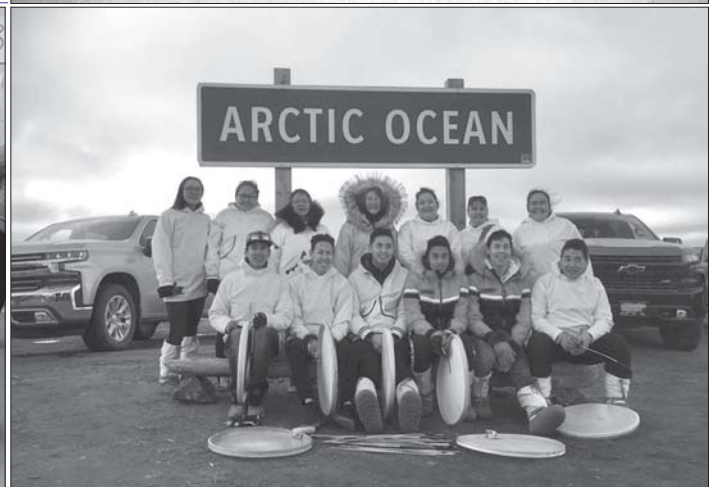
ICRC Fall Projects and Activities

Projects scheduled for this fall include the *Inuvialuit Story Sacks*, *Kaukkak Making*, *Men's Traditional Tool Craft Making* and *Amaruq (Wolf) Project*. Meanwhile a *Terminology Workshop* is scheduled for November in Inuvik with participants from the 6 ISR communities. This project (Phase 2) is to capture unique Inuvialuit sewing patterns and Inuvialuktun terminology for use by future generations. *Weekly Language Classes* for IRC/IDC staff will resume to promote and support the revitalization of the Inuvialuktun language. Staff and community members will once again have the opportunity to attend combined language and sewing projects.

Other Updates

In July **Deanna Marie Jacobson** attended the *Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) General Assembly* in Alaska as part of the Inuvialuit delegation. Best wishes to Marie who decided to pursue higher education (Business Administration) in Whitehorse. ■

Top: The ITK Inuit Cultural Repatriation Award was given to ICRC, Anglican Church General Synod Archives and Dr. Val Marie Johnson for repatriating copies of Shingle Point archival materials. (Photo courtesy of ITK.) **Left:** A big "thank you" to IRC for the Summer Literacy Camps from the Inuvik Youth Centre. (Photo by Britney Selina.) **Right:** The Tuktoyaktuk Siglit Drummers and Dancers drum danced for the media who came up for the launch of the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado trucks on the new Inuvik-Tuk Highway. (Photo by Lisa Calvi.)



Human and Education Resources

Vina Norris, Human Resources Manager, and Tricia Veness, Associate Human Resources Officer, 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; **Tricia Veness**, Associate HR Officer; **Sandra Elanik**, Education Manager; **Beverly Lennie**, Education Assistant; **Denyse Nadon-Sutherland**, Academic Advisor; **Fred Kuptana**, Career Development Officer; **Veronica Kasook**, ISETS Program Manager; and **Merlyn Rogers**, ISETS Program Coordinator.

The current Student and Family Support Workers (SFSW) staff are **Joyce Banksland** (Ulukhaktok), **Rhonda John** (Aklavik), **Rebecca Steen** (Inuvik), **Meeka Steen** (Tuk) 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. These include the *Post-Secondary Financial Assistance Program (PSFAP)*, *Designated Amount Fund (DAF)*, scholarships and tutoring.

For the 2018/2019 academic year, IEF is providing monthly funding assistance to 109 students: 77 NWT residents and 32 outside the NWT. There are 35 students eligible for scholarships (those with 75% or higher). Winners will be announced soon!

IEF annually offers \$2,000/year to each community school for their *After School Tutor Program*. Individual tutoring is also available upon request.

Students for the 2018/2019 UCEP (University & College Entrance Program) will be determined by the funder, INAC.

ASETS (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy) ASETS funds not expended in 2017/2018 were successfully carried forward to 2018/2019. The final 2017/2018 reporting for ASETS was completed. The audit was reconciled and signed off by ESDC, one of the first from across Canada! With 2018/2019 considered a transition year, the 10-year ISETS Program will officially begin April 1, 2019. IRC has done extensive planning and preparation with the Inuit partners.

Under IRC ASETS, the Sunchild program had one graduate this year. An eLearning Committee reviewed, evaluated and planned for a new pilot program. As a result, **Denyse Nadon-Sutherland** will try to deliver a more Holistic program for 2018/2019.

One of the delivered partnership programs was the *Wildlife Monitor & First Aid Course* (5 weeks) by Arctic Response Canada Ltd. in June. Of the 6 participants, 3 passed and were offered employment with Arctic Response. Under Youth Initiatives, *Students on Ice*, 2 Inuvialuit students enjoyed the time of their life July 23 to August 7 - **Kirsti Voudrach** and **Ethan Cockney**. Drone training were offered to 10 students in late June by Aurora College. *Aerobotika Training* is considered as an "up skilling" project.

Upcoming partnership programs will include the following: *HEO Group Training*, *Northern Students Abroad* for 5 Inuvialuit students, and *Introduction to Culinary Arts*. Stay tuned!

Capacity Building Team

With the departure of **Jennifer Rafferty** and **Britney Selina** moving into another IRC position, Youth Outreach Coordinator, there is a departmental review. Meanwhile the SFSWs continue to work with families and students now that the new school year is here. Attendance initiatives will also begin again. Working with Frontier College, the *Summer Reading Camps* were successfully delivered in July in Aklavik, Inuvik and Tuk. ■

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.
- ◆ Inuvik Drum / NewsNorth.
- ◆ New North Network (Inuvik community channel).
- ◆ Government of Canada Job Bank – 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; and **Glenna Noksana**, Administrative Assistant/Land Use Coordinator. **Mykola Sokurenko**, Environment Management Coordinator, has resigned and is moving back to Ukraine. His due diligence to report writing, project inspections and support will be missed.

During the quarter, ILA staff attended workshops, presentations, teleconference calls and meetings on *NWT Spill Working Group*, *GNWT Land Use Planning Forum*, *Inuvialuit Water Board*, *Imaryuk Monitoring Program*, *Geological Survey of Canada*, *Waste Site Management Committee*, *MEOPAR Network (Community-Based Weather Reporting)*, *Maritime Awareness Information System*, *Tuk Community Climate Resilience Steering Committee*, etc.

Inuvialuit Land Use Applications

ILA processed many land use applications this quarter pertaining to research activities, ranging from examining the impacts of climate and environmental change to investigating the drivers and constraints of ecological change. Other applications included Residential Leases, tourism activities and gravel usage. For a more detailed application description, please visit the *Welcome to LUAS* (ILA's Land Use Application System page) found in the IRC website at www.irc.inuvialuit.com.

ILA Environmental Monitors

This was a busy quarter for ILA Environmental Monitors. In June, **Stanley Felix** (Tuk), **Brett Anderson** (Tuk), **James Ruben** (Paulatuk) and **Jonathon Pascal** (Aklavik) participated in CEDO UAV/Drone Training in Inuvik. In July, **Stanley Felix** and **Wayne Thrasher** worked for Aurora Research Institute's *Tuk Baseline Coastal Restoration Project*. In July/August, **Jonathon Pascal** and **Mary Cockney** worked for Shell Canada/Trevita Corporation in the Camp Farewell clean-up. Meanwhile in Paulatuk, **Josie Green** was the Gravel Checker for Territorial Investments Ltd.'s Rat Lake gravel haul. In Tuk, **Stanley Felix** was the Gravel Checker for North Coast Ventures' Source 177 gravel haul.

Inuvik-Tuk Highway (ITH) Project

In June, ILA and GNWT(Lands) conducted joint inspections to determine the current status of all ITH quarries. In July, GNWT(INF) conducted a survey of Source 312 to determine official gravel quantity used for the construction of the ITH. In late July the *Husky Lakes ATV Trail* parking pad construction (87 m) was started using Source 177 quarry material. Outstanding deficiencies between kms 21 and 34 of the ITH will be completed 100% by the contractor October 31.

ISR Prospecting Permits

The BHP/Rio Algom cancelled its 2018/2019 proposed exploration. The Nunavut permit areas will be postponed until 2019 with the ISR permit areas delayed until 2020. Generation Mining Ltd. conducted a ground-based magnetotellurics, mapping and sampling program near Paulatuk in July. With respect to Talmora Diamonds/Olivut Resources Ltd., ILA determined that the proposed airborne geophysical is not situated on Inuvialuit private lands south of Paulatuk along the ISR borders.

Inuvialuit Land Administration Commission (ILAC)

As directed by the IRC Board, ILA is assessing feedback from the communities on ILAC's future roles and responsibilities. ILAC had a formal tour of the ITH August 27 with a regular meeting August 28 and 29 in Inuvik. Discussions were held on the ILAC roles and responsibilities, the proposed *Husky Lakes Cabin Management Strategy* and *ILA Rules & Procedures* around tourism.

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: The Paulatuk Community Caribou hunting group heading out to set up camp in early September with Steve Illasiak, Joe Ruben Jr., Shayne Nakimayak and Dwayne Illasiak. Arlin Van Ruben is missing from photo. (Photo by Ray Ruben.) Right: ILAC tour of the Inuvik-Tuk Highway with Charles Klengenber, David Kuptana, Lennie Emaghok, Hank Rogers Sr., Dean (Manny) Arey and Bobby Ruben. (Photo by C. Klengenber.)



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

While the economy remains stagnant in the region, IDC continues to take advantage of sectors that are providing some economic opportunity and employment. Construction and camp catering kept Naapaq and AOGS busy this summer. Meanwhile IDC and GDC (Gwich'in Development Corporation) formed Delta North Alliance (DNA) and submitted a proposal for a possible negotiated contract to build a new airport terminal in Inuvik. DNA is also looking at a partnership role to design, build and possibly operate a 48-bed long-term care facility in Inuvik.

IDC Properties

Residential and commercial occupancy remains strong at 95%. IDC finalized the purchase of a 4-plex on Alder Drive consisting of 4 3-bedroom units. Three units are currently rented to IRC staff.

Aklak Air

Aklak is tracking slightly ahead of head of budget for 2018 with charter revenue up. This revenue is expected to remain strong due in part to increased project work on the DEW line sites. The scheduled services to the communities remain consistent.

Stanton Group

In a partnership with Canadian North, Stanton now offers Aurora Rewards points at all 3 locations to customers who present their Aurora Rewards number when shopping. As well, customers can redeem their points for a Stanton gift card.

Discussions are on-going with GNWT regarding the sale of marijuana at the Inuvik Liquor Store. As there are political implications, a presentation was made to the IRC Board for consideration.

AOGS (Arctic Oil & Gas Services Inc.)

AOGS continues to provide property management and custodial services for the Inuvik FOL bases through the contract with ATCO. AOGS was the successful bidder for the Town of Inuvik's 2018 AEET Conference catering. It also secured several other catering jobs for the summer: Source 312 Camp for the Inuvik-Tuk Highway, Inuvik Willow road camp for the airport road construction, Camp Farewell project for Shell.

Canadian North Airlines

In July, an agreement-in-principle was signed to merge Canadian North and First Air by IDC and Makivik Corporation to provide the best possible essential air services across the Arctic. The proposed Pan-Arctic airline will operate under the name "Canadian North" and the aircraft will feature new First Air livery. The headquarters for the proposed airline will be in Ottawa. The parties expect to complete the merger by the end of 2018.

WBM (Weldco-Beales Manufacturing)

WBM closed a deal for 5 cranes worth \$1.6 million; the last order for a crane was in 2014. The company is driven by good management and a strong economy.

Nappaq Design & Construction

Nappaq's workforce has expanded to 19 employees, including 3 management staff based in Inuvik, 10 beneficiary employees and 6 non-beneficiary employees. This does not include employees in Aklavik, Ulukhaktok and Paulatuk who work for beneficiary construction subcontractors or any that work for mechanical and electrical sub-trades. In total, Nappaq has 9 projects in progress totalling \$18 million and has started the design phase on another \$7 million.

In September, the public housing 6-plex in Inuvik, built by Nappaq, was announced as ready for occupancy by IRC and NWT Housing Corporation. The IRC-NWTHC partnership is committed to improving housing conditions in the ISR and provide economic development and training opportunities. The units in Inuvik, as well as projects in other ISR communities constructed under this partnership, are turned over to the NWTHC for use in the Public Housing Program.

Inuvialuit CEDO

Sue McNeil, ICEDO Manager, reported on several Regional Readiness Initiatives keeping staff busy. Under the *Country Foods and Value-Added Processing Initiative*, the CHHAP food security funding will provide input regarding harvested foods and unique facilities required to process and store them.

The *Arts Meet Engineering* project will be delivered again this fall at Aurora College with space for 10 participants to learn new tools to further their arts. There is also a big demand for the launch of a *Maker Space* or *Creative Hub* with the potential to develop and manufacture on a small scale.

In the area of *GIS/Remote Sensing - UAV Drone Services*, pilots were certified with more beneficiaries being trained. Igutchaq UAV is now registered as an Inuvialuit business with a business plan being developed. It meets all regulations with professional high quality service in place. There are already 2 contracts in place for delivery in 2018.

Community projects included visiting Reindeer Station with the Inuvik CC, reviewing the Tuk CC's tourism strategy along with training workshops in sewing and sculpting for the community, and preparing products and services in anticipation of cruise ship landings in Ulukhaktok. ■



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ICC General Assembly, Utqiagvik, Alaska

Inuit delegates from Alaska, Greenland, Canada, and Chukotka concluded a successful 13th Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) General Assembly on the theme of *Inuit - The Arctic We Want* in Utqiagvik, Alaska, unified and strengthened.

Over the course of 4 days, the 64 Inuit delegates heard presentations from Inuit experts on a range of topics. Reports were delivered on 3 major summits held by ICC over the last four-year term on Economic Development, Wildlife Management, and Language. A detailed report on the outcomes of the *Pikialasorsuaq Commission on the North Water Polynya* between Canada and Greenland was also made to the delegation.

In ICC tradition, the Chair of the international organization was transferred to Alaska for the next four-year term. **Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough** was unanimously elected as the new Chair, taking over from Canada's **Okalik Eegeesiak**.

"Every Inuk is valued. Every Inuk is the Inuit Circumpolar Council. Period," underlined **Dalee Sambo Dorough** in her closing address. "Our founding father, **Eben Hopson**, had the foresight to unite us as a people. He saw the value of advancing a coherent, coordinated approach to our collective action, and our united voice at the international level. I want to underscore the interrelated, interdependent and indivisible nature of human rights. We have determined our political status – we are distinct peoples, with distinct rights that inhabit a distinct region of the world. I am genuinely honoured to have been selected to lead the Inuit Circumpolar Council for the next four years."

The delegates also adopted the *Utqiagvik Declaration*, both an outcome document from this General Assembly and a roadmap to the work ICC will engage in during the coming 4 years. The *Utqiagvik Declaration* contains 10 sections and 58 clauses, drafted with the theme of the General Assembly in mind *Inuit - The Arctic We Want*.

Following the conclusion of the General Assembly the ICC Executive Council met with its newly elected members from respective countries, and International Chair. The Executive Council is composed of the following members:

Chair: Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough

Alaska: President: Jimmy Stotts; Vice-President: Vera Metcalf

Canada: President: Monica Ell-Kanayuk; Vice-President: Lisa Koperqualuk

Chukotka: President: Lubov Taian; Vice-President: Elena Kaminskaya

Greenland: President: Hjalmar Dahl; Vice-President: Nuka Kleeman

The *Bill Edmunds Award* established by ICC to honour those individuals who have made a selfless contribution to the promotion of Inuit rights and interests, with a particular focus on international endeavors, was awarded to out-going ICC Chukotka President **Tatiana Achirgina**.

The next ICC General Assembly will be held in Ilulissat, Greenland in 2022. ■

Row 1: Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers' Faith Gordon supported by drummers, Angus Alunik and Duane Smith. **Row 2, Left:** Inuvialuit delegates at the 2018 ICC General Assembly - Duane Smith, Patrick Gruben and Lucy Kuptana. (Photo by Marie Jacobson.) **Row 2, Right:** The Aklavik Delta Drummers and Dancers. (Photo by Tusaayaksat.)



Inuvialuit Design of Satellite Antenna in Inuvik



Five satellite dishes will be painted over with designs by the Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Metis, East Three Secondary School and Town of Inuvik. IRC worked with **Sheree McLeod** to create an artwork that would celebrate Inuvialuit heritage.

Remote sensing means to scan or observe the land from afar. Today, satellites scan the land and send the information to ground stations including the Inuvik Satellite Station Facility. The Inuvialuit design depicts the blanket toss, a traditional activity used to scout for game or scan the horizon.

This design provides great insight into Inuvialuit heritage as the blanket toss is still used to celebrate Inuit culture and is one of the most recognized events of the Northern Games. "The blanket toss brings many people together to support each other and the jumper," commented Sheree.

Her great uncle **Abel Tingmiak** is a well known blanket toss jumper as well as a Northern Games participant and drum dancer.

Sheree is an Inuvialuit artist from Inuvik. She started drawing before she was 5 years old, inspired by her father and older sister who drew camp pictures and ravens. Many may recognize her illustrations in the *Tusaayaksat* magazine; she is a regular contributor. Way to go Sheree! ■

2018 Students on Ice Arctic Expedition

The *2018 Students on Ice Arctic Expedition* was a hands-on experience for youth to expand their knowledge of the changing circumpolar world, foster a new understanding and respect for the planet, and gain the inspiration and motivation needed to help lead toward a healthy and sustainable future. The 2018 Expedition included 125 students from 16 countries!

Between July 23 and August 7, the ship- and land-based Expedition explored western Greenland's communities, fjords, bays and islands before crossing Davis Strait to the eastern Canadian Arctic.

For this year's Expedition, IRC sponsored **Ethan Cockney** and **Kirsti Voudrach**. Two other Inuvialuit, **Mataya Gillis** and **Janelle Pokiak** also participated. From photos and blogs, all students had a great time and made many new friends. ■

Inuvialuit participants. Row 1: Janelle Pokiak. Row 2, Left: Kirsti Voudrach. Row 2, Centre: Mataya Gillis with Gabby Bertran at Qiajivik/Coutts Inlet in Nunavut. Row 2, Right: Ethan Cockney. (Photos courtesy of SOI Foundation - Robert Kautuk, Martin Lipman, Natta Summerky.)



Policy: Prohibited Positions during IRC Board Tenure

Background

The Committee on Original People's Entitlement (COPE) designed and negotiated the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) to achieve an appropriate check-and-balance system between different Inuvialuit rights and interests and sources of authority. This balance is achieved, in part, through the separation of the principal representatives (Chairs) of the IRC Board, the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) and co-management bodies from the other entities.

In November 2000, the IRC Board passed Motion #52/00 limiting the ability to appoint IRC Board members to ILAC, IDC, IIC and IPC due to conflicting governance issues and oversight responsibilities. Taking note of this earlier Motion and acknowledging the level of risk, magnitude of decisions made, and the time commitment required of IRC Directors, the IRC Board agreed to the following policy to replace Motion #52/00 at the recent August 2018 meeting.

Additionally, the IRC Chair and Board members must dedicate themselves to the duties they have as directors of IRC and any subsidiary or affiliate within the Inuvialuit Corporate Group.

Policy: IRC Chair Position

During tenure, the IRC Chair may not hold the following positions:

- ♦ Director or Chair of a Community Corporation
- ♦ Council member or Chair of the Inuvialuit Game Council
- ♦ Member or Chair of an Inuvialuit co-management body
- ♦ Member of ILAC
- ♦ Member of IDC Board
- ♦ Member of IIC Board

Policy: IRC Director Positions

During tenure, an IRC Director may not hold the following positions:

- ♦ Chair of the Inuvialuit Game Council
- ♦ Chair of an Inuvialuit co-management body
- ♦ Member of ILAC
- ♦ Member of IDC Board
- ♦ Member of IIC Board ■

2017 Direct Benefits to Beneficiaries

Although beneficiaries share in the profits of the Inuvialuit Corporate Group (ICG) every year through the distribution payments, the overall financial benefits to Inuvialuit from the ICG are many times this amount. In 2017, these benefits were provided across a very broad range as follows:

Employees (ie. beneficiaries wages and salaries)

Subsidiaries	\$3,100,000
IRC, IIC, ILC, and CDD	7,200,000
Sub-Total	10,300,000

Directors and committee members (ie. honoraria, stipends, retainers and meeting fees)

Inuvialuit corporations & related committees	1,373,730
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Student support (ie. IEF)

Supplementary funding, scholarships, tutoring	310,090
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Payments to elders (ie. ISDP)

Annual benefit	290,500
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Distribution to beneficiaries (Inuvialuit Trust)

Distribution policy	2,456,555
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Other payments

Donations	632,583
Inuvialuit Harvests Assistance Program	229,100
Community Corporations	1,054,184
Social Impact Funds (SIF)	45,490
Funeral Assistance Program	53,020
Inuvialuit Communications Society	100,000
Community artwork	238,280
Sub-Total	\$2,352,657

Grand Total	\$17,083,532
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Inuit Nanilavut Initiative

Background

Since 2010, INAC and Inuit partners have worked on an approach to finding the burial locations of Inuit who were sent away from their communities for medical treatment during the tuberculosis (TB) epidemic of the 1940s to 1960s. As a result, a Working Group was created with membership from the 4 Inuit land claims organizations, ITK, Nunavut Government, GNWT and Health Canada.

Gayle Gruben is the new Project Administrator at IRC for the *Inuit Nanilavut "Let's Find Them" Project*. She will gather any information on Inuvialuit who have passed away during that time as well as the location of gravesites. She will also assist Inuvialuit who are searching for family members who may have been buried elsewhere during the TB epidemic. The *Nanilavut Database* will be updated and maintained as a permanent record.

For more information, please contact Gayle at 867.777.7018 or ggruben@inuvialuit.com. ■



Gayle Gruben.

Oceans Day, Ulukhaktok

What is Oceans Day?

It is an international event celebrated annually on June 8th, but at a later date in the Western Arctic region. Oceans Day promotes a better understanding of what the ocean provides, and acknowledges the importance of these bodies of water through education and community engagement. Since 2002, Oceans Day has been organized in the ISR by DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans), IRC, and other partners/sponsors. It is rotated amongst the 6 Inuvialuit communities.

2018 Oceans Day in Ulukhaktok

Oceans Day was held July 11 in Ulukhaktok, with a theme of *Plastic Pollution Prevention*. DFO and IRC organized a charter to bring in sponsors, staff, volunteers, and guests to enjoy a fun-filled beach day at Jack's Bay. The day began with a parade and included a BBQ, country foods, *Life of a Char* relay, Eider duck plucking, face painting, dizzy stick, and performances by the Central-Style Drummers and Dancers as well as the Western Drummers and Dancers. Special guests included **MP Terry Beech** (Parliamentary Secretary), **Colin Okheena** (IRC), **Fred Akoaksion** (IGC), **Joshua Oliktoak** (FJMC), **Scott Gilbert** (DFO, Regional Director/Fisheries Management), **Larry Dow** (DFO, Director/Northern Operations), **Peter Garapick** (Canada Coast Guard), **Laverna Klengenberg** (Mayor), **Parka** (Parks Canada) and **Nellie Cournoyea** (former IRC Chair)!

Congratulations go to the youth - **Lucas Okheena** and **Alyssia Irish Memogana** - who contributed to the Oceans Day logo contest. Their logos were printed on t-shirts for distribution to the community!

A very special thank you to the sponsors: **DFO, IRC, Ulukhaktok Community Corporation, Hamlet of Ulukhaktok, Olokhaktomiut HTC, NWT Power Corporation, Canadian North, WWF Canada, Parks Canada, Aurora Research Institute, Inuvialuit Game Council, FJMC, Arctic Energy Alliance, 62°N** and the many partners.

Many thanks go to these outstanding volunteers for making the day special: **Sarah Buckle, Connie Blakeston, Peggy Jay, Joanne Ogina, Lillian Kanayok, Marge Akoaksion, Annie Goose, Mary Banksland, Bessie Inuktalik, Kayla Hansen-Craik, Cora-Lee Simpson, Melanie Kudlak, Joshua Oliktoak** and Hamlet crew, **Kyle Mustard, and Colleen Parker.** ■

Row 1, Left: The Central-Style Drummers and Dancers started off Oceans Day celebrations! Row 1, Right: The cutting of the official cake with elder Mabel Nigiyok and MP Terry Beech (Parliamentary Secretary). Row 2: Happy Oceans Day from Ulukhaktok!



News Around the ISR and Beyond ...



Left Top: Lesli Kisoun modelling in the 2018 Great Northern Arts Festival Fashion Show. (Photo by Tusaayaksat.) **Centre Top:** Bennett Inuktalik proudly wears his hockey gear from the First Shift program. He is seen here with Duane Smith, Lillian Kanayok and Mary Kagyut. (Photo by Stewart Burnett.) **Right Top:** Congratulations to Kenyan Loreen who won first place in the 15-and-under traditional dress contest during the Canada Day weekend in Tuk. (Photo courtesy of CBC.) **Left Bottom:** Blaine Illasiak, one of the youth learning traditional harvesting on the land with Davy and Sarah Krengnektak. (Photo courtesy of Eddie Dillon.) **Centre Bottom:** Some of the Inuvialuit participants at the National Indigenous Cultural Expo in Edmonton in September. (Photo courtesy of NICE.) **Right Bottom:** Mary Banksland and Kayla Hansen-Craik.

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? Welcome to fall/winter after some strange 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.

Remembering Les L. Carpenter ...

IRC is sending condolences to the friends and family of **Les L. Carpenter**, who passed away July 3 at the age of 61. In 1985, he was the first Chief Regional Councillor of IRC; from 1988 to 1993, he served as IRC's Vice-Chair. He was also Vice-Chair of the *Inuit Circumpolar Council*, a member of the *NWT Constitutional Commission*, a special advisor to Australia's Aboriginal Peoples and Prime Minister's Office, and a member of the *UN Special Task Force on Aboriginal Peoples*. Of course, he is fondly remembered as the one and only *Mr. Saturday Night* on CBC!

Billy Joss Open Golf Tournament, Ulukhaktok

The *Billy Joss Open* celebrated its 31st anniversary July 13 to 15 in Ulukhaktok. After a first day of fog and cool weather, the sun came out along with lots of bugs. Great food, company and golfing.

Men's Open: (1) Dale Nigiyok (2) Brendan Kanayok (3) Curtis Banksland

Women's Open: (1) Louise Nigiyok (2) Jane Okheena (3) Marge Akoaksion

Master's Open: (1) Peter Okheena (2) Colin Okheena (3) Richard Notaina

Youth Division: (1) Kolten Inuktalik (2) Mala Klengenberg (3) Nigel Kataoyak

Long Drive: Men's - Nathan Okheena, Women's - Marge Akoaksion, Master's - Peter Okheena, Youth - Kolten Inuktalik

Chipping: Men's - Curtis Banksland, Women's - Adele Alonak, Master's - Richard Notaina, Youth - Preston Aleekuk

Putting: Men's - Vincent Alonak, Women's - Adele Alonak, Master's - Peter Okheena, Youth - Mala Klengenberg

Lowest Round: Dale Nigiyok

Highest Round: Annie Inuktalik

Volunteer Draw (Aklak Air Pass): Aiden Banksland

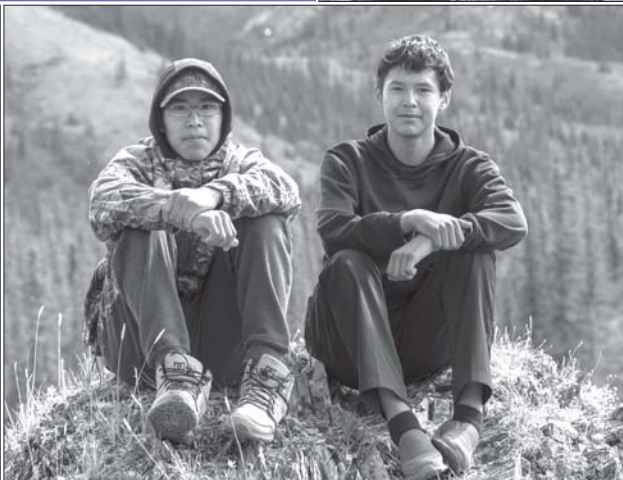
Ivvavik National Park

Thanks to Parks Canada, **Tom McLeod**, IRC Summer Student, visited Ivvavik National Park in June with the East Three Secondary School Biology 20 students in the first week and then the Moose Kerr School (Aklavik) students in the second week. He was able to document, in photos and videos, all the research and educational activities conducted by Parks Canada as well as appreciate the beauty of this special place.

Ivvavik National Park was the first park created as a result of a land claim settlement, and in this case, the IFA! ■

Row 1: Parks Canada's Rachel Hansen and David Haogak with East Three Secondary School Biology 20 students conducting water research.

Row 2, Left: Tom McLeod. **Centre:** Jayden Archie and Edward Kay, students from Moose Kerr School. **Right:** Renie Arey, one of the Cultural Hosts.



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IRC/IDC Staff

A big welcome to **Gayle Gruben** as the new Project Administrator at IRC for the *Inuit Nanilavut "Let's Find Them" Project*. She will be gathering information on Inuvialuit who have passed away during the TB epidemic of the 1940s to 1960s and maintaining a *Nanilavut Database*.

The Accounting Team is welcoming **Svetlana Yevstropova** as Accounting Manager. She will be responsible for producing financial statements, budgets as well as additional accounting support.

The Community Development Division (CDD) is pleased with the return of **Alice Thrasher** as the Manager of Early Childhood Programs. She previously worked for IRC in this capacity. She is a registered Nurse with a diploma in Business.

Ashley Morine is the new Health Promotions Coordinator. She will be working closely with the Community Coordinators who manage the prenatal programs in the communities, in the mental wellness programming envelope and on many other health promotions initiatives.

New to the Human Resources team is **Tricia Veness** with over 25 years of experience in the HR field and previously in the Armed Forces for 20 years. She hails from Winnipeg! Working as the Academic Advisor under the area of Education, **Denyse Nadon-Sutherland** will try to deliver a more Holistic Sunchild program for 2018/2019.

With the departure of **Jennifer Rafferty** as the Capacity Manager, and **Britney Selina** moving into the position of Youth Outreach Coordinator in CDD, a departmental review is in progress.

Departures include **Taylor Giffin**, Communications Coordinator; **Deanna Marie Jacobson**, Regional Manager Intern Coordinator, ICRC; **Mykola Sokurenko**, Environment Management Coordinator, ILA; **Leanna Steen**, HR Coordinator; and **Elsa Moscato**, Academic Advisor.

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.

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. 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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