

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

Happy Spring and Happy Easter! With the return of the sun and Daylight Saving Time in early March, the days are longer. The 2010 Olympic Games have come and gone, but Jamboree time is here! Be sure to make time for the many activities. Hope you enjoy reading the *IRC Board Summary* which is mailed to beneficiaries following every IRC Board meeting.

### IRC Board and Meetings

The members of the 2010 Board are as follows:

Nellie Cournoyea	Chair
Duane Smith	Deputy Chair
Carol D. Arey	Secretary/Treasurer
Robert B. Gruben	Director
Floyd Lennie	Director
Colin Okheena	Director
Gilbert Thrasher Sr.	Director

- ◆ The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games February 12 to 28 saw a large contingent of Inuvialuit participation in cultural events: **Abel Tingmiak** doing the Blanket Toss; the **Aklavik Drummers and Dancers** celebrating the *People Behind the Inukshuk* in a showcase; the youth in the Indigenous Youth Gathering at the Opening Ceremonies; the **Inuvik Drummers and Dancers** (32 members strong) performing at Canada's Northern House; and more. Congratulations! Inuvialuit were everywhere!
- ◆ The IRC Native Hockey Tournament celebrated its 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on February 18 to 21 with 12 teams from Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Inuvik, Paulatuk and Tuk. Congratulations to Inuvik's Northwind for their win over Tuk EGT Nanooks

# Board Summary



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

- ◆ April 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2010
- ◆ August 24, 25 and 26, 2010
- ◆ November 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2010

### Around the ISR

- ◆ The election for IRC Chair and CEO was held January 25 with the following results:

*Nellie J. Cournoyea	37 votes (elected)
*Eddie T. Dillon	5 votes
*Richard McLeod	0 votes

in the "A" Division and the Aklavik Outlaws over the Inuvik Shockers in the "B" Division.

During the Tournament, a tribute was paid to the late **Roy "Sugloo" Ipana** with the renaming of the arena in his honour. As well, his Number 7 "Old Dog" hockey jersey was retired. Roy will be missed by all in Inuvik and the Mackenzie-Delta. ■

*Left: IRC Native Hockey Tournament organizer Donny Hendrick with MVP Corey Wainman of the "A" Division. (Photo by ICS.) Right: Colin Gordon with the Hon. Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health at the ITK Reception on Inuit Day during the 2010 Olympic Games.*



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## Summary of IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

At the IRC Board meeting of February 16, 17 and 18, **Nellie Cournoyea**, Chair and CEO, welcomed members: **Don D. Storr** (who sat in for **Carol D. Arey**) (Aklavik), **Duane Smith** (Inuvik), **Gilbert Thrasher Sr.** (Paulatuk), **Floyd Lennie** (Sachs Harbour), **Robert B. Gruben** (Tuk) and **Colin Okheena** (Uluksaktok). Observers were **Brenda Lucas** (Sachs Harbour) and **Holly Ovayak-Gruben** (Tuk).

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 Corporations or IRC for more information on each of the motions.

### **Motion #05/10: IRC Executive**

The Board agreed to retain the same members on the IRC Executive, namely **Duane Smith** as the Deputy Chair and **Carol D. Arey** as the Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Motion #06/10: Appointment to ILAC**

As recommended by the Tuk Community Corporation, the Board reappointed **Lennie Emaghok** as their community member on the Inuvialuit Land Administration Commission for a 5-year term expiring December 31, 2014.

### **Motion #07/10: IRC Self-Government**

The Board approved the 2010/2011 IRC Self-Government workplan and budget subject to confirmation of approved funding.

### **Motion #08/10: IDC's Investment in NorTerra**

The Board endorsed the IDC Board's decision to provide additional investment in NorTerra as part of its strategy to maximize the value of its investment.

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

**Frank Hansen**, IIC Chair, reported that market performance in the fourth quarter contributed to a 2% gain for the IIC portfolio. For the year, the returns were 20.32%, slightly ahead of the benchmark of 19.88%. The IIC portfolio was able to fully participate in the gains of 2009 due to Management's strategy to manage corporate cash requirements and minimize withdrawals.

With a gain of 35.1%, 2009 was the best year for the S&P TSX (the major Canadian stock index) in 30 years. In contrast, 2008 was the worst in almost 80 years.

Now that the recession is over and growth forecasts for Canada have been revised upward, concern continues to be expressed around the sustainability of growth in corporate earnings. Recent concerns about debt levels in the Euro zone countries of Greece, Portugal and Spain as well as the growing deficit in the U.S. have focused attention on the need to significantly reduce government spending. Timing is everything and too quick a withdrawal of stimulus moneys may force major economies back into recession. Since the beginning of 2010, there has been much higher volatility in stock market indices.

### **ILA Wildlife Compensation Fund**

The Wildlife Compensation Fund has been in place since the establishment of the ILA Rules. Revenue is obtained through the ILA fee structure as a component of all land use access and administration fees. It was established to provide assistance to beneficiaries in 2 circumstances:

1. Temporary source of income during an IFA arbitration hearing on losses from developments on Inuvialuit lands.
2. Limited source of compensation where significant harvesting loss has been experienced by a beneficiary from developments on Inuvialuit lands but the damage cannot be attributed to one or more developer.

Although both of these circumstances were envisioned when the ILA Rules were developed, there have been no disbursements from the Fund. Currently it is managed by IIC with the interest earned going directly towards ILA's annual operating costs.

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*The two rival teams in the "A" Division final of the IRC Native Hockey Tournament. Left: The winning team, Inuvik's Northwind. Right: Tuk's EGT Nanooks. (Photos by ICS.)*



# IRC Board Summary Newsletter

## Community Corporation Directors

### Aklavik Community Corporation

P.O. Box 119, Aklavik, NT X0E 0A0

Tel: 867.978.2414 Fax: 867.978.2815

Corporate Manager: **Agnes Tardiff**

Carol D. Arey	Chair
Dean (Manny) Arey	Vice-Chair
Dean McLeod	Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis Arey	Director
Andrew Gordon Sr.	Director
Faith Gordon	Director
Don D. Storr	Director

### Inuvik Community Corporation

P.O. Box 1365, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0

Tel: 867.777.2603 Fax: 867.777.4422

Corporate Manager: **TBA**

Duane Smith	Chair
Gayle Gruben	Vice-Chair
Peggy Day	Secretary/Treasurer
Richard Gordon	Director
Bernice Joe	Director
Edgar Maring	Director
Ray Tingmiak	Director

### Paulatuk Community Corporation

P.O. Box 92, Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0

Tel: 867.580.3601 Fax: 867.580.3508

Corporate Manager: **Terry Thrasher**

Gilbert Thrasher Sr.	Chair
Fred Bennett	Vice-Chair
Ray Ruben Sr.	Secretary/Treasurer
Tony Green	Director
Jonah Nakimayak	Director
Andy Thrasher	Director
Millie Thrasher	Director

### Sachs Harbour Community Corporation

P.O. Box 59, Sachs Harbour, NT X0E 0Z0

Tel: 867.690.3025 Fax: 867.690.4905

Corporate Manager: **Donna Keogak**

Floyd Lennie	Chair
Beverly Amos	Vice-Chair
Priscilla Haogak	Secretary/Treasurer
Richard Carpenter	Director
Joe Kudlak	Director
Brenda Lucas	Director
Ryan Lucas	Director

### Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation

P.O. Box 350, Tuktoyaktuk, NT X0E 1C0

Tel: 867.977.2390 Fax: 867.977.2504

Corporate Manager: **Lena Kotokak**

Robert B. Gruben	Chair
Charles (Chucky) Gruben	Vice-Chair
Holly Ovayuak-Gruben	Secretary/Treasurer
Eddie Dillon	Director
Lennie Emaghok	Director
Dennis Raddi	Director
John Stuart Jr.	Director

### Ulukhaktok Community Corporation

P.O. Box 127, Ulukhaktok, NT X0E 0S0

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Corporate Manager: **Angela Kuneyuna**

Colin Okheena	Chair
Joe Adam Inuktalik	Vice-Chair
Gilbert Olifie	Secretary/Treasurer
Lillian Kanayok	Director
Joseph Kitekudlak Sr.	Director
Laverna Klengenber	Director
Joshua Oliktoak	Director

The "B Division" final of the IRC Native Hockey Tournament was the Aklavik Outlaws against the Inuvik Shockers. **Left:** The winning team, Aklavik Outlaws. **Right:** Inuvik Shockers. (Photos by ICS.)



## More on IRC Board Motions and Meeting Update

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In determining how the Fund could be used, the Board looked at the following options:

- A. Retain the Fund in the possibility that there will be future applications for the originally intended purposes.
- B. Deposit the entire proceeds of the Fund into IRC general revenue.
- C. Use the Fund to pay for one-time expenditures.

It was agreed that there will be further discussions on this topic at the next board meeting.

### **Community Corporation Membership List**

For several years there have been concerns regarding the accuracy of the Community Corporation membership lists. Recently IRC worked with the Community Corporations to develop an accurate listing. As a result, the list will now be maintained on a separate system on IRC's computer network. A series of guidelines were developed to maintain the accuracy of the membership lists. Each Community Corporation will review their membership list at least once a year (in September).

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

For 2010, the IHAP allocations by community are as follows:

Aklavik	\$32,586
Inuvik	\$53,402
Paulatuk	\$26,065
Sachs Harbour	\$18,070
Tuktoyaktuk	\$50,652
Ulukhaktok	\$37,023
Outside ISR	\$28,095
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$244,241</b>

Please contact **Cheryl Williams**, IHAP Manager at IRC, for more information at 867.777.2737 or email [cwilliams@irc.inuvialuit.com](mailto:cwilliams@irc.inuvialuit.com).

### **Update on Kunnerk Resources' Reindeer Meat**

In Motion 34-09 of the April 2009 Board meeting, a Memorandum

of Understanding was approved with Kunnerk Resources on a one-year trial basis to provide reindeer meat (an equivalent of 100 animals) to IRC for distribution at the community level in exchange for payment of outstanding grazing fees.

By the end of March 2010, over half of the meat had been given to Community Corporations for distribution in their respective communities. It is hoped that the reindeer meat would alleviate some of the hardship caused by the diminished caribou supply.

### **Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada (ICC) Update**

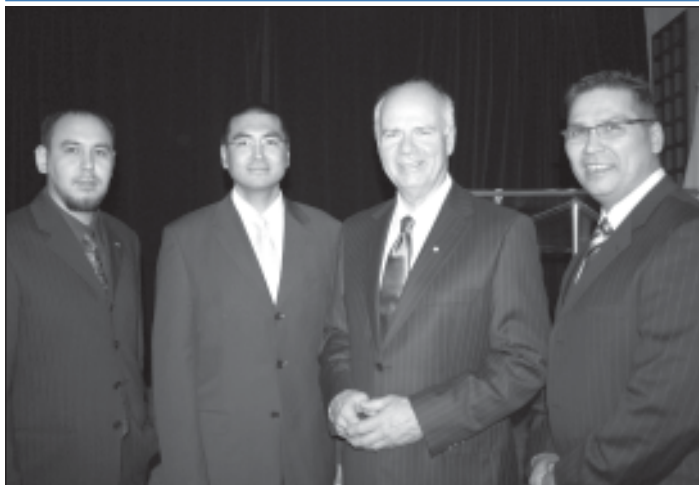
**Duane Smith**, President, reported that the next General Assembly will be held in Nuuk Greenland June 28 to July 2. The official Canadian delegation will total 65 and include 18 assembly delegates, 20 performing and visual artists, guest speakers, interpreters and staff. IRC will be asked to send 3 assembly delegates. The Ulukhaktok Drummers and Dancers will represent the Inuvialuit at the General Assembly. Prior to the General Assembly, ITK and ICC Canada will each hold their AGM in Iqaluit.

### **Words of Wisdom to the Board**

**Edward Lennie** addressed the Board to relay words of wisdom from the late **Andy Carpenter** shortly before his passing in Sachs Harbour. As a respected elder instrumental in the signing of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement in 1984, Andy said that *he* made a trail for the Inuvialuit and it needs to be kept *straight*. "Work hard for the Inuvialuit, don't ever give up. Work hard for yourselves, right down to the children."

Sincere condolences and prayers to the family. ■

*Left: In January, many attended ITK's Taste of the Arctic in Ottawa including Merle Carpenter, Anthony and Jason Gordon with Peter Mansbridge. (Photo by M. Carpenter.) Right: Nellie Cournoyea with the Olympic Games mascots - Sumi, Miga and Quatchi.*



## Community Development Division (CDD)

**Lucy Kuptana**, Executive Director, Community Development Division attended the IRC Board meeting to provide reports and address concerns.

### **ASETS (Formerly AHRDA) Program**

**Lucy Kuptana** reported that with a Business Plan template for ASETS (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy) now in place, IRC staff will be meeting to develop a plan by May 2010.

With respect to the Resolution Health Support Program, **Brenda Ittungna** is the Coordinator with **Jerome Gordon** and **Julie Thrasher** as the Workers.

### **Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF) Programs**

As the AHF Program Monitor, **Peggy Day** reported that there are many well-attended programs, from *Youth Nights* to *Ladies Nights*, in the communities. Regional activities included *Life Skills/Traditional Parenting* workshops in the communities with consultants, **Esther Dobbs** and **Jim Smarch**.

The 10-week Community Wellness Certificate Program saw 15 participants graduate on March 5: **Marlo Allen, Jeffery Amos, Shauna Charlie, Jennifer Cockney, Mae Cockney, Peggy Day, Annie Goose, Mickey-Leigh Gordon, Ann Kasook, Sarah Krengnektak, Karen Mitchell, Susan Peffer, Leanna Steen, Maria Storr** and **Julie Thrasher**. The graduates are now qualified to act as liaisons between those seeking treatment or counselling and government health programs. They can also coordinate community health activities. The program was delivered by Nechi Institute and Keyano College in partnership with IRC and the Aboriginal Healing Foundation.

### **Health and Environment**

**Shannon O'Hara** is the Health and Environment Coordinator who monitors and supports research activities in the ISR primarily through ArcticNet, Nasivvik and the Northern Contaminants Program (NCP).

In February, Shannon co-facilitated an ethics meeting for the Institute of Circumpolar Health Research; hosted the second Inuvik Regional Research Working Group meeting; and was

invited to the Health Canada Climate Change and Health and Adaptation Program proposal review in Ottawa.

### **Health Matters**

As the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund Health Policy Coordinator, **Crystal Lennie** works closely with her counterpart at Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK).

The Naasautit Project which worked closely with Statistic Canada's Aboriginal Peoples Survey is almost near completion. Multiple data tables were created for inclusion in the website for viewing at [www.naasautit.ca](http://www.naasautit.ca).

The Climate Change Project (with the Institute for Circumpolar Health Research) will be proceeding with source water quality testing in 3 of the ISR communities. As well, there will be core soil sampling in Aklavik for any possible links with community flooding and H-Pylori as a source.

As H-Pylori is a growing concern within the region, IRC is working with the University of Alberta and the CANHelp group to submit a proposal to ArcticNET to see if the Aklavik project could be duplicated in the other ISR communities.

Although the Cancer Screening Project is near completion, IRC is still working with ITK to identify funding sources for a permanent Cancer Screening Coordinator within the BDHSSA.

Finally, the roll-out for the H1N1 vaccinations in the region was very successful thanks to the hard work from the Public Health staff in Inuvik, the CHRs in the communities, the nurses and doctors. Kudos to the CHRs who even went door to door to explain the importance of getting the H1N1 vaccination. As a result, the percentage of vaccination by community was very high: Aklavik 67.9%, Inuvik 67.1%, Paulatuk 82.0%, Sachs Harbour 75.4%, Tuktoyaktuk 73.9% and Ulukhaktok 79.6%.

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**Left:** Marion Toutuk Green with young visitors at Canada's Northern House in Vancouver. (Photo by GNWT, MACA.) **Right:** Olive and Eugene Pascal enjoying the Muskrat Jamboree in Inuvik.



## More on Community Development Division (CDD)

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### Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative

With the signing of the contribution agreement, **John Ritchie** is the new IRC Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative Coordinator. He has travelled to the communities to promote healthy lifestyles to include good eating habits, nutrition and active living activities. In April, there will be an initiative to overcome "Diabetes Denial". With a message of "managing diabetes is easy, leaving it undiagnosed is not", this will hopefully encourage people to get tested when symptoms are present. As well, in conjunction with food retailers in the ISR communities, "Diabetes Friendly Food" will be labelled for easy in shopping.

### Community Wellness

**Leanna Steen** is the interim Regional Wellness Coordinator

administering several contribution agreements: *Brighter Futures*, *Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)* and *Urban Multipurpose Aboriginal Youth Centre (UMAYC) Initiative*.

**Holly Donley** is the new Youth Summit Coordinator to organize the Inuit Education Youth Town Hall forum confirmed for March 30 to April 1 at the Midnight Sun Recreation Complex in Inuvik. Five speakers have been secured. Approximately 40 youth from the region are expected. Holly will also be organizing the National Inuit Youth Council meeting August 16 to 20 in Inuvik. The plan is to have 150 Inuit youth delegates attend from the 4 Inuit regions, subject to adequate funding.

### Inuvialuit Child Development Programs

**Alice Thrasher**, Manager, Inuvialuit Child Development Programs, reported that attendance for the months of October to December in the Centres were as follows: Aklavik 64%, Inuvik 88%, Paulatuk 77%, Tuk 73% and Ulukhaktok 73%.

During recent community visits, meetings were held with Parent Committees and staff to discuss issues and areas of concerns.

Current staff in the Centres include the following: Paulatuk Head Start - **Irene Ruben** (Coordinator), **Moriya Krengnektak** (Language Teacher), **Molly Ruben** (Caregiver), **Leslie Illasiak** (Caregiver); Inuvik Head Start - **Beverly Esau** (Coordinator), **Amanda Bernhardt** (Caregiver); Aklavik Child Development Centre - **Annie Buckle** (Coordinator), **Verna Arey** (Language Teacher), **Karla Smith** (Infant Caregiver), **Elizabeth Semple** (Caregiver), **Alvira Erigaktoak** (Caregiver); Tuk Child Development Centre - **Sarah Ettagiak** (Coordinator), **Molly Nogasak** (Language Teacher), **Dorothy Wolki** (Infant Caregiver), **Jennifer Wolki** (Caregiver), **Stephanie Felix** (Infant Caregiver); Ulukhaktok Child Development Centre - **Jeanine Omingmak** (Coordinator), **Maggie Alanak** (Language Teacher), **Bernice Irish** (Infant Caregiver), **Tammy Malgokak** (Caregiver).

### Inuvialuit CEDO

**Jennifer Hinze**, Manager, Renewable Resource Projects, reported

## Don't Forget!

IRC has two (2) funding sources to assist beneficiaries in pursuing post-secondary studies: the Inuvialuit Education Foundation (IEF) and the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement (AHRDA).

Support includes IEF Post-Secondary Supplementary funding, IEF scholarships, AHRDA training allowances, AHRDA tuition, AHRDA textbooks and more.\*



But you must apply before the deadlines:\*\*

- **March 15**                      Spring/Summer semester
- **July 15**                         Fall semester
- **November 15**                Winter semester

### Contact IRC's Community Development Division -

**Tel:**                      867.777.7088 or 867.777.2737  
**Fax:**                      867.777.4506 or 867.777.2135  
**Email:**                    info@irc.inuvialuit.com

\* Certain eligibility criteria must be met.

\*\* At least 1 month before start date of programs for AHRDA funding.

### Opportunities for

### Employment Insurance or Reach Back Clients

Human Resources Development Canada in partnership with IRC (Human Resources) can sponsor you if you are on Employment Insurance (52 weeks or less) or a Reach Back Client (ie. on EI in the past 3 years).

These programs could help you:

1. Start your own business.
2. Upgrade your skills or education.
3. Improve your job search skills.
4. Encourage employers to hire you.
5. Gain work experience or create employment opportunities.

For more information, contact **Sharon Rogers** at 867.777.7095.

## More on Community Development Division (CDD)

that muskox meat sales are going well. A 5-year business plan for the muskox project was completed and presented to the IRC Board, GNWT and CanNor for review. It was well received and work continues to ensure that required capital and operational funding is secured. Meanwhile, hides are still being purchased from hunters in Ulukhaktok at the rate of \$165 per dried hide.

**Kelsey Eliasson**, Manager, Economic Development, reported on the various community initiatives that are being worked on with the Community Corporations. He is also looking at the *Community Adjustment Fund* (a stimulus-related program aimed at providing short-term employment opportunities in recession-affected communities) to fund some of the community projects.

For the recent 2010 Olympic Games, CEDO provided funding to purchase regional arts and crafts to sell at the *Aboriginal Artisan Village* and the *Visions of the North Artisan Market* (Richmond O Zone). It was great exposure of Inuvialuit arts and crafts to a southern market.

### Language and Culture

**Cathy Cockney**, Manager, Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre (ICRC), reported that the 2010 language calendars were well received with its theme of Northern Games to coincide with the 2010 Olympic Games. It supported 2 community language programs in Aklavik (for adults) and Tuk (for youth and adults) until March 31.

The *Aboriginal Languages Symposium* was held March 30 to April 1 in Yellowknife with the purpose “to understand what is required by all stakeholders to create an environment where Aboriginal languages will survive and flourish.” As part of the pre-planning, the Advisory Group was asked to identify 3 individuals per language group in recognition of their contribution in promoting and maintaining their language. For Inuvialuktun, ICRC selected **Sandra Ipana**, **Lillian Elias** and **Rosie Albert**. For Inuinnaqtun, **Andy Akoakhion**, **Jimmy Memogana** and **Robert Kuptana** were selected. The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre is making posters of the individuals for display during the symposium.

### Inuvialuit Education Foundation

**Sandra Elanik**, IEF Manager, oversees programs that include the Post-Secondary Supplementary Funding (PSSF), scholarships, tutoring, summer language camps and AHRDA funding. Recently, a contribution agreement was signed with INAC to directly fund Inuvialuit students enrolled in the UCEP (University/College Entrance Program).

The following students are participating in the PSSF program in 2009/2010:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Area of Study</i>
Joel Amos	UCEP/Yukon College
Janine Arey	UCEP/Yukon College
Kayla Arey	NRTP Access/Aurora College
Onida Banksland	Culinary Arts/NAIT
Danielle Elanik	Trades Access/Aurora College
Roseanne Elias	Office Administration/Aurora College
Dana Francey	Bach. Social Work/UVIC
Mary Ann Francey	UCEP/Camosun College
Kelly Gordon	UCEP/GPRC
Rena Gordon	Office Administration/Aurora College
Andrew J. Gruben	Mechanical Eng./Indiana University
Elizabeth Gruben	UCEP/Aurora College
Marilyn Gruben	Office Administration/Aurora College
Donna Hansen	Nursing Access/Aurora College
A. Inglangasuk	Office Administration/Aurora College
Leah Ipana	Business Administration/Aurora College
Jennifer Kalinek	Network & Internet Security Spec./CDI
Eddie Kolausok	MBA/Malaspina
Manny Kudlak	UCEP/Yukon College
Chelsey Larocque	Business Admin./Nova Scotia College
Christopher Lennie	Helicopter License/Canadian Helicopters
Rolland Malegana	NRTP/Aurora College
Michael McLeod	Business Administration/Aurora College

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**Left:** Alex Elanik Sr. and Peter Esau enjoying the Muskrat Jamboree.  
**Right:** Inuvialuit arts and crafts on sale at the Visions of the North Artisan Market at the Richmond O Zone.



### *Training/Human Resource (HR) Services*

The department is staffed by **Eleanor Gallant**, Chief HR Officer; **Sharon Rogers**, Beneficiary & Career Development Officer; **Kristin Purdy**, HR Advisor; and **Amanda Nasogaluak**, HR Administrative Assistant. **Brenda Roberts** will be replacing **Kristin Purdy** during her maternity leave.

#### *ASEP and ASTSIF*

**Eleanor Gallant** works closely with **Lucy Kuptana** for the administration and delivery of programs funded from ASEP (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership), ASTIF (Aboriginal Skills and Training Strategic Investment Fund) and AHRDA/ASETS (Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement/Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy).

To administer ASEP (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership) funding, IRC formed a society *Building Inuvialuit Potential* with GNWT (ECE) and industry as partners. The Society has a contribution agreement (until March 31, 2012) to assist or co-fund industries that offer training on the job to Beaufort-Delta (specifically aboriginal) residents in the field of construction (apprenticeships), drivers training, environmental monitor training, etc.

Through Dowland Contracting, it is estimated that Inuvialuit employees hired to date are as follows: GNWT Multi-Use building - 15 (4 welders and 11 labourers); Inuvik Utilidor Replacement project - 8 (5 labourers, 1 apprentice, 1 carpenter and 1 operator); and Inuvik School Project - 24 (19 labourers, 1 mechanic, 1 mechanical apprentice, 1 electrician and 2 electrical apprentices).

### *More on CDD*

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Shannon McQuillan	Bach. Science, Nursing/GPRC
Sheree McLeod	Office Administration/Aurora College
Cheryl Melanson	Bach. Native Studies/U of A
Eli Nasogaluak Jr.	Business Administration/Aurora College
Kelly Norris	Bach. Arts/Lethbridge College
Shyla Phillips-Traer	Nursing Access/Aurora College
Rhoda Popson	Bach. Arts/Memorial University
Elaina Regan	Bach. Arts/Concordia
Lisa Rogers	Office Administration/Aurora College
Lawrence Rogers	NRTP Access/Aurora College
Patricia Rogers	Office Administration/Aurora College
Ruby Ruben	Business Administration/Aurora College
Tanis Simpson	Bach. Education/Yukon College
Kathleen Snow	Bach. Science/Pensacola
Gila Somers	MBA/Univ. of New Brunswick
Charlene Teddy	Bach. Nursing/Aurora College
Lynn Tologanak	Entrepreneurial Business Diploma/AofL

Students living outside of the Inuvialuit communities who are interested in learning more of IEF's programs, please call **Sandra Elanik** at 867.777.7029 or toll-free at 866.427.6645. ■

The *Inuvialuit Achievement Project*, funded by ASTSIF, and in partnership with Sunchild E-Learning Community, is a pilot project based in Inuvik and scheduled to run until March 31, 2011. For the current year, it offers high school and post-secondary courses online from January 11 to June 28. There are 21 Inuvialuit participants in the day and evening courses. **Christine Yi** is the new Program Manager and can be reached at 867.777.3725 or [cyi@irc.inuvialuit.com](mailto:cyi@irc.inuvialuit.com).

#### *Aurora College Programs Supported by ASEP*

Through ASEP funding, the following programs/courses are offered at Aurora College: UCEP, Environmental Monitoring, Caribou Outreach, Office Administration (Year 1 and 2), Trades Access, Pre-employment Construction, CTS (Construction) Training, Mobile Trades Training Lab, Class 3 Driver Training, Youth Kitchen Helper, Firearms Safety Training and Class 7 Driver Training in the communities.

#### *Mobile Trades Training Lab*

The Aurora College Mobile Trades Training Lab was relocated to Aklavik to provide the *Building Trades Helper Program* from January to March 2010. Six Inuvialuit students enrolled in the program. It is designed to prepare students for entry-level employment in the construction industry through teaching basic construction, renovation and maintenance skills.

#### *Inuvialuit Career Centre*

The Inuvialuit Career Centre is located on the main floor of the Inuvialuit Corporate Centre where **Sharon Rogers** assists many clients with job searches, resume and cover letter writing, intervention and SFA applications. Between November 1 and January 31, visits to the Centre resulted in 131 job searches, 5 resumes and cover letters completed, 10 long and short course referrals and 11 other career related activities. Sharon is available at 867.777.7095 or toll-free at 866.427.6645.

#### *Beneficiary Development - Inuvialuit Corporate Group*

Following clear direction from the Board, increased efforts are made to support the professional development of beneficiaries within the Inuvialuit Corporate Group. The following IRC/IDC beneficiary employees received educational support since the last report: **Amanda Jerome** (Principles and Practices of Good Governance); **Mikka Ross** (Advanced Skills for Administrative Assistants 2 and From Conflict to Collaboration); **Tanya Gruben** (Facilities Planning & Project Management); **Lucy Kuptana** (Indigenous Women in Leadership, Macroeconomics and Organizational Behaviour); **Gayle Gruben** (Indigenous Women in Leadership, Best Practices in Aboriginal Business/Economic Development and Inherent Right to Indigenous Governance); **Shelly Gordon** (Mathematics of Finance and Basic Marketing); **Sharon Rogers** (Human Resource Management for First Nations and Northern Communities); **Matilda DeBastien** (Introduction to Government); **Amanda Nasogaluak** (Introduction to Government); and **Debbie Dillon** (Microsoft Word Level 2). ■

### ***Update on Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP)***

#### ***NEB Hears Final Argument***

The National Energy Board (NEB) will hear final argument on the Mackenzie Gas Project starting April 12 to 17 in Yellowknife and moving to Inuvik April 20 to 24.

During the final argument phase, each applicant or intervenor in the NEB hearing process will have the opportunity to make their case to the NEB either for or against the project. Final argument must be based on evidence that has already been presented to the NEB.

When the final argument hearings are completed, the NEB will deliberate and prepare its Reasons for Decision, the document which will announce and outline the decision and provide the Panel's reasoning.

#### ***IRC Responds to the MGP Joint Review Panel Report***

In a Press Release of January 8, IRC Chair and CEO, **Nellie Cournoyea** indicated that despite major concerns with the extended period of time it has taken the JRP to produce their report, IRC supports their overriding opinion that the Mackenzie Gas Project would provide the foundation for a sustainable northern future.

“While recognizing that many of the panel's recommendations may lead to the establishment of detailed plans and procedures to support the on-going health of the communities and environment of the Beaufort Delta region, the scope of the panel's recommendations may at times have stretched the limits of their mandate, particularly in the areas of cumulative impact monitoring and land use planning.

In our review of the report we must ensure that those recommendations relating to the restructuring of existing regulatory processes do not, over time, infringe upon current initiatives and the authority or role of those established specifically for the ISR and under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

In reviewing the recommendations it is important to recognize that we have not been sitting idle these past 4 years waiting for the report to tell us what needs to be done. Although we have brought our concerns to the panel for their consideration we have also been busy advancing several socio-economic and environmental planning and cumulative impact initiatives in preparation for not only this project but other on and offshore hydrocarbon development projects under consideration.

Caution must be given to the panel's observation relating to employment opportunities following the initial project construction period. While the project will likely lead to additional developments and associated employment opportunities, apart from limited on-going pipeline O&M manpower requirements, the bulk of the economic opportunities, in a territorial wide sense, will occur during the 3 to 4 year construction period.

While we are currently undertaking a detailed review of the panel's recommendations and supporting documentation and will be providing our comments to the National Energy Board within the

next 2 weeks, we are also eager to see the responses to the many recommendations directed at the federal and territorial governments. Included in these are the recommendations to implement pre construction preparatory measures, including those related to the MGP Impact Fund, and the need for the GNWT to commit to play a leading and pro-active role in many impact planning and impact monitoring initiatives”.

#### ***MGP - Business Opportunities Workshop***

When IRC successfully concluded Access & Benefits Agreements with the proponents of the MGP, the Board wanted to ensure all Inuvialuit businesses were aware of the range of business opportunities associated with this project and the level of preference that would be provided to Inuvialuit businesses. At the same time, the Board did not want to bring this information to the Inuvialuit business community until there was more positive news.

With the release of the JRP Report on December 30 and its positive overall message, IRC organized a 2-day workshop outlining the entire scope of contracting opportunities both during construction and on-going operations of the MGP. A major focus of the workshop was on the “Set Aside” contracting opportunities for Inuvialuit businesses.

Organizers, **April Bourke** and **Bruce Scott**, reported that over 40 individuals, representatives of Inuvialuit businesses interested in providing goods and services to the MGP producers and their prime contractors, took part in the 2-day workshop on March 3 and 4 in Inuvik. By all accounts, it was a good workshop with plenty of valuable information. ■

*The Muskrat Jamboree paid tribute to its former Chair, Roy Ipana, who passed away suddenly. MC Extraordinaire, funny, caring, community-minded volunteer ... he was sure missed! (Photo by David Stewart.)*



## *Inuvialuit Development Corporation (IDC)*

Wayne Gordon, Chair, and James Thorbourne, President, met with the IRC Board to review the results of IDC's operations and address concerns. Rolf Groepper, General Manager, and Ken Dalton, Base Manager, joined to discuss Aklak Air.

### *Financial Performance*

The IDC portfolio, overall, is behind budget in revenue and earnings for 2009. NorTerra has been impacted by the economic downturn, increased competition and one-time operational issues. Aklak Air, AOGS and the northern joint venture service companies are suffering due to the decline in exploration activity in the ISR. Further explanation of these challenges is provided for each company in the following sections.

### *NorTerra*

The IRC Board endorsed the IDC Board's decision to provide additional investment in NorTerra as part of its strategy to maximize the value of its investment. NorTerra forecasts that it will progressively improve its financial position over the next 3 years.

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

All efforts are being made to reduce the operational costs in AOGS. However, the company is burdened by on-going lease, insurance and maintenance costs for the Swimming Point facility and the Lucas Point site - each has been unoccupied for several years. AOGS will continue to underperform until there is increased activity in the oil and gas and resource industries in the Mackenzie-Delta.

### *Aklak Air*

In 2009, Aklak employed a workforce of 26, of which 17 are beneficiaries. In a review of its 2009 operations, Aklak Air stated that all operating segments faced significant cost pressures and tight margins. Recognizing the importance of customer service, a customer satisfaction survey was completed in 2009. In response to survey results, Aklak has made several changes. With a focus on improved communication, Aklak now issues periodic newsletters and notifications of change (i.e. service, rates) to communities. As well, one agent is now dedicated to customer service and there is a new customer service hotline in place to resolve any service issues - 867.678.6719. To improve service

and streamline operations, a new aviation enterprise management information system (Skyline) was implemented along with a new telephone system. Lastly, baggage allowance per passenger was increased by 50% from 20 to 30 kg. Currently in progress is the design and launch of a new Aklak website to include online booking capability.

For the 2010 summer season, Aklak will have 3 Twin Otters, 1 Beech 99, 1 King Air 100, 2 King Air 200 and 1 DC3-T.

### *Canadian North's Pivut Fare Reminder*

Canadian North is pleased to continue providing *Pivut Fare* to beneficiaries. Registered Inuvialuit and Nunavut Inuit can take advantage of another *Pivut Fare* ticket until May 31, 2010! For more information, contact (for Inuvialuit beneficiaries) 867.777.2952 or email [pivut@canadiannorth.com](mailto:pivut@canadiannorth.com). ■

*Left: IDC is a proud sponsor of the Jamborees in the Inuvialuit communities. Seen here is the Nail Drive competition at the Muskrat Jamboree. Right Top: Remembering Andy Carpenter who received the Wallace Goose Award in 1987 from then IRC Chair, Roger Gruben. (Photo by ICS.) Right Bottom: Janeta Pascal (Aklavik), Nicole Lindsay (Inuvik) and Christina Esau (Sachs Harbour) - participants in GNWT's Youth Ambassador Program at the 2010 Olympic Games. (Photo by GNWT, MACA.)*



## *Inuvialuit Land Administration (ILA)*

Based in Tuk, ILA staff includes **John Fraser**, Chief Land Administrator; **Patrice Stuart**, Land Use Applications Manager; **Barry Jacobson**, Land Management Officer/GIS Tech; **Emily Borsy**, Land Use Policy Coordinator; **Christina Carter**, Environmental Specialist; **Deon Bridge**, Land Use Research Advisor; **Tina Steen**, Office Manager; **Janet Elias**, Environmental Monitor Coordinator; and **Glenna Elias**, Secretary/Receptionist.

### *Inuvialuit Land Use Applications*

ILA developed an internet based Land Use Application System (LUAS) to allow applicants to submit applications to and work with ILA online throughout the project cycle. It is available at [www.inuvialuitland.com](http://www.inuvialuitland.com).

Although ILA processed no right applications during the first quarter, there are applications from McGill University, Whitney and Smith Legendary Expeditions Inc., Parks Canada and Geological Survey of Canada for consideration.

### *Environmental Monitor Program*

ILA retained a number of Environmental Monitors for a variety of activities regarding Gravel Source 177 (E. Gruben's Transport/GNWT) in Tuk: **Wayne Thrasher**, **Stanley Felix**, **Spencer Mangelana** and **Robin Felix**. Gravel Checkers included **Daniel Nogasak**, **Enoch Pokiak**, **Mary Cockney** and **Sophia Stefure**.

In coordination with Aurora College and IRC (HR), a 5-week certification Environmental Monitoring Training Program was developed for Paulatuk starting March 29. This initiative is part of a larger education and training program in anticipation of increased exploration by Darnley Bay Resources Ltd. A similar 5-week will be delivered in the Inuvik area in April/May 2010.

### *Mackenzie Gas Project*

Following the release of the report from the Joint Review Panel in December 2009, ILA prepared a review of the 172 recommendations and identified issues pertinent to the ILA mandate. Significant ILA staff involvement will be required for participation in more than a dozen project mandated strategic planning initiatives in order to ensure that Inuvialuit interests are adequately addressed.

### *Army Camp Reindeer Herder Cabins*

Following questions from the IRC Board, ILA conducted more research into the original Reindeer Herder Cabins at the Army Camp site. The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre confirmed that if the Army Camp were to be designated as a Territorial Historic Site, this would be a commemoration only. The designation would not confer any special protection.

After consideration, ILA recommended to the IRC Board to not nominate the Army Camp as a Territorial Historic Site. Although there may be no restrictions or added protections to the site at this time, this could change in the future.

### *Inuvialuit Residential (Cabin) Lease Management Plan*

Currently an applicant for a new Residential Lease requires approvals (signatures) from other cabin owners in the proposed area. ILAC and ILA are currently working to determine whether the consultation radius of 8 km (5 miles) is too large. ILA intends to conduct consultation with each HTC and Community Corporation to determine what types of requirements for cabin consultation would be suitable in each community.

### *ILAC Meeting*

The following ILAC members attended the meeting of February 16 to 18: **Dennis Arey** (Aklavik); **Hank Rogers Sr.** (Inuvik); **Bobby Ruben** (Paulatuk); **Joe Kudlak** (Sachs Harbour); **Lennie Emaghok** (Tuk); and **Joseph Haluksit** (Ulukhaktok). ■



*Left: The DFO workshop on water/stream crossing and fish habitat at ILA in February with (front) Kayla Nuyaviak, Jody Nuyaviak, Christina Carter, Roy Kimiksana, Terry Gruben (back) Mary Cockney, Amanda Joynt, Stanley Felix, Wayne Thrasher, Rex Noksana, Diana Anikina, Spencer Mangelana. (Photo by Janet Elias.) Right: David Noksana and Abel Tingmiak at the Muskrat Jamboree.*



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

#### *Aklavik Community Corporation*

**Carol Arey** congratulated **Nellie Cournoy** on her re-election as IRC Chair and CEO and to all members of the Community Corporations in their elections.

In December, the Aklavik CC, with assistance from the AHTC, provided \$15,000 worth of Christmas hampers to Inuvialuit households.

Aklavik CC and the Aklavik Development Corporation is still working towards a new building and/or upgrading the existing building. Members are getting anxious to meet with CEDO and IRC to get this resolved in a timely manner. There were also discussions with Parks Canada to look at getting a visitors centre in Aklavik as well as Firth River rafting and interpretation opportunities for Ivvavik National Park. Meanwhile the Aklavik CC is quite involved with the Mountain Road Committee as the community is in the flood zone and in dire need of gravel.

#### *Inuvik Community Corporation*

**Duane Smith** reported that Inuvik CC approved 37 new applicants for their membership list which is constantly reviewed for accuracy.

Thanks to Brighter Futures funding, everyone is extremely pleased with the success of the drum dancing classes at SAM School and that it will be highlighted at the Easter concert again. As well, the popularity of the sewing classes can be seen by an increase of traditional and fur items being worn around town. Inuvik CC will continue to support the language classes for its membership.

The Self-Government staff recently concluded a survey within the community and in the process of printing the results for distribution to the membership and other Community Corporations.

With the understanding that funding may be available in developing the Reindeer Station Cultural Facility, the Inuvik CC is approaching potential contractors to seek interest and quotes in the next phase of site revitalization.

With the departure of **Sheila Nasogaluak**, the Inuvik CC is seeking a new Corporate Manager. In the meantime, beneficiaries are welcome to contact the staff - **Beverly Lennie**, Self-Government CDF Worker; **Delores Harley**, Brighter Futures Co-ordinator and **Esther Ipana**, Office Assistant/Receptionist.

#### *Paulatuk Community Corporation*

**Gilbert Thrasher Sr.** reported that the Paulatuk CC held a meeting with Darnley Bay Resources Ltd. to review their upcoming plans. They will be setting up a camp later this year and will require staff to fill a number of positions. In the meantime, they will work with IRC, Paulatuk CC, Hamlet of Paulatuk and Aurora College to set up courses for these future job opportunities (ie. cooks helper, environmental monitor training, Class 7 drivers licences, etc.).

The Paulatuk CC is working on a loan agreement with the NWT Housing Corporation for new rental development. More information will be available pending further discussions.

As of January 11, the Paulatuk CC has a new Corporate Manager, **Terry Thrasher**. Thank you goes to **Albert Ruben Sr.** for looking after the position until it was filled. The new Brighter Futures Coordinator is **Loni Noksana**.

#### *Sachs Harbour Community Corporation*

**Floyd Lennie** reported that the Sachs Harbour CC once again hosted the annual Christmas feast with Santa who had gifts for all the children and elders in the community. A turkey and ham along with mandarin oranges (thank you **Nellie Cournoy**) were also given to the Inuvialuit households for the festive season.

**Manny Kudlak**, Chair of the Sachs Harbour CC, resigned due to his decision to go back to school. The community would like to commend him for his dedication throughout the years and wish him well in future endeavours. Congratulations to **Floyd Lennie** as the new Chair!

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*Left: Mary Gordon and Lori Elanik getting ready to cheer on Canada in curling at the Olympic Games. (Photo by Faith Gordon.) Right: The Inuvik Drummers and Dancers performing at Canada's Northern House in Vancouver. (Photo by Tracy Davison.)*



## Members Comments: Concerns from the Community Corporations

In the Elders Committee election, the following were elected: **Earl Esau, John Keogak, Margaret Carpenter** and **Roger Kuptana**. They join **Martha Kudlak!** Meanwhile **Andrea Keogak** is the new Elders and Youth Coordinator.

The Sachs Harbour CC finally moved into the new complex on February 16; it is very comfortable and nice!

At this time, the family of the late **Andy Carpenter** would like to thank each and everyone for their thoughts and prayers during their time of sorrow. He was a well respected man dedicated to his community and to all the Inuvialuit around the world. His dedication to the youth in the community will be remembered by way of the *Andy Carpenter Youth Fund* that the Joint Secretariat set up in lieu of flowers.

### *Tuktoyaktuk Community Corporation*

**Robert B. Gruben** reported that the Tuk CC and the Hamlet Council have committed to meeting monthly to discuss common issues. To date, they have invited CanNor to look into securing funds for potential projects like the hotel, solar panelling, gasification, port authority, alcohol centre program and On the Land offenders program. There will also be further discussions with GNWT on the possibility of a secondment position.

Recently, the Tuk CC, HTC and Tuk Elders Committee had a joint caribou harvest with the meat going to the elders and needy families. Eight hunters were selected to harvest and distribute the caribou. The membership appreciates the efforts to make this happen on an annual basis.

The Tuk CC met with the Tuk Elders Committee to develop an elders mandate for review and further discussions. In the meantime, congratulations to **Lucy Cockney, Jean Gruben** and **John Noksana** in the Tuk Elders Committee election. They join **Julia Cockney** and **Fred Wolki**.

The Tuk CC Employment Officer is currently seeking funds to hold a First Aid and Firearms Safety Course. The Community Development Facilitator presented self-government initiatives to the students of Mangilaluk School and the Tuk Learning Centre. Meanwhile the Jason Jacobson Youth Centre has been fairly

busy with their cultural programming - ie. Inuvialuktun classes, sewing classes and drum dance practices. There were also presentations on various topics like suicide prevention, drug and alcohol prevention and sexual education.

Condolences to all families who have lost loved ones. Here's to hoping that the future has better things in store for your family.

### *Ulukhaktok Community Corporation*

**Colin Okheena** reported that the Ulukhaktok CC donated food hampers to all the membership households in December. This was very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you to the Holman Co-op for a discount on the purchase of the food items.

Over Christmas, the Ulukhaktok CC sponsored Games Night at the gym on December 28. Many thanks to the board members, Youth Council members and staff for helping out.

Many thanks to IRC for purchasing crafts and prints from the local people for sale at the Olympic Games. For many, this was their main source of income which was much appreciated.

It was a difficult year in 2009 for the community with the loss of 7 members. With the recent loss early this year, sincerest condolences to **Effie Kataoyak** and her family. ■



*Left: Eddie Gruben's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated by the community of Tuk in December. (Photo by Merven Gruben.) Right: Lisa Alikamik, Susan Kaodloak and Clara Elias at the Muskrat Jamboree. They participated in the Nail Drive competition where Lisa finished third!*

### *Inuvialuit Presence at the 2010 Olympic Games*

IRC is proud to acknowledge and congratulate a large contingent of Inuvialuit participation at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Through the Government of NWT, there were 16 Inuvialuit participating in Blanket Toss, traditional Inuit games, performing arts and visual arts – **Abel Tingmiak, Hans Lennie, Donald Kuptana, Kyle Kuptana, Noel Leigh Cockney, Kristen Green, Marion Toutuk Green, Vanessa Anikina, Matthew Anikina, James Williams, Karis Gruben, Dwayne Illasiak, Leanne Goose, Greg Nasogaluak, Mary Okheena and Elizabeth Drescher.** There were also 6 participants in the *Youth Ambassador Program* – **Christina Esau, Virginia Kotokak, Nicole Lindsay, Janeta Pascal, Jerrita Thrasher and Tamara Voudrach.**

Through the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), the national Inuit organization, the Aklavik Drummers and Dancers participated with Inuit across the north in a showcase celebrating the *People Behind the Inukshuk* on Inuit Day, February 20, at the 2010 Aboriginal Pavilion. As well the Group performed on NWT Day, February 19, as part of the NWT cultural delegation at BC Place. The 12 participants from Aklavik were **Carol Arey, Mary Gordon, Dean Arey, Mary Ruth Meyook, Phillip Elanik, Lori Elanik, Pamela Gordon, Colin Gordon, Alexander Gordon, Thomas Gordon, Eva Gordon and Andrew Gordon Sr.**

Most impressive was the 2-year effort of the Inuvik Drummers and Dancers who fundraised to bring more than 30 of its members to perform at the Olympic Games. Although not part of the official

Inuit cultural delegation, the Group appeared at several venues from the Talking Stick Festival to appearances at Canada's Northern House. The participants were **Brian Rogers, William Allen, Kevin Allen, Vanessa Kasook, Patrick Gruben, Ethel Gruben, Dang-Dang Gruben, Olivia Lennie, Jimmy Kalinek, Justin Collinson, Jayda Sittichinli, Blair Rogers, Robin Carpenter, Alainna Carpenter, Keenan Carpenter, Priscilla Smith, Miranda Pingo, Lorna Elias, Delanie Elias, Sarah Tingmiak, Lillian Elias, Annie Aleekuk, Tegan Allen, Shae-Lyn Allen, Billie Lennie, Alecia Lennie, Cheryl Rogers, Patricia Rogers, Gerald Rogers, Hester Inuaslurak, Kendra Elanik and Wendy Smith.**

During the Opening Ceremonies, four Inuvialuit youth participated as part of the Indigenous Youth Gathering: **Margaret Nokšana, Sophie Steffure, Joshua Teddy and Chad Larocque.**

Working through the territorial government and ITK, IRC brought down a variety of Inuvialuit arts and crafts for sale at Canada's Northern House, the *Aboriginal Artisan Village* in downtown Vancouver and the *Visions of the North Artisan Market* at the Richmond O Zone Live Site. Two Inuvialuit visual artists participated, **Joe Nasogaluak and Bessie Inuktalik.**

A big thank you to all those who supported this initiative at IRC and in the Inuvialuit communities. ■

*The Inuvik Drummers and Dancers at Canada's Northern House. (Photo by Tracy Davison.)*



## *Around the 2010 Olympic Games ...*

There were many great experiences and memories of the Olympic Games. A film crew followed the Aklavik Drummers and Dancers, making them feel like celebrities. **Kalvin Redverse** is making a documentary on the process by which aboriginal peoples promote themselves to the world!

**Colin Gordon:** "I wasn't lost for a couple of hours on the Skytrain ... (then points to his head) ... I knew how to get back to the apartment, I have IPS ... Inuvialuit Positioning System!"

**Wendy Smith:** "Amazing trip of a life time! I'm so proud of our people! Not only can we put drum dancing together to show the world, but we found out that we can get 32 people to *get on* a packed Skytrain and *get off* in a matter of 10 seconds!"

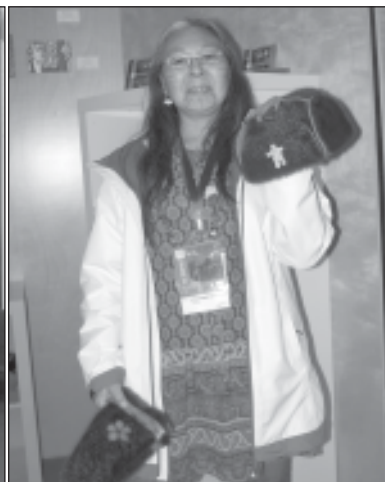
**Justin Collison:** "It was so awesome going on the Zip Line with **Jimmy Kalinek**. I had such a fun time in Vancouver."

**Annie Aleekuk:** "Want to share how we all managed to fit in one house, getting along, manners, asking how one is doing, encouraging each other. Comment on dancing, making sure everyone got to point B from A. Everything was positive while we all stayed in one house for 10 days. We all came out alive, intact, with all our good senses. That was an experience worth remembering!"

**Chad Larocque:** "Being a part of the Indigenous Youth Gathering was the best experience. I met 350 other aboriginal youth from across Canada." ■



**Row 1:** Wendy Smith and Kevin Allen got Olympic hockey tickets! (Photo by W. Smith.) **Row 2, Left:** Crystal Lennie at the IRC booth on Inuit Day. **Row 2, Right:** Posing with Italian athletes at the Whistler Athlete Village - Carol D. Arey, Annie Aleekuk and Billie Lennie. (Photo by Faith Gordon.) **Row 3, Left:** Matthew Anikina demonstrating Northern Games at Canada's Northern House. (Photo by GNWT, MACA.) **Row 3, Centre:** Elizabeth Drescher at the Visions of the North Artisan Market. **Row 3, Right:** Premier Eva Aariak (Nunavut), Sylvia Cloutier and Sammy Kudlak dancing with the Aklavik Drummers and Dancers at the ITK Reception on Inuit Day.



## ITK's "People Behind the Inukshuk"

To celebrate Inuit Day at the Aboriginal Pavilion, ITK had an integrated national performance showcasing the *People Behind the Inukshuk*. The performers received the first standing ovations at the Pavilion! Comments included

"absolutely amazing", "what a performance, just gets you in the heart" and "how were you able to bring everyone here to perform together".

*Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador)* - Drum dancers **Kerri Kohlmeister, Nicole Dicker, David Dicker Jr.** and **Richard Maggo**.

*Nunavik (Northern Quebec)* - Singer **Beatrice Deer** and guitarist **Charles Keelan**. Throatsingers **Elisapee Nassak, Ina Annahatak** and **Annie Alaku**. Drum dancer **Charle Nowkawalk**. Singer **Etua Snowball** (aka Sinuupa). Singer **Sylvia Cloutier**.

*Nunavut* - Throatsingers **Becky Kilabuk** and **Celina Kalluk**. Arctic sports athlete **Johnny Issaluk**. Drum dancer **Leonard Okkumaluk**.

*Inuvialuit Settlement Region - Aklavik Drummers and Dancers* (see list of names on Page 14). ■

**Row 1:** The Aklavik Drummers and Dancers. **Row 2, Left:** Becky Kilabuk and Celina Kalluk. **Row 2, Centre:** The Nunatsiavut Drum Dancers. (Photo by C. Lennie.) **Row 2, Right:** Etua Snowball. **Row 3:** The 30 performers with their Artistic Director, Tony Devlin. (Photo by Sara Borck Photography.)



## NorTerra Group of Companies

### Canadian North - Supporting the North

Canadian North is more than just an airline flying to the north. As a northern-owned and operated business, it is committed to the communities and the people it serves and to making the north a better place for all northerners to live, work and prosper.

Canadian North is involved in northern communities, through sponsorship and support of special events, sports teams and school activities through their **Community Investment Program**. It is proud of the volunteering of their employees who collectively invest hundreds of hours each year, making their communities a better place to live and work.

So far this year, Canadian North has supported many northern events including: Town of Inuvik CPSA, Inuvik Youth Centre, IRC Native Hockey Tournament, Muskrat Jamboree, Skate North, Daffodil Day for Canadian Cancer Society, Inuvik Junior Boys and Girls Curling Teams. As well, Canadian North provides travelling and discount for many high school teams and for youth minor hockey travelling south for tournaments. ■



In 2009, Canadian North provided support to Sachs Harbour for their IFA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Go Canadian North go!

### NTCL Cargo Service for Western Arctic Communities

For the second consecutive year, NTCL is offering its new freight service to Western Arctic communities. This is in addition to their traditional tug and barge service from Hay River. Freight will be loaded from Delta, BC, near Vancouver, shipped north along the West Coast of Canada and around Point Barrow, Alaska and then east into the Canadian Arctic serving the ISR and the Kitikmeot.

NTCL will use a large, ocean capable tug and a 12,000 ton barge for this service.

NTCL is working with Braden-Burry Expediting (BBE), a NorTerra company with offices in Inuvik, Yellowknife, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg and Ottawa. BBE will manage the loading terminal as it has more than 3 decades of experience moving cargo from all over the world to the North. It is more than ready to handle northbound cargo from the Delta, BC terminal for NTCL.

In order to continue an efficient and on time service, NTCL asks customers to assist by:

1. Booking cargo space for their sealift order before the cut-off dates (viewable at [www.ntcl.com](http://www.ntcl.com)).
2. Purchasing cargo insurance, or signing a waiver to acknowledge they are not buying insurance and are shipping at their own risk.
3. Paying for their cargo shipping costs in advance before receiving their sealift order.

To book freight, get quotes, or ask questions, contact the Customer Services Desk at 866.935.6825 (open 8 am to 5 pm MST) or email [customerservicedesk@ntcl.com](mailto:customerservicedesk@ntcl.com). ■

### BBE Achieves COR Standard

BBE took its next step in occupational health and safety, earning its Certificate of Recognition (COR). Through the Northern Construction Safety Association, it undertook the training required to achieve this national standard, scoring 95% in the process.

“Clearly, there was a substantial investment in time and effort to achieve the COR standard,” said **Gary Reid**, President, BBE. “That effort from our staff is very much appreciated, not only because we share a commitment to the principles behind COR compliance, but also because our clients can be assured the work we do on their behalf is done safely. COR is very important to our clients, so it’s very important to us.”

In 2009, BBE introduced an online training system to keep employees abreast of the latest in safety training principles and procedures while keeping costs manageable, ultimately a benefit for BBE clients. The next step was joining ISNetwork, a global resource for connecting corporations with safe, reliable vendors from capital-intensive industries.

“These initiatives are taking BBE from the manual to the automated process. We have the certification, we have the procedures and we have the tool to market our safety initiatives,” said **Dennis Gould**, Director of Operations, BBE.

It’s part of BBE’s ongoing efforts to maintain a safe workplace — one that benefits its employees and clients alike. ■

*News from the Beneficiaries ...*



**Left Top:** Karis Gruben demonstrating Northern Games at Canada's Northern House in Vancouver. By the way, Karis was doing the Blanket Toss during the televised 2010 Paralympic Games Closing Ceremony. (Photo by GNWT, MACA.) **Centre Top:** Nellie and Frank Pokiak in the Bush Skills competition at the Muskrat Jamboree. **Right Top:** Josh Teddy was one of four Inuvialuit youth who participated in the Indigenous Youth Gathering at the 2010 Olympic Games. (Photo by Ruth Teddy.) **Left Bottom:** Nellie Cournoyea and Lillian Hvatum-Brewster at the filming of the Tropicana commercial in Inuvik. **Centre Bottom:** Mike and Hazel Ettagiak from Vancouver. **Right Bottom:** Lillian Elias bringing fresh cinnamon buns to one of the tents at the Muskrat Jamboree.

*Abbreviation Glossary ...*

**ACC:** Aklavik Community Corporation

**AOGS:** Arctic Oil & Gas Services Inc.

**AHF:** Aboriginal Healing Foundation

**APG:** Aboriginal Pipeline Group

**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:** Indian 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

**MGP:** Mackenzie Gas Project

**NTCL:** Northern Transportation Co. Ltd.

**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?* Lately, it's been sunny but cold with that wind in the ISR. Hopefully it will warm up nicely for the Jamborees in the Mackenzie-Delta - Muskrat Jamboree (Inuvik) March 26 to 29, Mad Trapper Rendezvous (Aklavik) April 2 to 5, and Beluga Jamboree (Tuk) April 15 to 19. Ulukhaktok will hold its Kingalik Jamboree in June with Paulatuk and Sachs Harbour in the 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 to pass on greetings and news, all year round. Just email us at [pjay@irc.inuvialuit.com](mailto:pjay@irc.inuvialuit.com).

### ***Tropicana Commercial in Inuvik***

On January 9, Inuvik residents woke up to a huge glowing helium balloon in the skies over Jim Koe Park. Residents were asked to dress in their winter finery to participate in a commercial for Tropicana orange juice. Even though it was a cool minus 32, residents came out to see the strange sight and also cheer on the Inuvik Drummers and Dancers. And free Tropicana orange juice for all! By the way, it coincided with Inuvik's Sunrise Festival.

The Tropicana commercial was first aired in Canada just before the Closing Ceremonies for the 2010 Olympic Games. It has given good exposure to Inuvik and its residents. Way to go Inuvik!

### ***IRC Native Hockey Tournament***

The 22<sup>nd</sup> IRC Native Hockey Tournament February 18 to 21 saw 12 teams from Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Inuvik, Paulatuk and Tuk enjoying a weekend of exciting hockey. It concluded with a match up between 2 rivals, Tuk EGT Nanooks and Inuvik's Northwind, in the "A" Division Final. In front of a full house, Northwind overwhelmed its rival. The MVP in the "A" Division was **Corey Wainman**. In the "B" Division Final, the Aklavik Outlaws won over the Inuvik Shockers. The MVP in the "B" Division was **Corey Baetz**. The volunteers included **Donny Hendrick, Wilma Hendrick, Peggy Day, Shauna Kaglik, Martha Day, Lawrence Kaglik** and more! Thank you!

*The family is pleased with the tribute to the late Roy "Sugloo" Ipana. (Photos by ICS.)*



It was also a sad time at the Tournament with a large void due to the passing of the late **Roy "Sugloo" Ipana**. He was missed as the MC as well as an avid promoter of good sportsmanship and team spirit. During the Tournament, a tribute was paid to him with the renaming of the arena in his honour. As well, his Number 7 "Old Dog" hockey jersey was retired.

### ***Daffodils in the ISR***

Once again IRC was selling daffodils in the Inuvialuit communities with all proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society. Thanks to Aklak Air, flowers were sent to the communities. And a big thank you to Canadian North for bringing them up from Edmonton and Yellowknife!

Thank you to **Tina Steen** (ILA), **Agnes Tardiff** and **Eugene Pascal** (Aklavik CC), **Donna Keogak** (Sachs Harbour), IRC's **Peggy Jay, Velma Dick, Debbie Dillon, Jen Hinze, Kaye Kaita, Matilda DeBastien, Brenda Roberts**, GNWT's **Lorraine Lokos** and the BDHSSA's **Deborah Tynes** and **Jane Baryluk** for volunteering and supporting the fight against cancer!

### ***Results from Christmas Photo Contest***

The individuals were **Anny Illasiak** and **Helen Kalvak**. Congratulations to **Cynthia Oliktoak, Molly Ruben** and **Carla Ruben** for guessing correctly. Thank you! A special IRC gift will be sent to you. ■



**Write or call us!**

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## IRC Board Summary Newsletter

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

#### *IRC/IDC Staff*

IRC is pleased to welcome **Brenda Roberts** to the Human Resources Department. She will be replacing **Kristin Purdy**, HR Advisor, who will shortly be on maternity leave. Brenda is of Inuit descent and hails from Goose Bay, NL. Welcome!

The new Program Manager at IRC's Inuvialuit Achievement Project is **Christine Yi**. She works closely with **Teresa Fraser**, Executive Director, Building Inuvialuit Potential Society.

With respect to the Resolution Health Support Program, **Brenda Ittungna** is the Coordinator with **Jerome Gordon** and **Julie Thrasher** as the Workers.

The Community Development Division (CDD) also has a new face in **John Ritchie**, Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative Coordinator. He promotes healthy lifestyles with good eating habits, nutrition and active living activities. Also new is **Holly Donley** as the Youth Summit Coordinator.

ILA welcomes **Glenna Elias** as their new Receptionist in Tuk. Meanwhile **Patrice Stuart** is the new Land Use Applications Manager with **Marilyn Cockney** on maternity leave.

Departures included **Travis Schindel**, Manager, Community Projects, CEDO; **Barbara Memogana**, Language Officer, ICRC; **Angela Sinclair**, Work Coach/Educator, Inuvialuit Achievement Project, and **Kendyce Cockney**, Secretary/Receptionist, ILA. Good luck in future endeavours!

#### *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. For more information, contact **April Bourke**, CCBA Manager, at 867.777.7041 or fax 867.777.2135 or [abourke@irc.inuvialuit.com](mailto:abourke@irc.inuvialuit.com).

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

If you are Inuvialuit and over 18, don't forget to register with **Marcy Tingmiak**, IRC's Deputy Enrollment Registrar. She generates the mailing list 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!

As well, if you have turned 18 and living in the Inuvialuit communities, don't forget to enroll with your community corporation.

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

Distribution cheques are issued to beneficiaries every May. If you have moved recently or are living at another address, contact **Marcy Tingmiak**, IRC's Deputy Enrollment Registrar. 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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