



**North West River  
Inuit Community Corporation**

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Board Meeting  
Minutes  
7:00pm  
October 24, 2006  
Town of North West River  
Council Chambers

**Attendance:**

Mina Campbell Hibbs  
*Chairperson*  
Waylon Williams  
*Secretary*  
Kay Adams  
*Treasurer*  
Winnie Montague  
*Director*  
Gwen Watts  
*Director*

**Regrets:**

Carolyn Michelin  
*Vice Chairperson* (Out of Town)  
Sheldon Baikie  
*Director* (Flu)

**Call to Order:**

Mina called meeting to order at 7pm

**Review & Adoption of Agenda:**

After a review of the agenda Gwen made motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Kay, motion carried.

**Update on first sitting of Nunatsiavut Assembly:**

Mina welcomed everyone to the first Board Meeting of the North West River Inuit Community Corporation. She then gave an update on the swearing in of the new Nunatsiavut Assembly members in Nain on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. She also gave a brief description on the make up of the assembly in terms of the new Ministers and Departments and provided a copy of a press release from Nunatsiavut Government relating to the new Assembly.

Mina also explained that there were 2 committees struck as well. A Member Services Committee and a Rules & Procedures Committee of which she has been appointed to.

Kay asked Mina how she was selected to be on a Committee as she was under the impression that Chairpersons of the Corporations could not be. Mina explained that Chairpersons can be appointed to committees but cannot have Ministerial portfolios. The Speaker appoints people to these committees with the blessing of the Assembly. Mina also pointed out that Chairpersons and AngajukKâks cannot be Ministers.

Winnie asked Mina if she is involved in anyway in the proceedings of the Assembly although she is not a Minister. Mina said yes she is still involved in the proceedings of the Assembly. She will be representing North West River and at the same time helping in the decision making process for all of Nunatsiavut as a whole.

Winnie said that it is equally important that Mina is a voice for North West River in the Assembly. Mina agreed and said that is her main focus, to represent the beneficiaries of North West River in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Mina also mentioned that Minister Ben Ponniuk contacted her and asked her to pass onto the Board that he would be happy to attend any meetings of the Corporation and assist in any way possible.

Waylon said it is fair to say that the Chairpersons and AngajukKâks will act as a form of opposition members to the Ministers in the Nunatsiavut Assembly, similar to the House of Assembly. Mina said yes, although there is no "Party" structure in the Nunatsiavut Assembly there is the mechanism for Chairpersons and AngajukKâks to ask questions to the Ministers.

Gwen said that is a good point that Chairperson and AngajukKâks will have good opportunities to speak for their respective communities.

Mina mentioned that the date for the next sitting has not been set yet, she also clarified that last sitting is in recess and will reconvene sometime in November. There are 2 sittings per year, one sometime between January and June, and the other between June and December but there could be a number of sittings within those time frames. This first portion of the sitting was to form and setup the Government, the next portion will be dealing with actual Government business. A budget is in place for the Nunatsiavut Assembly for 4 sittings per year at 4 weeks at a time.

#### Corporation Name & Logo:

This is a discussion item. Mina said that we have to have a corporate seal which is stated in our By Laws. It is up to the Committee to decide if we want to change our name and go with our own logo.

Gwen suggested we could go to the membership in NWR for input. Mina agreed we could have a Name & Logo contest or a separate contest for each. Winnie said that would be a good way to involve the membership in the Corporation. Mina said that a change in name can not be officially changed until our AGM as per our By Laws.

It was agreed that we would discuss this issue further in the next meeting to allow Carolyn and Sheldon opportunity for input. Mina said she could draft up something in terms of a contest for discussion at the next meeting. The Corporate Seal is needed as soon as possible as it will be used on any official legal documents of the Corporation. Mina will look into the urgency of a Corporate Seal.

#### Communication Planning:

Carolyn suggested Communication be put on the agenda for discussion. Mina said she had a few ideas to pose to the Committee. One idea is the newsletter. Mina also posed to the committee the question of whether Board meetings are open to the general membership for participation or observation. She said she wasn't sure but would check into any possible policies relating to this. There is reference to General Assembly meetings of the Corporation but nothing dealing with regular board meetings of the Corporation.

Gwen asked Mina how often we would put out a Newsletter. Mina replied that she is not sure how often we should put one out at this point in time.

Mina also said that she wonders how we should send them out (to each member or to every resident in the community). If we send to beneficiaries only it will cost more than sending out to each resident. This is because if we send to each beneficiary we have to pay regular postage at .51 cents each. If we send to every resident we pay approximately \$20.00 total.

There was some general discussion around whether newsletters would go to beneficiaries only, or to the general public. It was agreed that more discussion on this is needed and would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was also discussion around making Minutes of Meetings available to the membership. It was agreed upon that copies can be available at the office and posted out by the office door for the membership.

#### Budget:

Mina and Kay gave an update on our available budget. Originally Nunatsiavut was to provide \$100,000.00 total for an Inuit Community Corporation which was to be HV-GB, Mudlake, and North West River combined. Although North West River now has its own Corporation it still has to share the \$100,000.00 pot with the HV-GB/Mudlake Corporation. Kay and Mina met with Wyman Jacque (Director of Finance with Nunatsiavut) and representatives of the HV-GB/Mudlake Corporation to discuss the sharing of this money.

HV-GB/Mudlake is suggesting that 86% (\$86,000.00) of the funding go to there Corporation do to the size of their population which would leave the NWR Inuit Community Corporation with 14% (\$14,000.00).

It was agreed by all that as this money is slated for setup cost for both corporations then it should be spilt equally at \$50,000.00 each. The \$100,000.00 is mainly set aside for setup cost not so much for programs and / or services. This pot of money would last until March 2007 for both corporations. The final amount for both corporations has not been set in stone yet. Mina said that both Corporations would be putting together a list of items needed for setup and it would go from there.

There was discussion on a wish list of supplies. Mina said that some items have been purchased already such as office furniture, telephone service, computer, filing cabinet, desk and hutch. Waylon asked if Nunatsiavut would be paying the telephone bills or would that come out of the Corporations budget. Mina said she would look into that and confirm it for discussion in the next meeting.

There will be another Budget meeting in November.

It was agreed that the Board should meet again soon to discuss the budget. This would also give Carolyn and Sheldon an opportunity for input.

Items needed are as follows:

1. LCD projector
2. Projector Screen
3. Voice Recorder (for minutes)
4. Exterior Signage
5. Bulletin Board
6. Cell Phone
7. Printer
8. Paper & Supplies
9. Misc. Board training
10. Communications Strategy
11. 2 Deep Freezers (Community Freezer Project)
12. Community Event

Brainstorm Projects NWR ICC Activities:

*✍ Community Freezer project:*

The freezers could be purchased in next budget if the Project goes ahead. Mina will look into how the Project could work. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting as well.

*✍ Innu Overlap Agreement:*

Overtime the Corporation should familiarize itself with this agreement (between Inuit and Innu) as we will be involved to a large degree.

*✦ Communal Fishing License:*

Corporation will be involved in negotiation and implementation of the Communal Fishing license. Perry Michelin is the Elder representing NWR ICC at negotiation table with DFO.

*✦ Migratory Bird Regulations*

*✦ Curriculum Centre with School Board:*

Regarding Inuktitut language curriculum in the school. Mina serves on language committee and would like to remain in the administration and implementation of the language committee.

*✦ Traditional Skills Development Projects & Workshops*

*✦ Elder & Youth Programs (separately & together)*

*✦ Capacity Building for the Board (Strategic Planning)*



Kay asked if NWR ICC is limited to what it can be involved with. Mina said absolutely not. Our Board can determine what we can be involved with in terms of program services and delivery.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the North West River Inuit Community Corporation will deal with Budget and Community event planning only. Tentative date for next meeting is set for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7pm at the Town of North West River Council Chambers.

Other Business:

Winnie asked if the Corporation would be fostering partnerships with other groups and organizations in the community (not just the membership. Mina said that it is her thoughts that we should especially with the Town Council. We could partner on projects that would benefit the beneficiaries primarily and the community as a whole, but emphasis would be on beneficiaries as that is who we represent. Mina suggested that we think on this further and bring this back to the table at future meetings for further discussion. Winnie agreed that this topic should be discussed in the next meeting as well.

Adjournment:

Winnie moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.