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Greetings

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter for 2009. Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation now has a full compliment of Directors. Sivunivut would like to welcome Mina Campbell Hibbs and Trudy Mesher Barkman to its Board of Directors. Mina was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair and Trudy was elected as a Board member at the February 10th, 2009 By-election. Welcome to both Mina and Trudy!

Nunatsiavut Assembly News

Highlights of Nunatsiavut Assembly Sitting Hopedale, March 16th—18th, 2009

During this session, there was some debate over the Members Services Committee's recommendation to increase constituency allowances and the professional development fund for the Assembly. The recommendation was to increase constituency allowances in Nunatsiavut from \$3400 to \$4000 and from \$5200 to \$7500 for Upper Lake Melville. The professional development fund (PDF) increases from \$60,000 to \$100,000. The argument to increase the PDF was that the Clerk and Clerk's assistant required training in how to develop and compile standard Hansard's and that the Assembly required legal counsel separate from the one that serves the Executive Council. Video recording of the Assembly sittings will also come out of this fund. The voting results to increase the constituency allowances were 9 in favour and 7 opposed. For the PDF, there were 10 in favour and 6 opposed to the increase. These were then incorporated into the NG Budget Bill.

The Assembly was presented the audit by Deloitte and Touche. Questions arose about why the Assembly was being presented a non-consolidated financial statement when the constitution states that a consolidated statement must be presented before the Nunatsiavut Government budget is presented. There was some discussion as to why the auditors were presenting this and their response was they were acting on advice from the Deputy Minister of Finance. It was then questioned the validity of this presentation and the auditors were asked not to continue. It was learned that the DM had the consolidated statements in his possession. During question period, the Minister of Finance was asked if this was the case, and she confirmed that it was and it was the DM's decision not to present it. The report was presented to the Assembly that evening.

The First Minister introduced an amendment to chapters 2 and 19 of the Land Claims Agreement and an addition of chapter 24. Basically, it is an overlap agreement with Inuit of Nunavik sharing hunting rights and access to stone in the Park area. NG also gives up it's offshore claim in Nunavik.

There were 11 names submitted to the Assembly for appointment to the Inuit Capital Trust Strategy; 8 non-government and 3 government. The make-up of the Board of Trustees are 3 non and 2 government members. 2 were chosen from the non-government nominees and 1 from government, so 2 more trustees need to be appointed, with a required 75% approval from the assembly. The Assembly was required to appoint 5 trustees, since this did not happen, the current trustees must appoint 2 more people for approval. The purpose of this Trust is to handle the investment of Inuit dollars. In a vote of 9 for 7 against, it was approved the non-government trustees would be compensated at \$500 per day of meetings.

The NG Budget Bill was passed unanimously and was assented to an Act and was signed into Law by the President.

This session also saw the appointment of Todd Broomfield (former Speaker of the Assembly and ordinary member for Makkovik) to the Minister's portfolio for Lands and Natural Resources. The First Minister nominates with the approval of the Assembly and the President announces. The President then appointed Deputy Speaker, Danny Pottle to the role of Speaker of the Assembly. The Speaker then appointed the Deputy, Keith Russell. The President also announced a cabinet shuffle with the Minister's of Finance, HR & IT (Diane Gear) and Health and Social Development (Greg Flowers) switching portfolios. The Status of Women portfolio transfers to the Department of Health under Minister Gear.

Copies of the Nunatsiavut Government's 2007-2008 Annual Report are available at the office. Sessions of the Assembly have also been recorded by the OKâlaKatiget Society. These too are available for viewing by interested beneficiaries.

Some Courses We Have Completed

RUG HOOKING WORKSHOP

January 17 and 18, 2009

Overall, the two day rug hooking workshop was deemed a huge success. Six people took the workshop instructed by Robin McGrath. The workshop was conducted in such a way that the atmosphere was very relaxed. The instructor moved freely among the participants giving advice and demonstrating techniques, when and where needed. Much was learned, good times spent with others in the community discussing rug hooking, and how to contribute to keeping the art alive and well in our community to the point of organizing a weekly get together to do the craft.

At the end of the two day workshop, each participant was able to take away the knowledge that they had learned the basics of rug hooking, and a kit so that they could continue on to finish the piece they were working on.



*Example of some of the work.
Photo Courtesy of Robin McGrath*



*Kat Cooper hard at work.
Photo Courtesy of Ataomie Blake*

GRASSWORK WORKSHOP

February 07 and 08, 2009

This two day grassworking workshop was also deemed a huge success. Nine people took the workshop instructed by Dinah Andersen. The instructor moved freely among the participants giving advice and demonstrating techniques. Much was learned, students spent companionable time with others in the community discussing grasswork and how we could contribute to keeping the art alive.

At the end of the two day workshop, each participant was able to take away the knowledge that they had learned the basics of grasswork, and a kit so that they could continue on to finish the piece they were working on.

CARIBOU TUFTING WORKSHOP

March 14 and 15, 2009

This two day caribou tufting workshop too was deemed a huge success. Seven people took the workshop instructed by Jackie Dyson. The instructor moved freely among the participants giving advice and demonstrating techniques, when and where needed. Time was spent discussing the art of caribou tufting and how it could be used as a means of supplementing income.

At the end of the two day workshop, each participant went away with the finished product of their two days of work. This was the first of the workshops completed this winter that did this and everyone was very happy. It was stated by more than one, that this was the best workshop they had attended.

A big **THANK YOU** to the **Labrador Interpretation Centre** and the **Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development** for co-sponsoring the Grasswork and Caribou Tufting workshops and permitting Sivunivut Corporation space to hold these events!

Other courses Sivunivut has offered through the College of the North Atlantic are **BOAT Safety** (5 occasions), **FAC/PAL** (2 occasions), and **First Aid/CPR** (2 occasions). We have also delivered **Trapper's Education**, **Square Dance** and **Fiddle Instruction**, and a **Safe Baby Sitter's** course. Special thanks goes out to Heather Barnes of the Nunatsiavut Department of Health for instructing the Safe Baby Sitter's course on her own time.

Sivunivut Corporation has purchased a number of Inuit Drums made by Donald Blake. It is hoped we will find an instructor so that Inuit Drumming can be offered.

We are currently awaiting delivery of a number of fiddles, guitars, and button accordions; with courses offered as soon as adequate numbers of participants have registered and instructors are found.

Cultural Awareness Night

Cultural Awareness Night – February 26, 2009 co-sponsored by Sivunivut Corporation and the Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development in North West River.

There were well over 150 people in attendance for this event. Music, dancing, drumming, and games went on long after an excellent traditional meal of caribou soups, stew, partridge soup and caribou chili with flummies.

Pat Goudie Sr. won the traditional baking contest with a delicious bakeapple pie.

Lindsey Hibbs won the children's traditional clothing contest and Betty Osmond won the adult traditional clothing contest.

Joan McLean and her youth square dancers performed for the audience did a wonderful job.

Louie, Mike and Lester Montague, as usual, did an excellent job entertaining the audience with their music.

Thanks go to Sal Jararuse and Amanda Earle for their Inuit drumming demonstration and also to Patrick Goudie Jr. for his knowledge and demonstration of Inuit games.

Thanks also go to our Katimavik participants for all their help with the evening preparations, serving and clean up.



Ms. McLean's Youth Square Dancers
Photo Courtesy April Andersen

New Research Facility for North West River

On March 31st, 2009 it was announced that a joint Nunatsiavut Government/Labrador Institute application for the Arctic Research Infrastructure Fund (ARIF) had been approved for 2.5 million dollars. Of this, approximately \$1.8 million will be used to renovate facilities in North West River to create a Labrador Institute run research facility, and another \$700,000 will be used to renovate facilities in Nain to create a Nunatsiavut Government research center. The projects will take approximately 2 years to complete, with the design and tendering work starting this summer. Congratulations to both the Labrador Institute and Nunatsiavut Government for this accomplishment!

New Community Freezer Hours

Please note that the hours of operation for the community freezer have changed. Eligible beneficiaries can drop by the Sivunivut office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings to access the freezer. If you have any questions, please call 497-8406.

Calls for Expressions of Interest

Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Inc is seeking expressions of interest from beneficiaries of North West River and Sheshatshiu for the following courses:

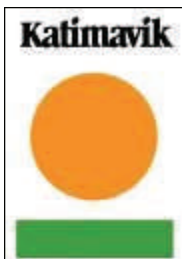
Fiddle, Button Accordion, and Guitar Lessons We are seeking an instructor for the Guitar Lessons.

Nets - Mending & "Bringing To"

Please contact Program Coordinator, Kay Russell at 497-8406 if you would like to register or ask questions.

New Katimavik Participants

A special welcome to the newest Katimavik participants who arrived here in early April. Please make an effort to acknowledge them if you see them around Town. They are:



Sean Files-Duggan (Quesnel BC) working at **Lab Heritage Society**

Kevin Quinquis (Gatineau, QC) working at the **Town**

Farakshad (Farak) Rahi (Ottawa, ON) also at the **Town**

Stacy Baillargeon (Sherbrooke, QC) at **Nunatsiavut Department of Health**

Rebecca Saul (St-Albert, AB) at **Nunatsiavut Department of Health**

Erin O'Neill (London, ON) at **Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Inc**

Erin Smith (Halifax, NS) at **TVCR, Community Television**

Keaven Champagne (Amqui, QC) at **Lake Melville School**

Some Contact Numbers

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- Keith Russell, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Deputy Speaker of the Nunatsiavut House of Assembly

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If you would like to receive correspondence from this Office through email or to be added to our mailing list, please send a message to ed.tuttauk@nunatsiavut.com indicating you would like to receive information in this manner.

All Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation minutes are available in the Office for Beneficiaries to view. These are also available at Sivunivut's website: www.sivunivut.ca. The Nunatsiavut Government Hansard (Assembly meeting minutes) are also available at the Office for viewing.

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