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Greetings

Welcome to this Edition of our Newsletter. Much has occurred since the last letter—Sivunivut has hired 2 Summer Students, Katherine Blake and Rebecca Watts for the period of July 7th to August 15th. Katherine and Rebecca were hired as Senior and Youth Planners to help develop and implement programs and events for both the Senior and Youth groups in North West River. These positions were made possible by funding received from the Province and Iliget Community Partnerships Inc.

Nunatsiavut Assembly News

In the June sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, topics for discussion included; closure of the Saputjivik Treatment Center, allocation of the \$12.1 million Voisey's Bay surplus, and Supplementary Budget Bill for Torngat Fish Producers.

The Chair of Sivunivut, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Keith Russell and Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Dan Pottle each raised issues and concerns regarding the closure of Saputjivik before a plan was established to assist any beneficiary requiring addictions help. The loss of 14 jobs, added to the 20 or so that were relocated to Happy Valley-Goose Bay with the Regional Office of the Department of Health was also brought forth by the Corporation's Chair. Discussions on how to utilize the Saputjivik building are ongoing between the Chair and the Minister and Deputy Minister of Health.

Of the \$12.1 million dollar surplus of the Voisey's Bay project, less than 1% of these funds were allocated and spent in North West River, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and Mud Lake. Sivunivut Corporation submitted a proposal of \$350,200 to offer a Fine Arts Program for current and would-be artisans, but was not approved with the exception of \$21,500 for a Traditional Music Program for Youth. A \$1.57 million proposal was submitted by Ordinary Member, Keith Russell, with \$70,000 approved for a Language Retention Initiative for Upper Lake Melville. NunaKatiget Chair, Max Winters' proposal of \$13,500 for their Community Freezer was also approved.

Sivuppialautta—Let's Move Forward Language Conference: This conference was held in Nain from July 8th—10th, 2008. The goals and objectives of the conference were :

- To review the outcomes from March 2001 Language Conference;
- To present a status report on the fifty-year Nunatsiavut language strategy for discussion and critiquing;
- To review current structures and language initiatives under the Nunatsiavut Government to promote, revitalize and retain Labrador Inuttitut;
- To provide an opportunity for elders to give their perspective on the importance of language in Labrador Inuit culture;
- To compile a list of language stakeholders and experts involved in language maintenance in Nunatsiavut;
- To establish a consensus regarding the state of Inuttitut in Nunatsiavut and develop a unified approach to its protection;
- To come together and celebrate Inuttitut!

This conference brought together both youth and elders in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville as well as Inuttitut teachers, curriculum developers and regional volunteer language committee members to address the current state of Inuttitut and move forward with a strategy to encourage the language to flourish.

President of the Inuit Tapiriit kanatami (National body representing all Inuit) Mary Simon, and a contingent of Ministers and Bureaucrats from Nunavut and Nunavik were also in attendance.



Inuit Tapiriit kanatami President Mary Simon at the Sivuppialautta Language Conference in Nain July 8th-10th, 2008

Congratulations!

Congratulations going out to **Andreas** and **Anautak Phillips**, and **David Flynn** of North West River, and **Marie Soleil Penashue**, **Nikashantess Penashue**, and **Atshapi Andrew** of Sheshatshiu. These young people were selected to the North American Indigenous Games Team representing Newfoundland Labrador held in Cowichan, British Columbia—August 3rd—10th, 2008.

Anautak Phillips and David Flynn won Bronze in the Juvenile Male Doubles in Badminton. Anautak also won a Bronze medal in the Male Singles Division. Marie Soleil Penashue won Gold in both the Midget Double Female Badminton and Single Female. Nikashantess Penashue finished first and won Gold in Golf.

Of the 29 Newfoundland and Labrador athletes, 16 were from Labrador! Team Newfoundland Labrador finished with 6 Gold, 7 Silver, and 5 Bronze and finished in 14th place overall. Way to go everyone!



David and Anautak receiving their Bronze Medals in Badminton! (Photo courtesy Sarah Townley)



Members of the 2008 Newfoundland Labrador Team at the North American Indigenous Games in Cowichan, BC. (Photo courtesy Sarah Townley)

Youth Planner Report

Hi, my name is Rebecca Watts and I am the Youth Coordinator for Sivunivut Corporation for the Summer of 2008. There have been two activities that have been planned and carried out so far. These activities were the Youth Beach Barbeque and Youth Night at the Community Center. From these two activities, a Youth Committee was formed. This is a very positive event and I am working with the newly formed Committee to help accomplish the needs and wants which are voiced by the Youth. Since there have been very few activities for the youth of North West River, this has been an overall positive change for the youth and community.

I, along with the Youth Committee, held a Wake-a-Thon for ages 11-14 on August 8th. This was a very successful event and special thanks goes out to the people who volunteered to chaperone the entire night! Other activities and things which I hope to help organize and obtain are soccer nets for the Air Strip, a Sports Day, First Aid Training, Glow Bowling, Drunk Goggle Relays, Cooking lessons, dances, hikes, movie nights, a baby-sitting course, and to have the rink repaired.

It is a very good thing that the Youth are stepping up and voicing what they want done. Things will actually be planned and carried out from now on because the Youth have stepped up and put in their own input.

Senior Planner Report

Hi, my name is Katherine Blake and I am the Senior Planner for Sivunivut Corporation for the Summer of 2008. I am working with the Beneficiary Seniors of North West River to plan activities with them for a year. So far I have been working on the Waterfront Market Stall Project, the Dinner Theatre Committee, and an Elder's Committee. I have also held a Senior's Bingo that was a great success! Some things I hope to include in my Yearly Plan are potlucks at the Wood Cottage, presentations, Craft Nights, and Bingo afternoons.

Have a great summer!

Annual General Meeting

Sivunivut's first Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for late September 2008. Any motions from Beneficiaries to be included in the Agenda must be received ten (10) days prior to the AGM. 14 days notice stating the date, time, and place of the AGM must be given to membership.

Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Inc is still in need of a Secretary. Nominations will be sought at the AGM to fill this volunteer position.

Community News

The Labrador Interpretation Centre is having a busy summer. Since June 1, 2008 there have been 1346 visitors at the Centre. The temporary exhibit "*On The Labrador*" was on display until August 15, 2008. The next exhibit will be a collection of Innu Photographs taken by Innu youth in 1969, as well as photos taken by Innu youth in 2008. There will also be two videos included in this exhibit. If anyone has old Innu/ Sheshatshiu photographs and is willing to share them please call Mina – the photos will be scanned and returned– this will help with the Innu photograph archive.

A flyer has been sent out in August with events that will be held around this exhibit.

LIC Summer hours until September 28 - Open daily from 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm, Tuesday's & Sunday's from 10:00 am-4:30 pm. For more information call Mina @ 497 8566.

The Labrador Heritage Museum has opened *Merle's Tearoom* and we are excited to see everyone come down for a cup of tea and a bite to eat! We have received many donations to help start us off and we would like to thank the following people:

Tilly McGrath	Caroline Michelin	Dick Michelin	Jock Campbell	Rebecca Watts	Katherine Blake
Ed Tuttauk	Joyce McGrath	Clara Michelin	Emily Powell	Kay Russell	Mina Campbell Hibbs
Pat Hibbs	Shannon Parsons				

And of course our Katimavik participants! If we have forgotten anyone, we whole-heartedly apologize. We appreciate all that you have done for us! Thanks you all for your time, donations, and suggestions and please drop by again!

Labrador Heritage Museum/Merle's Tearoom staff—Jenna Broomfield, Natasha Michelin, Kay Russell, Vèronique Jettè, Andrèanne Gagnè, and Miriam Ellsworth.

Community Freezers Update

This years fishing season was from June 15th-July 9th and July 19th-August 31st, with a ten day closure in between these dates. A total of 105 salmon were caught for the Community Freezer this year by a local fisherman. To date, 49 salmon have been distributed to eligible beneficiaries. Sivunivut's policy on salmon is that a person cannot access the Freezer if they have picked up salmon tags for the season; once the salmon fishing season closes, this will be revisited. In an effort to ensure that every eligible Beneficiary can acquire salmon, be aware that there is no guarantee that every person will receive 7 salmon from the Freezer.

In the Spring of 2008, another local hunter provided 8 caribou for the Freezer; that meat has been distributed.

To utilize the Community Freezer, these are the requirements: must be a Beneficiary over age 50 who does not have the means or ability to hunt or fish for themselves, a single parent, or disabled Beneficiary. Sivunivut's Policy is 2 meals per household per month. Just a reminder that all policies are subject to change at the Sivunivut Corporation Board's discretion.

Workshops/Training

Sivunivut Corporation, in partnership with the College of the North Atlantic has provided training in the following:

- **Boating Safety** June 14th, 2008 13 participants.
- **Fire Arms Acquisition** May 31st – June 1st, 2008 9 participants.
- **CPR/1st Aid:** May 17th, 18th, 2008 5 participants.

The majority of the courses/training offered will be free for Beneficiaries; non-Beneficiaries can enroll in these courses if space permits. Non-beneficiaries may be required to pay a fee.

If you would like to see any other courses/training offered, please contact Ed or Clara at 497-8444/497-8406 or by email ed.tuttauk@nunatsiavut.com / coordinator@sivunivut.ca.

Inuktitut Learning Tools

There are a number of Inuktitut Learning Tools from the Torngâsok Cultural Center still available. The Rosetta Stone Inuktitut Language CD (\$50 for Beneficiaries, \$100 for non-Beneficiaries), the Inuktitut Dictionary (\$30), the Inuktitut Children's Book, and the Story Telling Festival Book (\$15) and other Nunatsiavut Promotional Items are available at the Sivunivut Office. If anyone would like to purchase any of these, please drop by.

The UKausituKavuttinik Utittisigasualinnik (NWR Inuktitut Language Committee) will be offering Inuktitut classes this Fall. If you would like to participate in these classes, please call or email Ed Tuttauk at the contact numbers listed in this Newsletter to sign up.

Some Contact Numbers

For NIHB information, please contact the following staff member depending on benefit category:

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NIHB Client Liaison Worker

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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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