

Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Incorporated Kaujimaatik



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Greetings



On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, I would like to extend warmest holiday wishes to you and your families. We wish you the best this season has to offer and hope that 2011 will be filled with peace and happiness.



Kuviasugitsi Inoviani

Merry Christmas

Tshima Minu Nipaimian

A Message From the Chair

Welcome to this edition of *Kaujimaatik*. I would like to thank the constituents of Sivunivut Corporation who have reelected me as Chairperson for another term. I am honoured and humbled by your vote of confidence and look forward to serving you and the community for the next 4 years!

Reminder

Sivunivut Corporation's AGM is scheduled for **Monday, January 24, 2011**. It is very important that as many members attend this meeting. Corporation by-laws state:

Quorum

34. A quorum for general meetings of the general assembly shall be no less than twice the number of Directors plus 1 and a quorum for special general meetings of the general assembly shall be no less than 25% of the members.

This means that in order for the Annual General Meeting to go ahead, we need **15** beneficiaries in attendance. Please make every effort to come out and participate in discussions concerning your Inuit Community Corporation.

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Lower Churchill Project

Sivunivut Corporation would also like to hear your views and/or concerns regarding the recently announced Lower Churchill Project. We are tentatively scheduling a meeting to hear your concerns on January 10, 2011. Please make an effort to attend this meeting as well. It is anticipated that the four elected members for this area will be in attendance.

Nunatsiavut Assembly Highlights October 4th - 7th, 2010

This sitting saw the swearing of the AngajukKât from Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and Postville and the Chairpersons of the NunaKatiget and Sivunivut Corporations. The newly elected AngajukKât are: from Nain - Tony Andersen; from Hopedale - Wayne Piercy; from Postville - Diane Gear; and from Makkovik - Herb Jacque. The Chairpersons are: from Happy Valley-Goose Bay - Jennifer Hefler Elson; and from North West River - Ed Tuttauq.

This sitting also heard the recommendations of 2 separate ad-hoc disciplinary committees, pertaining to the removal of Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Max Blake from the Assembly, and the removal of Patricia Ford as Speaker of the House of Assembly. In order for a member to be removed from office, there has to be 60% vote in favor to remove that member. In the first instance, the Assembly voted 15 to 2 in favour to remove the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. In the second instance, the Assembly voted not to remove the current Speaker in a vote of 5 for and 11 against.

Bill 2010-07, A Bill for an Inuit Law to Provide Protection of the Environment in Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit Communities, and to Provide for the Environmental Assessment of Proposed Developments in Labrador Inuit Lands was introduced. This Bill would provide for the protection of the Environment in LIL and Inuit Communities under part 17.11 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. It would also provide for Environmental Assessments of proposed developments in LIL in accordance with part 11.3 of the LILCA. After passing the 1st Reading of the Bill, the next step will be community consultations to take place between October 2010 and January 2011. A Special Committee was established for these consultations and the members are: First Minister Darryl Shiwak, Ordinary Member for Nain William Barbour, OM for Postville, Diane Gear, and Director of Environment Tom Sheldon.

Presentation of Labrador Inuit Trusts - These Trusts protect funds the NG receives. These funds are referred to as Chapter 19 dollars and Chapter 23 dollars of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and those received from the Voisey's Bay Impact and Benefits Agreement.

The **Settlement Trust**, established in March 2010, handles monies from Chapter 19 dollars and is meant for social, cultural, housing, health, education, and economic assistance. The Members of this Trust are; the President, Minister of Finance, and 2 other individuals (1 beneficiary and 1 non-beneficiary). The **Implementation Trust**, established in May 2007 from Chapter 23 dollars, was formed to create a capital reserve of 75% of the funds received from Nunatsiavut Government. Members of this Trust are comprised of: 2 beneficiaries (1 must live in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area and 1 must be a government employee) and the other member is a non-beneficiary.

The **Tasiujatsoak Trust** was established to receive and invest payments under the 2002 Voisey's Bay Impact and Benefits Agreement (IBA). These funds assist the 7 community volunteer centers, which includes NWR's Iliget Community Partnerships Inc.

Community Based Research Update

Our Climate Change and Adaptation Research Project is progressing as planned. Billy Edmunds and Herman Andersen have been hired as the Research Assistants and will work under the Project Coordinator, Scott Neilsen. This project is a joint venture between the Labrador Institute and Sivunivut Corporation. It is anticipated that the community meeting to introduce this project will be in early January during Sivunivut's Annual General Meeting.

Our proposal, **Traditional Knowledge: A Blueprint for Change**, will entail collecting traditional knowledge on the location, importance and threats to fresh water, ice conditions, sensitive habitats and animal species. Once these locations are specified, data will be entered and a map of these sensitive/hazardous areas will be developed for public viewing and use.

Aims and Objectives of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Inc.

2. The aims and objectives of the Corporation are:
- (a) to provide liaison and contact between the Nunatsiavut Government and Inuit ordinarily resident in North West River and Sheshatshiu, Labrador;
 - (b) to inform the Nunatsiavut Government about views of Inuit ordinarily resident in North West River and Sheshatshiu, Labrador on all matters affecting Inuit; and
 - (c) to provide a vehicle through which Nunatsiavut Government programs and services for Inuit in North West River and Sheshatshiu, Labrador may be delivered to Inuit ordinarily resident in North West River and Sheshatshiu, Labrador by delivering, or providing for the delivery of, any and all such programs and services.

There have been some lengthy discussions in regards to what Inuit Community Corporations can and cannot do. We have been advised by Legal Counsel that creating business opportunities and partnerships for Sivunivut Corporation is outside our mandate and a contradiction to the Labrador Inuit Constitution and corporation by-laws. As a not-for-profit corporation, Sivunivut cannot make money or offer programs or services that are not developed by the Nunatsiavut Government. However, there are options that may be available to the corporations to avail of programs offered through other Provincial or Federal government Departments with the approval of Executive Council. There is also an opportunity to create a Nunatsiavut Government Bill that will determine the jurisdiction and guidelines for Community Corporations. This option will be investigated in the New Year.

Economic Development Officer

Sivunivut Corporation has hired Leander Baikie as an Economic Development Officer. Leander will start his position in early January. His main focus will be to assist beneficiaries in creating their own business opportunities. Feel free to contact Leander if you have an business idea or would like some information on how to start your own business.

Upper Lake Melville Ordinary Member Byelection Results

Results of November 16th by-election for Ordinary Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for Upper Lake Melville:

Patricia Kemuksigak	266
Janice Edmunds-Connors	176
Ben Ponniuk	164
Maurice Best	152
Val Oliver	95
Claris Barron	68

Sivunivut Corporation would like to congratulate Patricia on her win and look forward to working with her in addressing some of the issues that affect North West River and the region.



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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 call or 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 our website and in the office; as well, video recordings of some Assembly Sitings are available for viewing.

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