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Kaujimaatik (How-ye-mau-tik)

Greetings

Welcome to this edition of *Kaujimaatik*. Since the last newsletter, new Board Members were elected at our last Annual General Meeting on January 24, 2011. Elected were Doug Blake (Vice-chair), Trudy Mesher Barkman (Secretary), Monica Dylla (Treasurer), Emily Powell, Michael Broomfield, and Tammy Michelin as Directors. We look forward to serving our beneficiaries for the upcoming term.

Nunatsiavut Assembly Highlights January 31-February 3, 2011

The first day of meetings provided training for the newly elected officials; much of it dealt with the Proceedings and Standing Orders of the Assembly.

Two Bills were passed at this sitting:

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.

Bill 2011-01, Nain Health Building Act, an Inuit Law to authorize long-term borrowing by Nunatsiavut Government for purposes of constructing a building in Nain for use by the Department of Health and Social Development to provide for the repayment of borrowing, and to assign Ministerial responsibility in respect to the building. This Bill enables the Department of Health to borrow money to build a new Department of Health and Social Development building in Nain.

Nunatsiavut Assembly Highlights March 14-17, 2011

This sitting saw the appointment of new ministers: Glen Sheppard, Ordinary Member for Postville was appointed Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for ULM was appointed Minister of Health and Social Development. Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane was appointed Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

Nunatsiavut Government auditors, Deloitte and Touche presented the Consolidated Financial Statements to the Assembly. The Consolidated Financial Statements is a representation of how the NG is doing financially.

A motion to appoint and Auditor General for the Nunatsiavut Government was tabled, but the results were 5 in favour, with 11 opposed; therefore the motion was defeated.

There were 4 Bills introduced and passed, making them Inuit Laws. These were:

Bill 2011-02, Budget Act 2011 An act to implement the consolidated financial plan of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2012

Nunatsiavut Assembly Highlights March 14-17, 2011 cont'd

Bill 2011-03, Torngat CO-OP Loan Guarantees Act 2011, An Inuit Law to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees to support commercial borrowing by Torngat Fish Producers Cooperative Society Limited for the period from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. This Law would enable Torngat Fish Producers to borrow money and the NG would repay the loan if Torngat Fish Producers were unable to.

Bill 2011-04, An Inuit Law to establish procedures to be followed by the Nunatsiavut Government, the Inuit Community Governments and their agencies in the procurement of goods and services. The Nunatsiavut Assembly wishes Government purchasing to be conducted in an open and competitive market and to provide fair access to opportunities for suppliers to compete for Government business.

Bill 2011-05, An act to amend the Beneficiaries Enrolment Act. This Act would enable the Registrar of Beneficiaries to remove Beneficiaries from the Register for failing to give notice of change of address, new membership applications, etc. If any one has not given their current contact information to Registrar's Office in Nain, they are reminded to do so.

There was much debate in regards to raises for Nunatsiavut Civil Service. A proposal was submitted to the Assembly to give NG Employees a 20% raise over 4 years and the new 4 tier salary scale for NG Management (Directors and above, excluding elected officials). Essentially this meant that for the 200 or so NG Civil Service; \$242,000 (35%) was allocated for raises. For the Directors and above (17 positions); \$442,000 (65%) was allocated. Many Assembly members felt that since the Civil Service had not received a raise for a number of years, that they should be given a raise of 10% in the first year instead of the proposed 5%. After lengthy discussion and debate, the 10% raise in the first year was approved.

Beneficiaries are reminded that the NG Hansard is available for viewing either online at the NG website or by hard copy at Sivunivut's office. The Hansard basically is the minutes of the Assembly meeting.

Community Based Research Update

Since it was introduced at our AGM, Herman Andersen (community researcher) and Scott Neilsen (project coordinator) have been making good progress on our traditional knowledge project. As mentioned in previous newsletters, Traditional Knowledge: A Blueprint for Change is a Health Canada funded community based research project being undertaken by Sivunivut, in partnership with the Labrador Institute. The overall goal of the project at this stage, is to collect and document (map) environmental characteristics important to the Inuit of North West River, including: ice conditions, sensitive animal habitat and safe drinking water. These characteristics are all important to community member's travel and reliance on the land and resources surrounding North West River.

At this point of the project the team is beginning to wrap things up, and expect to have their report completed in June. Forty-nine people were surveyed, and asked a series of questions related to the three categories mentioned above. These survey sessions were recorded in audio files and are now being transcribed. The resource locations collected during these survey sessions were also recorded on large paper maps, and have since been digitized in Google Earth, in preparation of being uploaded into a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. This will occur once the associated participant data tables have been completed later this month. This database will be used to produce maps for community use, and will be the foundation of future Sivunivut research projects.

At this point the project team would like to thank the community members who participated in the surveys; your expert, first hand knowledge of the environment of Lake Melville and Grand Lake is immense and will be of significant value to community members, and others in the future.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to local artist **Billy Gauthier** for being named Newfoundland Labrador "2011 Emerging Artist of the Year" at the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council Awards! Some of his work can be viewed at www.spiritwrestler.com.

News From Our Development Officer

Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Inc of North West River, along with NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation of Happy Valley are very special organizations. Out of all aboriginal land claim agreements in Canada, the **Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement** is the only one that has established community corporations, representing membership, living outside of land claim areas. The LILCA as well, is the only agreement which allows membership living outside of specific claim areas to apply for educational benefits. This is not done in any other Canadian land claims agreement.

Working towards development for the Inuit and the community, Sivunivut is working collaboratively with the Town Councils of North West River and Happy Valley Goose Bay in helping organize “**2011 Come Home Year Celebrations**”, July 15 to Aug 1, 2011. From the Stage at the Waterfront in NW River on Sunday, July 17th come down for a Family Fun Day and Picnic. The Pentecostal Church will be hosting a musical Sunday service starting at 2pm, and renowned children’s artist, Terry Reilly will follow with his Teddy Bear Picnic.

Sivunivut has partnered with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to source aboriginal project funding to conduct a “**Community Economic Leakage Study**”. This study will determine what the top ten commodities North West River residents spend their money for in Goose Bay and what must be done to reverse this trend. The study will also review potential business contracts associated with potential regional developments and what opportunities residents and beneficiaries may have for creating new businesses in our community.

A good source for aboriginal business funding comes through Aboriginal Business Canada in Halifax. If you’re under 29, aboriginal (and female), there are a number of government support services available for starting new business. For help with developing business ideas contact our office.

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Re-advertisement

Sivunivut Corporation is inviting applications for the position of Program Coordinator.

Duties: Duties include meeting with organizations in North West River to determine what is already being provided in recreational, social, and cultural programs; research funding opportunities to develop programs and services suggested through consultation with Nunatsiavut beneficiaries; delivering these programs; proposal writing; overseeing the Community Freezer; and other duties as requested.

Qualifications: Qualifications for this position include: computer skills including Internet; research skills; knowledge and experience in writing grant proposals; good oral and written communication skills; strong public presentation and public speaking skills; excellent interpersonal skills; ability to assume responsibility, prioritize and meet deadlines, and handle multiple and varied tasks; and the ability to develop and deliver relevant programs.

New Katimavik

The new Katimavik participants arrived in NWR on March 30 and will be leaving on June 22. They are:

Sabrina Lussier- Greely, ON - Charles J. Andrew Treatment Centre

Victoria Madge- Lethbridge, AB - TVCR/Sivunivut

Mitchell Martin- Chase, BC - Heritage/Comm. Centre

Jocelyn Murphy- Hamilton, ON - Sheshatshiu Innu School

Nicole Peletz-Bohbot- Montreal, QC - Nunatsiavut Health

Sarah Reece- Mississauga, ON - Nunatsiavut Health

Marc Rizkalla- Calgary, AB - Town of North West River

Brittany Stoddart- Squamish, BC - Sheshatshiu Innu School

Eric Tran- Toronto, ON - Family Treatment Centre

Jean-Luc Wyman-Grimard- Montréal, QC - Innu Band Council



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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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