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JAMES EETOOLOOK ACCLAIMED AS NTI 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

James Eetoolook has been acclaimed to another term as NTI's 1st Vice President. A letter of congratulations was sent to Eetoolook by President Jose Kusugak.

Solomon Awa, NTI's chief returning officer says the Rules and Procedures governing NTI elections states that if "only one candidate has been nominated within the time allowed for nominations, the Chief Returning Officer shall declare that person to have been duly elected."

Nominations for the position of First Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer closed Jan. 27, 1998.

The elections for Secretary/Treasurer are taking place March 24, 1998. Natsiq Kango, Meeka Kilabuk and Bernadette Makpah are all running for the position.

Please turn to page 5 to see a picture of the candidates. The next NTI election for the positions of President and Second Vice President take place next year.



Elementary School children at Sam Pudlat school in Cape Dorset. The elementary school kids attended the Career Fair along with high school students from Peter Pitseolak School.

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT JOBS IN NUNAVUT

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated was one of the sponsors for a Career Fair held in Cape Dorset at the Peter Pitseolak School Feb. 4-5, 1998.

The Fair was organized to expose young people to job opportunities available within the private and public sectors in Nunavut.

Besides NTI, other sponsors of the Fair included the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, local private and public institutions.

Representatives of these organizations set up booths and handed out brochures and other promotional material to staff and students from Peter Pitseolak School and Sam Pudlat School in Cape Dorset.

NTI was represented at the fair by Public Relations Officer Eva Michael who

showed students how to operate a digital camera and talked with them about possible communication jobs at NTI.

Michael also handed out promotional material such as pens, keychains and rulers.

Career Fair Coordinator, Murray Bourne, said the idea behind the fair was to let students know the opportunities available to them after they finished school.

The Fair also allowed students to ask questions about what kind of jobs will be available once Nunavut is in place and who they should contact when they start looking for work.

Bourne says the Career Fair went so well, plans are already in place for next year's event.



James Eetoolook gets back to work after being acclaimed as NTI 1st Vice President.

Justice in Nunavut

Single-Level Trial Court System a First in Canada

Nunavut is on the road to a single-level trial court system.

During the Leadership Summit in Iqaluit held Jan. 12-14 1998, Nunavut, Federal and Territorial leaders endorsed the idea, which comes from the Nunavut Implementation Commission's "Footprints 2" recommendations.

What it means is instead of several levels of courts, a single court would deal with almost all serious criminal and civil matters. This also opens the possibility of community-based Justices of the Peace taking on a greater role in the delivery of justice.

After the NIC introduced the single-level court idea, the Office of the Interim Commissioner met with representatives and legal experts to find out how to implement it.

On November 18-19, 1997, the Office of the Interim Commissioner hosted a conference on justice issues in Iqaluit that was attended by a cross-section of individuals involved in the justice system in Nunavut.

In a press release following the conference, the Office of the Interim Commissioner stated that "delegates expressed substantial support for the idea of a single-level trial court."

It also said there was a greater need for "support and training for community Justices of the Peace."

The OIC presented these findings at the Leadership Summit where NTI, the federal government and the Government of the Northwest Territories approved the recommendations.

Since creation of the system, a first in Canada, would require changes to federal legislation, the process is being reviewed by Justice Canada.

Jane Stewart, Minister of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, is expected to meet with Cabinet to receive approval for the idea of the single-level trial court system.

This is expected to happen during March.

After cabinet approval, staff at the Department of Justice will then draft legislation which is expected to be presented to the House of Commons before the end of

What the Justice System Looks Like Now

Court of Appeal

- appeals from indictable offences
- appeals from sentences for indictable offences
- second level of appeal for summary conviction matters
- bail reviews for murder
- review of decisions of a superior court and/or of a trial court to quash an indictment or to stay proceedings in respect of an indictment.
- appeals from a decision to grant or refuse the relief sought in proceedings by way of prerogative writ

Superior Court

- trials for murder
- jury trials for indictable offences (accused election)
- judge-alone trials for indictable offences (accused election)
- appeals from a verdict of unfit to stand trial or not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder
- applications for prerogative writs or relief under the Charter
- bail applications for murder
- appeals from summary conviction matters
- general applications of wire tapping
- bail reviews

Territorial Court

- trials for indictable matters within the absolute jurisdiction of the Territorial Court
- trials for indictable matters (accused election)
- summary conviction trials
- preliminary inquiries for indictable offences
- bail applications
- peace bond hearings
- fitness hearings concerning mentally disordered accused
- applications for certain warrants (eg. a DNA warrant, a general warrant or a wiretap authorization)
- Charter of Rights applications, if the Territorial court is the trial court

Justices of the Peace

- pre-trial process such as warrants for the arrest of the accused
- search warrants
- remand courts for criminal matters and bail applications for most offences
- trials for offences established by municipal or territorial legislation
- summary conviction trials for Criminal Code matters
- peace bond hearings

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summer says Andy Watt, Coordinator of Northern Issues at Department of Justice Canada.

Meanwhile, Watt says the Office of the Interim Commissioner should start working on staffing and infrastructure requirements for the single-level trial court.

What is a single-level trial court?

A single level trial court is used here to mean a court with a single class of judges responsible for hearing all cases at the trial level.

This court would be a superior court, and the judges would be appointed by the federal government.

It would have jurisdiction over all matters normally dealt with by the Territorial Court and the Supreme Court.

Justices of the peace in the communities would be able to aid the new court and would have more responsibilities than they do now.

It is expected that the current Court of Appeal will continue to exist.

Why a single-court system?

1) At over 2 million square kilometres of land, Nunavut represents 24 per cent of all Canada's land mass and 69 per cent of the existing Northwest Territories. This vast geography often results in a delay in justice as two levels of the court would have to fly around to different communities. Although it still has to be proven, a single-level court promises a simpler, more efficient system of justice.

2) A single-level trial court would also require fewer judges which should result in lower costs and support staff. The surplus funds could then be re-allocated to other programs within justice such as community corrections and Justice of the Peace programs.

3) Justice would be transferred to the community level through increased responsibility to the Justices of the Peace.

How the Justice System could look with a single-level trial system.

Court of Appeal

- all appeals from indictable and summary conviction matters
- all appeals from sentence for indictable and summary offences
- bail reviews for murder
- possible review of some decisions made by the trial court

Superior Court

- all trials for indictable matters
- all jury trials
- appeals from summary conviction matters heard by justices of the peace
- applications for appeals against decisions of justices of the peace and other subordinate decision makers
- bail applications for murder and possibly other offences
- bail reviews of other offences where the bail application had been heard by a justice of the peace
- preliminary inquiries for indictable offences
- summary conviction trials
- all wiretap applications
- some warrants
- all forfeiture applications
- all fitness hearings

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- search warrants
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- trials for offences established by municipal or territorial legislation
- peace bond hearings
- some summary conviction trials for Criminal Code offences
- more summary conviction trials
- preliminary inquiries
- fitness hearings

NTI's Business Development Department: What's it all about?

NTI's Business Development Department is responsible for looking out for Inuit business interests under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

The main job of the Business Development Department is to implement the "Government Contracting" part of the Land Claim, which is also known as Article 24.

What does Article 24 say about business development in Nunavut?

- The federal and territorial governments should try and increase the number of Inuit Firms who are able to take advantage of various business opportunities in the Nunavut Settlement Area.
- Both governments should make sure their contracting policies will help improve the ability of Inuit firms to compete for government contracts.
- Both governments should help ensure a representative level of Inuit employees will be working on government contracting projects.

- The federal and territorial governments should ensure that Inuit are fully consulted on government contracting programs so that they increase the access Inuit have to receive training and experience and to provide greater opportunities to Inuit to receive training and experience.

How does the Business Development Department make sure that Article 24 is being implemented?

- The Department maintains the Inuit Firm Registry which is the only authorized listing of Inuit firms in Nunavut.

According to Article 24, NTI is required to prepare and maintain a comprehensive list of Inuit firms, together with information on the goods and services which they would be in a position to provide in relation to government contracts.

The Government of Canada and the Territorial Government in meeting their obligations under Article 24 has to consider this list when issuing contracts.

Manager trainees Robert Tookoome and Laura Kowmuk are currently updating the list.

The two new trainees were hired in January and are working out of the Rankin Inlet office.

Both are learning to use database software such as Microsoft Access.

- It monitors and consults on the contracting procedures of the Federal and Territorial governments.

- The department oversees the Nunavut Sivummut Community Small Business Program.

The program, which allocates \$300,000 to the regions for small business development, is designed to encourage development and business opportunities in Nunavut.

It allows a maximum of \$3,000 per person.

- It also coordinates the Nunavut Investment Review Committee. The Committee is made of representatives from Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Regional Inuit Associations, the development Corporations and other organizations. NTI allocates \$1.8 million in development funds to the Regional Inuit Associations who then direct these funds to the development corporations.

What other projects is the Business Development Department involved in?

The Department also provides business support and advice to NTI's Board of Directors, and to Nunavut's Regional Birthright Development Corporations and Community Economic Development Organizations.

The department also plans to hold workshops on how Inuit businesses can access government contracts and participate in the bidding process.

The workshops are to be held in cooperation with the Government of the Northwest Territories later this year.

The Business Development Department is also working on a project to coordinate training opportunities for Inuit to work on DEW line clean-up.



Meet NTI's Business Development Team: From left to right – Terry Forth, Robert Tookoome, Laura Kowmuk and Brian McLeod.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY/TREASURER AT NTI



Natsiq Kango



Meeka Kilabuk



Bernadette Makpah

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The DEW Line cleanup is expected to generate approximately \$400 million worth of environmental, engineering and construction contracts.

The Department wants to ensure that any negotiated agreement with the federal Department of Defence includes a training program for Inuit.

NTI plans to work with schools and universities to ensure Inuit receive the training needed for specialized jobs in the environmental and engineering fields.

The Business Development Department hopes that 20-30 Inuit will be trained over a 15-year period.

The Department is also attempting to restart the Junior Achievement Program which used to be run by the Keewatin Business Development Centre.

The program was then transferred to the Kivalliq Partners in Development where it was suspended because of staff shortages.

The Junior Achievement program is designed to encourage young people to learn how to run a business.

Lecturers visit high schools to talk about the importance of running a business, how to start-up a business, life skills and training opportunities available for young people.

The Department hopes to have the program running by the end of this year.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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You can also reach Terry Forth at the Iqaluit office at 1-867-979-3232.

Don't forget to fill out the quiz at the end of the newsletter.



If you have any comments, questions or concerns about Nipisi or NTI please call 1-867-979-3232 or fax 1-867-979-3240.



Russian Government Delegates visit NTI's office in Iqaluit and meet with NTI President Jose Kusugak.

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NCC helps students at Arctic College



Stephen Lawrence teaches practical skills to his students.

Nunavut Construction Corporation is helping Arctic College students practice what they are learning in school.

Nunavut Arctic College students just finished a six-week dry walling course that started Jan. 19.

The course, which included 11 students, was taught by instructor Stephen Lawrence.

Lawrence says NCC's involvement in the program "has been really terrific."

"They gave us a unit to do on the site

which the students really liked. It helped us practice what we have been teaching in class," he said.

Lawrence also expects some of the students to be hired by NCC. Five of the students had been working with NCC as labourers but after completing the course, Lawrence says they will probably be rehired as apprentice dry wallers.

Nunavut Construction is responsible for financing, constructing and managing the incremental infrastructure projects of 250 housing units and 11 office buildings in 11 communities throughout Nunavut over the next four years.

NCC currently has an Inuit employment rate of 85 per cent and is expected to continue training and hiring Inuit to construct the infrastructure for Nunavut.

The College has now started a two-week flooring course and Lawrence says NCC is again donating a unit for the students to practice their carpet and vinyl flooring skills.

Besides NCC, local Iqaluit businesses are also helping with the college courses. Frobuild Construction Ltd. is supplying mock rooms for students to practice and KRT Electrical has provided electrical boxes in the mock rooms.

After the flooring course, the College plans to offer a cabinetry course and a heavy equipment operators course.

QUIZ

1. Name the three candidates running for Secretary/Treasurer of NTI.
2. What was the name of the school where the Career Fair was held?
3. Name the four staff members of NTI's Business Development Department.
4. What are the current four levels of justice available in the Northwest Territories?
5. When does the NTI election for Secretary/Treasurer take place?

(Send in the answers to this month's quiz and the first twelve people with all the right answers will receive a prize.)