

NTI Tunngavik News

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Akitsiraq Law School

Akitsiraq is the Inuktitut name for a sacred site where a form of traditional justice is said to have taken place.

The Akitsiraq law School will be a northern campus of the University of Victoria located in Iqaluit. The program was open to all Inuit from across Canada and the deadline for applications was March 30.

The need for Inuit lawyers is pressing throughout Nunavut at all levels of public service, industry and in the private sector. There is no Inuit lawyer practicing or any students studying in the south at the moment.

108 applications were submitted. The applications were reviewed by University of Victoria Faculty of Law, Nunavut Arctic College (Iqaluit and Rankin) and the Northern Director of the Law School on behalf of the Akitsiraq Law School Society.

Candidates were considered on an individual basis taking into account employment history, involvement in government, voluntary and community activities, academically related extra-curricular activities and academic performance. Applications were carefully screened by a joint committee of University of Victoria and by the local community

(Iqaluit). An admission test was conducted and an interview was done to ensure that only those with the skills and abilities were admitted.

Approximately 20 Inuit students began in September for a four-year law program. Upon completion, they will receive an LLB degree from the University of Victoria.

University of Victoria faculty and professors from other Canadian universities will teach the courses with assistance from elders, Nunavut Arctic College staff and members of the law profession. Emphasis will be placed throughout program on traditional Inuit approaches to justice and customary law. Participants will be offered courses to upgrade their Inuktitut and to make them familiar with Inuktitut legal terminology.

In the first three years, all standard law school compulsory courses will be included. Material of specific relevance to the Inuit and to the North will be developed or tailored specifically for the program. This may include courses on customary law, community justice initiatives, alternative dispute resolution, Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, environmental law, northern resources

law and management.

A sponsorship program has been developed to provide financial assistance to enable students to study at the Law school. The sponsors provide on-going financial support to the students and in exchange the student will work for the sponsor when classes are not in session for a minimum of two years or do other legal work in Nunavut for four years. The Government of Nunavut, Department of Justice, NTI and several other Inuit organizations have agreed to sponsor students.

We congratulate the successful applicants to the program, wish them good luck with their studies and look forward to working with them.



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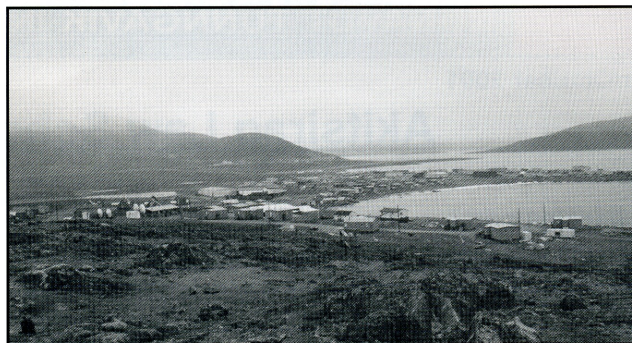
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Board Meeting In Qikitarjuaq

Recently Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated held a Board of Governors meeting from September 11th to the 13th in Qikitarjuaq. Qikitarjuaq is located on the North Eastern side of Baffin Island with a population of about 600 people.

The Board meets three times during the course of the year in a different Nunavut community. There are 10 board members, 6 are from the three regional Inuit association and four are elected NTI representatives.

The three days meeting covered such topics as: approval of minutes, Executive Committee Reports (Board meeting in Arctic Bay and Special Board Meeting, Teleconference, June 2001). Executive Reports (Acting President, 2nd Vice president and Vice President of



Finance). Regional Inuit Associations and also Chief Executive Officer's Report.

Following are some of the resolution passed at the board meeting:

Position of Second Vice-President and Vice President of Finance –

NTI Board requested in February 2001 that a report be prepared concerning whether the position of Second Vice-President and Vice-President of Finance should be changed from full-time, salaried employees status to the part-time executive members who are remunerated diem basis.

After having considered the report, the Board believes that the role of Second Vice-president shall cease to be a full-time, salaried position, at the completion of the term of the incumbent, in which the election would be in December 2003.

The position of Vice President of Finance shall cease to be a fulltime, salaried position at the completion of the term of the incumbent in December 2001 and shall be remunerated on a per diem basis. The changes would be reviewed after one year and the result of the review would be presented to the board in September 2002.

Authority of Nunavut Water Board – Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated position since the signing of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement in 1993, the Minister of DIAND no longer has the authority to approve or disapprove water licenses issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NTI has a formal legal opinion supporting this position).

Contrary to the previous practice of the Minister of DIAND since signing 1993, the Minister on August 13, 2001, purported to disapprove a water license issued at the beginning of this year by the NWB to the City of Iqaluit because of his disagreement with certain conditions attached to the license.

Role of NTI Members – The members of the boards of directors of the Regional Inuit Associations, elected by the communities in each region, are members of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

The board wishes to emphasize the important role of members as representatives of their communities to Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and not solely as representatives to a Regional Inuit Organizations;

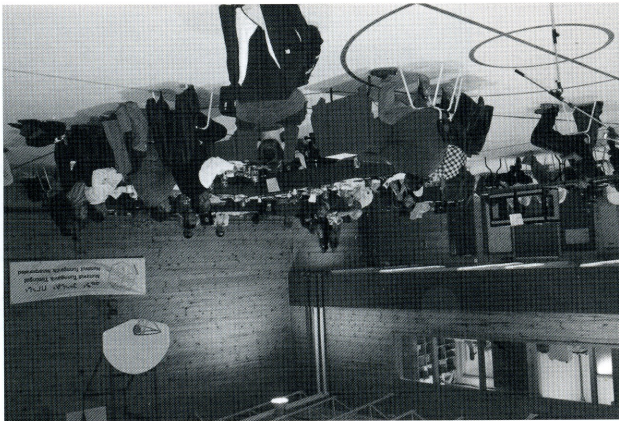
The board has reconsidered the resolution of "Direct Election of Member" passed on September 11, 2001.

The resolution "Direct Election of Members," passed at this meeting on September 11, 2001, be and is set aside.

The Acting president is directed to write to the presidents of the

Regional Inuit Associations to request their utmost cooperation in conveying to Inuit the importance of the role of NTI members as representatives of their communities to Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

The resolutions have been passed by the Board but they won't come into effect until members at the Annual General Meeting approves the resolutions which will take place in Pangnirtung during the week of October 8th. Stay tuned for the next issue of the Newsletter on what happened at the AMG.



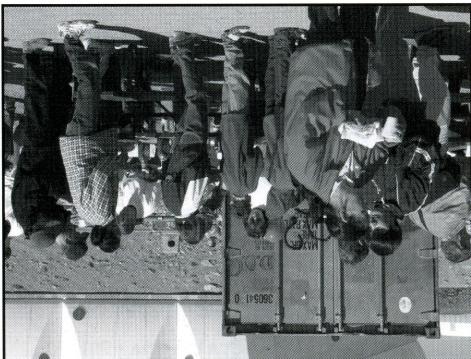
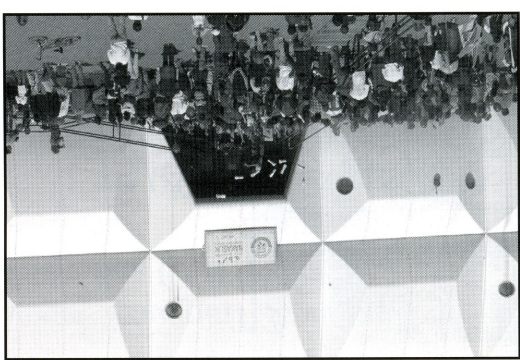
Nunavut Day

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Did you Know?

Did you know this about your

Inuit Right to Harvest

(section 5.6.1 of NLCA)

Where a total allowable harvest for a stock or population of wildlife has not been established by the NWMB pursuant to Section 5.6.16 and 5.6.17, an Inuk sha; have the right to harvest that stock or population in the Nunavut Settlement Area up to the full level of his or her economic, social, and cultural needs, subject to the terms of this Article.

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Departmental Reports

Enrolment Department

In July of this year, the Enrolment department set out to update and correct the Inuit Enrolment List in all Nunavut communities as well as in Ottawa and Yellowknife. For those living in rural southern locations, letters were sent out to them in order to reach all beneficiaries currently listed in the NTI database.

The main goal of this project was to ensure all who have not yet enrolled, to

apply or to check if the information concerning their data is correct and updated.

The applications collected this year has been sent to the applicant's Community Enrolment Committee for their review and those approved will be added to the NTI database. A published Inuit Enrolment List will be published in time for the upcoming NTI elections that is scheduled for December

10, 2001.

If you require further information, you can contact the Enrolment department at 1-888-236-5400 or by email to the following:

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Implementation Department

Article 20 - Water Rights

Based on an NTI Board resolution approved in Pangnirtung in May 2000, the

Implementation Department initiated a

process which will lead to designation of Article 20 to the RIAs as the

Designated Inuit Organization (DIO) for Article 20, concerned with Inuit Water Rights.

Article 20 of the NLCA

grants Inuit special rights over water on

Inuit Owned Lands for the use and benefit of Inuit. These water

rights are unique and important for Inuit in the future.

- NLCA 20.2 grants

the DIO the exclusive right to the use of water on, in or flowing

through Inuit Owned Lands. - NLCA 20.2.4 protects

the DIO's water rights

by specifying that water flowing through Inuit Owned Lands must be substantially unaffected in quality, quantity and flow.

In July, research reports were completed on the

technical aspects of Article 20. The report

constitutes an important step toward the implementation of Article 20

and the designation of the Regional Inuit Associations as the

organizations responsible for the Inuit water management system.

A major workshop on Article 20 was held in

September, on the designation process. Once

NTI and the RIAs have reviewed the workshop

report they should be in a position to take positive steps towards finalization and implementation of a water management framework for

Inuit Owned Lands. It is expected that the Article 20 designation process

will be completed in 2002.

Wildlife Department

The Hunters & Trappers Organisations (HTOs) and

Regional Wildlife Organisations (RWOs) are

Boards set up at the community and regional level

to deal with Inuit concerns with wildlife as per 5.7.3 and 5.7.6 of the Nunavut

Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

Basically 5.7.3 and 5.7.6 of the NLCA identify 4 main powers and functions of

the HTOs and RWOs. Regulation of harvesting

practices and techniques among members

Allocation and enforcement of community basic

needs levels among members

Assignment to non-members of any portion of community basic needs levels

Management of harvesting among members

The same four powers and functions apply for the RWOs to manage among their HTOs.

These are huge responsibilities and many communities are still working at various levels to carry out their duties. In order that they are able to carry out these duties they receive funding from the NWMB through the Implementation Contract. The Implementation Contract identifies \$48,000.00 for each HTO and \$120,000.00 for each RWO. This funding is there so that they can operate an office, staff and board to set direction on how to carry out their responsibilities.

The Implementation Contract is for a 10-year period (1993-2003) and will soon be up for renewal. Discussions and negotiations have started and the RWOs have held workshops with the HTO Chairman and staff to identify

adequate funding to carry out their responsibilities for the next 10-year period. In these workshops the HTO's have identified priorities and responsibilities and the funding required. A priority that has been stated in the past and present is the requirement for increased funding for the HTOs. This will enable them to pay competitive salaries and benefits so that they are able to attract and keep qualified staff. NTIs Wildlife department and the NWMB have been working with staff at the RWOs and HTOs so that funding for these workshops are available. The second step was to work together to develop a unified proposal and presentation amongst the 3 RWOs

and 27 HTOs in Nunavut. The next steps will be to actually present the proposal to the Implementation working group and negotiators so that they are aware of the issues and priorities for the HTOs and RWOs in regards to their activities and the resources required to carry out these activities.

The hard work and cooperation amongst all the agencies involved, has shown that funding these community based organisations is important and shows everyone's commitment to community involvement and a co-management approach to managing wildlife in Nunavut.

Did you Know?

Purposes of Inuit Owned Lands (section of 17.1.1 of N.L.C.A)

The primary purpose of Inuit Owned lands shall be to provide Inuit with rights in land that promote economic self-sufficiency of Inuit through time, in a manner consistent with Inuit Social and cultural needs and aspirations.

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