

**Inuvik Interagency Committee Meeting
June 10, 2009
NWT Training Centre**

Present:

Eugene Rees	Industry, Tourism & Investment (ITI)
Francene Ross	Aurora College
Jolene Donovan	Floyd Roland - MLA
Beth Oehler	BDHSSA (Nutritionist)
Joe Thrasher	Brighter Futures Program (IRC)
Belkis Abbott	Victim Services
Ruth Anne Blake	Education Culture & Employment (Income Support)
Kathleen Mackey	BDHSSA (Inuvik Community Counselling)
Teresa Fraser	Regional Wellness Coordinator (IRC)
Patricia Davison	Children First/NWT Council for Disabilities
Crystal Navratil	BDHSSA (Public Health)
Derek Lindsay	Town of Inuvik
Ellen McDonald	BDHSSA (Social Services)
Paul Ennis	Town of Inuvik
Kym Brisebois	Dept. Fisheries & Oceans
Rebecca Love	Healthy Foods North
Paul Grech	Industry, Tourism & Investment (ITI)
Billie Lennie	Robert McLeod – MLA
Alfred Moses	MACA
Meg Hames	Inuvik Youth Centre
Jennifer Cockney	Inuvik Food Bank
Shannon O’Hara	Research (IRC)
Alana Mero	Aurora Research Institute
Larry Peckford	Coordinator

Regrets

Mary Ann Ross

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Alana Mero at 1:20 PM.

2. Introduction of Members

Twenty-three members in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Eugene Rees
Paul Ennis

That the agenda be accepted as presented.
Motion Carried

4. Review of Minutes

It was noted that there was an error in the date for the minutes of the last meeting.

Motion: Crystal Navratil
Derek Lindsay

That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as amended.
Motion Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None

6. New Business

- i. Inuvik Petroleum Show: The Coordinator reported that the Interagency Committee has a booth again at this year's Inuvik Petroleum Show. Other agencies that do not have a booth of their own are welcome to share the Interagency's booth.
- ii. Social Economy Research Forum: Alana gave an overview of this Forum that was held this week. This initiative is supported by partnerships between the three Northern Colleges, various universities and community groups. A valuable contribution to the Network is the input, suggestions and contributions of communities and social economy organizations. The Forum had a good number of participants attending from Inuvik and it was considered very worthwhile.
- iii. The Interagency Coordinator advised that an Interagency Newsletter for June is being prepared and contributions from member agencies are welcome.
- iv. Working Group – Integrated Health Promotion: The Interagency Coordinator advised that a number of participating health promotion/wellness agencies have had an initial meeting. This is in response to the suggestion that agencies with this mandate may do better if there is ongoing communication and a coordination of effort..

v. The Interagency Coordinator advised that the Interagency Committee was recently approved for charitable status under the Income Tax Act.

7. Agency Updates

Food Bank: Jennifer Cockney said the Food Bank is experiencing a cash crisis. The Food Bank depends on local support for its operation. Presently, it gets financial support from a 50/50 draw held at Northmart, donation boxes at Stantons and Arctic Foods. The Food Bank has received some frozen meat from NTCL which it will be distributing. It was suggested that a donation box be used at the upcoming Petroleum Show and that local school's participate in a food collection drive.

Inuvik Community Greenhouse: Jennifer Cockney reported the Greenhouse plans a plant sale next weekend. Tours will be offered during the evening.

Inuvik Youth Centre: Meg Hames advised that the Youth Centre has a walk-through planned for major funders on June 17.

BDHSSA (Social Services): Ellen McDonald said the unit has vacant positions in Inuvik and communities. Ellen will be on educational leave beginning in August for approximately 6 months.

Aurora College: Francene Ross advised that the Learning Centre will be having its Completion ceremony next week. The College is accepting applications for fall programs.

Inuvik Chapter/Assoc. of Persons w/ Disabilities: Patricia Davison informed the Committee that a framework for dealing with persons with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is being written.
A recipe book in large print will be available soon.

Children First: Patricia gave notice of the Children First Gala to be held in November. Sponsorships for the Tot Walk are being sought. The Tot Walk takes place during the Midnight Sun Fun Run event.
A Yard sale is planned for June 13.

IRC (Wellness): Teresa Fraser introduced herself to Committee members. Teresa said she will be occupying the Regional Wellness position on an interim basis.

Billie Lennie (Robert McLeod MLA): Billie informed members that Robert is in town June 16 – 19.

The Circumpolar Northern Games will be held in Inuvik August 6 – 9.
Jim Koe Park planning meeting is set for June 15

BDHSSA (Inuvik Community Counselling Program): Kathleen Mackey advised the Unit has an Open House planned for June 17 at 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Also Committee members were advised that two new Counsellors will be coming to the region.

Income Support (ECE): Ruth Ann Blake advised that she is covering off the position occupied by Meghan Norris who is on maternity leave.

ITI: Paul Grech said the local office has increased its program funds by more than \$200,000 this year. A new fund called the Community Adjustment Fund with a total budget of \$5.2 M is available this year.

Locally monies have been approved for the Community Greenhouse for interior improvements.

Brighter Futures: Joe Thrasher informed members that he is leaving his position July 17. A Youth whaling camp is planned this summer open to Inuvialuit youth.

Department of Fisheries & Oceans: Kym Brisebois reminded members of Oceans Day to be held this summer. Kym will be leaving Inuvik at the end of the summer.

Town of Inuvik (Community Services): Paul Ennis said his department is supporting the Corporate Fitness Challenge. 500 tee shirts are available.

Consideration is being given to the formation of a rugby league and touch football.

Hiring is about to begin for Summer Day programs.

MACA: Alfred Moses said he is new to his position that covers 13 communities in the Beaufort Delta and Sahtu.

Increased funding is available to support youth conferences and outdoor events. A Youth Centre initiative is available up to 25K.

The Department will support tours for persons who are good role models and have new messages for youth.

A funding binder is being compiled to assist groups with complete information on youth programs.

IRC (Research Advisor): Shannon O'Hara introduced herself to members. Her work monitors work going on in the region from a socio-cultural perspective.

A Working Group comprised of front line workers involved in research is planned with members from GTC, Parks Canada and DFO etc.

ARI: Alana Mero spoke to the need for a new Emergency Plan. The current one is 10 years out of date. Derek Lindsay agreed with this assessment.

8. Date of Next Meeting

September 16

The meeting ended at 2:45 PM.