



Inuvik Interagency Committee Newsletter

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Working Together For Wellness

Interagency Meetings are normally held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Next Meeting September 16, 2009 . The Interagency office is closed July—August 2009

Interagency News

Inuvik Interagency Committee - AGM

The Inuvik Interagency Committee held its annual general meeting on May 13. Committee members were updated on the Committee's activities -see highlights below. President of the Board of Directors, Alana Mero noted that attendance at monthly meetings has been quite good. This is very positive and points to the value that agencies see in sharing information and collaborating on issues of common concern.



The Committee approved the nomination of 10 Directors to its Board. These include returning Board members Alana Mero, Mary Ann Ross, Eugene Rees, Crystal Navratil, George Doolittle, and Joyce Lillegran. New Board members are Alfred Moses, Paul Ennis, Jennifer Cockney and Jacquie Roarco. The Board elected its Executive officers at a subsequent Board meeting with all officers re-elected to their positions: Alana Mero-President, Mary Ann Ross-Vice-President and Eugene Rees-Treasurer. Larry Peckford, Coordinator is Recording Secretary

Interagency 2008/2009- Highlights

- Complete accountability requirements for final payment from Northern Strategy-Community Capacity Fund

- Hold regular monthly Interagency meetings
- Establish fully operational Interagency website with Resource Directory and Community Events Calendar communication tools
- Publish regular Interagency electronic newsletter distributed to all agencies
- Support special activities of the Children First Society, Inuvik Food Bank and Inuvik Youth Centre
- Promote 2008 National Addictions Awareness Week in cooperation with Inuvik Community Corporation
- Hold regular monthly Youth Sub-committee meetings at SHSS
- Host/coordinator on behalf of the Inuvik Petroleum Show a community booth dedicated to local non-profit groups
- Represent Inuvik at Territorial and national conferences on such topics as volunteerism, poverty reduction and the role of the voluntary sector in community development
- Apply and receive charitable status under the Income Tax Act

Circumpolar Northern Games—August 6-9



2009 marks the 40th anniversary of founding of the Northern Games Society and the formal recognition of the Games as a true circumpolar event. As host community for 2009, during August Inuvik welcomes Inuit/Inuvialuit representatives and dignitaries from Alaska, Canada, Russia and Greenland for five days of formal and informal traditional activities and events highlighting the culture of the Inuit people.

The goals of the proposed activities and events include creating an opportunity for Inuit/Inuvialuit and their neighbours to gather in the traditions of their forefathers to celebrate and share the rich culture and fabric that make up the spirit of the people; and to help promote and expose other Canadians and international visitors to the beauty of Canada's Arctic and the warmth and traditions of its people.

For Inuit/Inuvialuit, the Northern Games carry a special poignancy, as they are a monument to the survival of people and culture in a harsh, isolated climate. The demonstration of the Games to a broader audience helps mark the collective achievement, strength, competence, oral tradition and physical skills of the peoples of the North, at a time where change in the North is increasingly affecting all Canadians. The Games help provide recognition of the Inuit/Inuvialuit peoples and their immeasurable contribution to the history of Canada. The Games help facilitate the ongoing human, cultural, spiritual, social, economic and professional development of Northerners by:

- The preservation and promotion of the oral, social and cultural heritage of Inuit/Inuvialuit through sport, games, songs, dance, music and other cultural expression
- The sharing of concerns about climate change and the natural environment through artistic expression
- The promotion and sharing of a culture in an increasingly global society
- The understanding of Inuit/Inuvialuit lifestyles to enhance and develop relations with Canadians from coast to coast to coast
- Providing an opportunity for training, capacity development, skill building, skill transfer and professional development for Inuit/Inuvialuit peoples, with particular attention to youth

For more information visit the Games web site: <http://www.northerngames.org/>

Inuvik Youth Centre News

Open House -- The Youth Centre recently held its Open House on Wednesday June the 17th, showcasing youth produced music and videos created over the past year through an alternate literacy program the centre has coined as "The Wholly Literate Program." The event was a success as curious visitors and supportive funders came in to view the multi-media projects. If you would like a copy, audio CD's are available upon request at the Youth Centre



Summer Hours – Summer drop in hours are changing!! We are now open from 6pm-10pm, Monday to Saturday. This summer the youth centre will be focusing on recreation programs such as soccer, baseball, swimming land trips, jewelry making and the greenhouse eco club.

Calling all Volunteers – Would you like to run a program with youth? If there are programs you would like to run in the summer or fall please get in touch with us at info@inuvikyouthcentre.org.

Great Northern Arts Festival – July 10 - 19

Since 1989, each summer in Inuvik the Great Northern Arts Festival (GNAF) has hosted up to 80 visual artists and 40 performers from across the North to celebrate the diversity that is Canada's North. These artists are Inuit, Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Dene, Metis and many of Canada's additional First Nations, as well as non-Aboriginal artists and artisans. They come from as far away as Pangnirtung on Baffin Island, Gjoa Haven in the Arctic Archipelago, Fort Smith on the NWT/Alberta border, and from the Yukon Territory. These artists come to show their work, meet other artists, see different styles of work and learn new techniques.

The Festival's theme for 2009 is ***Old Legends, New Dreams***. The ability to pass on artistic knowledge and generational tradition and culture from our master artists to our new, emerging artists is vital to sustaining the uniqueness of Northern art for many years to come.

In 2009 the Great Northern Arts Festival looks forward to welcoming both new and old faces to Inuvik and providing an inspiring, enjoyable and collaborative environment for our current, and future, northern artists. See the Festival's web site: <http://www.gnaf.org> for a complete list of activities and programs.

Inuvik Quilting Guild

Shona Barbour of the Inuvik Quilting Guild advises that the regular Monday get-togethers that are held at Aurora College will end on June 29 and resume September 14. In the meantime the Guild will be offering a number of summer activities that include two sessions (July 12 & 15) on fabric dying as part of the Great Northern Arts Festival.

The Guild will offer a Beginners Quilting class on August 10 and August 17. This training is a requirement in order to take further quilting courses in the fall.

On Monday July 6 a Sun Printing activity will take place at the Community Greenhouse from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. This is a fun evening experimenting with sun printing and dying.

Inuvik Family Centre Day Camp 2009



The Town of Inuvik hosts its Summer Day Camp program beginning June 29. The camp runs for seven weeks and ends August 14. Designed for children ages 4-12 the day camp experience is comprised of 7 individual weeks of different themes where the kids can enjoy all sorts of neat and interesting games and activities. This year camp themes range from Arctic Pirates Week, Wacky Water Week, a children's Talent Show and exploration of the Great Outdoors. The Town of Inuvik has hired 10 students to assist with the camp and other recreation activities.

The Summer Camp offers an option that allows for pre and post care time early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Parents can drop their children off to the camp one-half hour early in the morning (8:30 – 9:00) and pick up their child one-half hour later in the afternoon (4:30 – 5:00). This is to accommodate parent work schedules that are beyond regular day camp hours which are from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Daily camp costs per child are \$20 per day (\$100 for a 5 day period) and daily pre and post care is \$20 for each option or \$40 per week if both the pre care and post care options are required. Information and registration forms can be obtained by visiting the Midnight Sun Recreational Complex or by calling 777-4851.

Interagency Booth at the Inuvik Petroleum Show

Once again this year the Interagency Committee was offered a booth for the use of its members at the Inuvik Petroleum Show (IPS). In addition, the IPS made available individual booths to the Children First Society, Inuvik Youth Centre, Healthy Foods North and the Hospital Foundation.

The Interagency Committee's booth was utilized by units of BDHSSA—the Inuvik Counseling Program and the Community Health Representative/Public Health. The Inuvik Chapter of the NWT Council for Persons with Disabilities also set up its display and the Community Greenhouse used the booth for display of its materials. Crystal Navratil, Kathleen Mackey and Patricia Davison assisted considerably by being available at the booth and to answer questions from visitors.



Children First Society—Update



The Children First Society held its first Fund Raising Committee meeting on June 1. Attending the meeting were Paula Guy, Patricia Davison, Denise Kurszewski, Maria Arey-Storr, Peter Clarkson, Alana Mero, Claudine Wells and Larry Peckford.

An update on fundraising was provided to those attending. It was made clear that the Society is really starting at ground zero insofar as having a formal plan for fundraising in place. The focus of the meeting explored the various options available. Currently the Society has been able to access \$100,000 of the \$445,754 that was approved under the Community Capacity Building fund.

The Society's development of a Sponsorship and Gift Book is considered a good start to solicit funds for the project in the community. Local in-kind contributions were also felt to have good potential and can contribute considerably to the projects success.

Recent Activities:

The Board thanks Alana Mero for her contribution of \$500 received from her award as Volunteer of the Year. Alana was recognized at the recent NWT Association of Communities conference held in Inuvik.

Children First thanks its top sponsors for the month: Arctic Esso, MATCO, Town of Inuvik, Midnight Mechanical, Stantons Distributing, Horizon North Logistics and IRC Craft Shop.

Thanks to all the community members that donated and supported the garage sale held June 16: Proceeds from the garage sale was over \$1900.00. Also, thanks to those who supported and participated in the Walk for Tots held June 21.

Thank you to all that supported the Aboriginal Day Raffles which included slippers, sweater, cake, gas certificates and 50/50 draw. Slippers were won by Tanya Dillon, sweater: Nancy McLean, cake: Haily Vittrekwa, gas certificates: John Roland and William Firth and 50/50 draws Garret Notice & Frieda Nunik

Please watch for upcoming events over the summer including another garage sale in July.

Inuvik Interagency Committee Members List—2008/2009

Aurora College
Aurora Research Institute
Aboriginal Healing Foundation
Arctic Turn-Young Offenders Facility
Beaufort Delta Education Authority
Beaufort Delta Health and Social Services Authority
Bob Mellet
Children First Society
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Department of Executive
Department of Employment Culture and Education
Department of Industry Tourism and Investment
Department of Justice
Gwich'in Tribal Council
Great Northern Arts Festival
Healthy Foods North
Inuvik Community Corporation
Inuvik Community Greenhouse
Inuvik Community Counselling Program
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
Inuvik Food Bank
Inuvik Homeless Shelter
Inuvik Justice Committee
Inuvik Native Band/Nihtat Gwich'in Council
Inuvik Transition House
Inuvik Victims Services
Inuvik Youth Centre
Joyce Lillegran
MLA – Floyd Roland
MLA – Robert McLeod
NWT Housing Corporation
NWT Assoc. of Persons with Disabilities
Patricia Davison
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Samuel Hearne Secondary School
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Town of Inuvik