



**Dear Nunavut Symposium Participants and Inspired Members!**

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After a wet spring and summer, Autumn is shaping up to be a particularly colourful season here in the Annapolis Valley. We hope that you've all enjoyed a good summer!

We're delighted to share the results of our efforts this past summer to follow-up on the needs and interests expressed at the Nunavut Policy Symposium. We've been able to develop a number of resources from our May 2004 meeting at Acadia University:

**Nunavut Symposium Website** <http://plato.acadiau.ca/courses/pols/nunavut@5/media.htm>

We have created a Nunavut Symposium website which offers some key audio-visual, audio-only, and photographic records from our May discussions. We are in the midst of editing and refining the website. We are hoping that the website will become a valuable resource for policy makers, academics, citizens and students.

We are editing and adding more photographs in the next week. We hope you'll enjoy downloading and perhaps printing the material.

#### **Interactive Digital Documentary**

Our discussions in May were so fruitful that our original intent of creating a 1/2 hour digital documentary has evolved into a 2 hour interactive documentary which we will be able to distribute to you by mail. We'd like to mail each of you a copy, and are hoping that you can send us your *mailing address* by Monday. We're also planning to send copies to schools in Nunavut. Please send us contact details if there is any other organization that you think should receive a copy of the DVD.

**INSPIRED Website** <http://plato.acadiau.ca/courses/pols/inspired/inspired.htm>

We have created an initial website for INSPIRED which we're looking to tailor to your needs and interests. We're designing the website in a way that it can support collaborative research that will support your policy interests and priorities.

#### **Teleconference to follow-up on the INSPIRED Research Agenda, Nunavut Fellowship Program**

As some of you may be aware, the Inuksuk was toppled down by a troubled youth; the youth, his family, and his school sincerely regret this action. The entire community was saddened by this loss; indeed, a Grade One class of students wrote a Letter to the Editor of the local paper to express their sadness. We've fielded many calls from local citizens who were very upset about the destruction. Well-beyond our expectations, Acadia University just recently learned that Peter Irniq has generously offered to rebuild the Inuksuk. He'll be arriving in Wolfville on October 17, and will rebuild the Inuksuk on the 18th. On the 19th, he'll deliver a guest lecture to 120 keenly interested university students, including Stephanie Rose and Michael Aubie. The local media will cover the rebuilding of the Inuksuk and the local nursery will plant a garden on the site.

It is in the context of activity that we are organizing a teleconference to follow-up on the INSPIRED action plan. We are inviting you to participate in a short teleconference on Tuesday, October 19th, from 1:15 - 2:15 pm (Nova Scotia time), to discuss:

- your current and longer-term policy priorities to which INSPIRED could direct collaborative *research* support;
- the INSPIRED Nunavut Fellowship initiative;
- extending and deepening existing learning relationships for Nunavut post-secondary students.

As Acadia's President, Dr. Gail Dinter-Gottlieb, indicated when she supported the idea of the creation of a Nunavut Fellowship during her closing remarks at the Nunavut Policy Symposium, our University is committed to undertaking research initiatives that acknowledge the need to follow the lead, address the policy priorities, and respect and include the knowledge of Northerners. Furthermore, we're committed to developing research and teaching networks that build on initiatives that reflect a new collaborative model, an approach reflected in Carleton University's Nunavut Public Service Studies.

We need to hear from you by noon on Monday, October 4th as to whether you can participate in the teleconference. Furthermore, we would be able to jump into the teleconference more effectively and efficiently, if you could indicate your current policy priorities and what initiatives would benefit from research assistance from the academic sector.

Would you also please send your full contact information immediately so that we can update the websites with the information and also, mail a copy of the Symposium DVD to you.

We look forward to moving the INSPIRED agenda forward!

Good cheer,  
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