

# NEDA NEWS

## A Message from the Acting President

The Nunavut Economic Developers Association has had a busy summer. Our President Vincent Ningark, resigned as president, so I have stepped up to take the position as acting President; a role that I hope to fill as well as my predecessors.

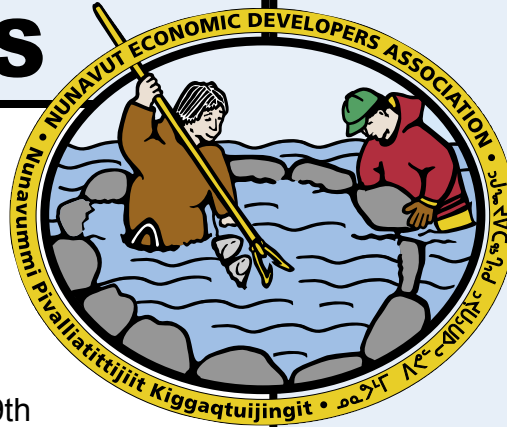
With Trade Shows, workshops, training and conferences, it has been a busy summer for all the EDOs.

The Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association held its Annual Arts and Crafts Festival in June. Over 40 artists and a few CEDO's attended with participants from all across Nunavut communities went to Rankin Inlet for the Festival. A lot of well-known artists from Across Nunavut showcasing their carvings and tapestries and a few up and coming artists took advantage to promote their crafts. It was a great time to showcase all of the fantastic artwork produced by Nunavummiut.

A cruise ship orientation course was hosted by Nunavut Tourism from July 8th to the 9th in Iqaluit. The course provided coaching for participating EDO's on how to prepare for Cruise ship arrivals into their communities. The workshop also covered community tour guiding and interpretation techniques. Preparation well in advance of cruise ship arrivals is always a key to a successful experience for both the visitors and the community. "The participants worked really hard and even gave up their Nunavut Day to attend the workshop." Says Maureen Bundgaard, CEO of Nunavut Tourism, "With motivated people like that in their communities, we can be sure of pleasant and memorable visits for the cruise ship tourists."

It's been an active summer and I look forward to next year's schedule.

Colin Saunders  
Acting President,  
Nunavut Economic Developers Association



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## Pond Inlet Happenings

**T**heresa Maktar and Ruth Sangoya successfully received funding to preserve traditional sewing. Funded by the Kakivak Association, they are holding a 3-week course to pass on the traditional knowledge in making Caribou skin clothing, Kamiks and the modern version of pull over parkas.

The course started out with learning how to soften the sealskins and tan the caribou hides, which takes quite a bit of time. The students who are taking the course found it to be a great learning experience, one student even found the time to learn how to make an amouti.

This course will help the younger generation keep the traditional knowledge alive, and through arts and crafts, may generate a little income for some families. It is important to retain the knowledge passed down from generation to generation to keep our heritage and culture preserved; many thanks to the Kakivak Association for assisting in this project.

Baffinland Iron Mines has restarted advanced exploration drilling at the Mary River iron ore deposit for the past few months. Core sample drilling is required to test the economic feasibility of the deposits. Historically five deposits have

general have as important role in assisting others in economic development", Chris Mitchell, T.S. Co-op's GM, "the project means between \$600,000 and \$2,000,000 to the co-op's revenue over the term of the agreement."



**Practicing traditional caribou skin preparation techniques in Pond Inlet**

been identified in the early 1960's, and is estimated to contain in excess of 120 million tons of high-grade iron ore.

The local Co-operative has signed contracts to assist in the work. A 30-man camp has been set up with 18 local hires at the site with 3 rotating shifts of 6 field technicians.

"The stores participation shows that Nunavut owned Co-operatives and business' in

So far, this has had a positive economic impact on the community of Pond Inlet. A welcomed boost for the residents, the potential for long term, sustainable economic development is there. If this mine were to go ahead, it will not only impact the North Baffin Region, but Nunavut as well. Drilling for

this year will be taking place until September 15<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to resume in June of 2005.

Hopefully, this is just the beginning, and with Baffinland working toward the completion of a positive feasibility study over the next 3 years, there is still a lot of work ahead of us.

Colin Saunders

## Broadband Gets Broader

The Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation (NBDC) is 'broadening' its office space to make room for two new staff. NBDC is leaving its shared office space with NEDA, and moving 4 doors down the hallway to Suite 115 in the 8 story high rise in Iqaluit.

**David Arreak**, an information technology specialist with experience in radio, TV, web site creation and computer hardware, has joined NBDC as the Technology Support and Services Supervisor. He will work with Community Service Providers delivering broadband in communities and is a welcome addition to the NBDC team. Contact David at [dtarreak@nunavut-broadband.ca](mailto:dtarreak@nunavut-broadband.ca).

**Bonita Hester** will be joining NBDC in mid-August to head up finance and administration. She will also be working on distance training initiatives, as Bonita brings experience in both finance and distance education to her new position with NBDC. Many Nunavummiut may know Bonita from her work at Nunavut Arctic College, where she pioneered some distance education courses in the 1990s. Bonita and David join Lorraine Thomas and Dave Smith to complete the team for NBDC operations.

SSI Micro (the network operator) and Nunanet in Iqaluit are working to launch residential services in Iqaluit in August in the first public launch. While equipment is being

installed in many communities this summer, the public won't be able to sign up for services until the end of September, when 9 more communities (with populations over 1000) will "go live". The remaining 15 communities will be connected one at a time as quickly as weather will permit – until every community is connected – scheduled to be completed by February of 2005.

For more information, contact Lorraine Thomas at (867) 979-0575, [lorraine@nunavut-broadband.ca](mailto:lorraine@nunavut-broadband.ca) or visit the NBDC website at:

[www.nunavutbroadband.ca](http://www.nunavutbroadband.ca)

Lorraine Thomas - NBDC

## Introducing the Inuit Heritage Trust

Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT) is involved in a number of traditional place names, archaeology, educational and heritage-related initiatives. We are a land claims organization responsible to Inuit of Nunavut. Our mandate comes from Articles 33 and 34 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Our Mission Statement is: The Inuit Heritage Trust Incorporated is an organization established by and for Inuit of Nunavut. The Trust is dedicated to the preservation, enrichment, and

protection of Inuit cultural heritage and identity embodied in Nunavut's archaeological sites, ethnographic resources, and traditional place names. The Trust's activities are based on the principle of respect for the traditional knowledge and wisdom of our Elders.



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# Mining and Economic Development

## A View from Cambridge Bay

The Hamlet of Cambridge Bay made a presentation to the Nunavut Impact Review Board July 11 – 13<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge Bay and on July 16<sup>th</sup> in Kugluktuk. The Hearings were for the proposed Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. Doris Gold Mine Project. This proposed mine will be located approx 160km south west of Cambridge Bay along the shore of Elu Inlet, adjacent to Bathurst Inlet.

This is only the second project ever in the history of Nunavut to have gone through a NIRB Part 5 review, which under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement is required for any major project. All the parties to the process are still learning how things will work, and exactly how to interpret the existing legislation and policies. The Nunavut Land Claims

Agreement Article 12 is what provides NIRB with the authority to conduct the review, and as such has a major focus on the environmental impacts of the project. There is some consideration under Article 12 for Socio-Economic impacts related to ecosystem impacts, and the ability for NIRB to make recommendations to the Minister of INAC on socio-economic impacts not related to the ecosystem impacts of the project.

The 4 parties that were concerned with socio-economic impacts were; DIAND, KIA, NTI, and the Hamlets. KIA and NTI feel that there are socio-economic issues that are not resolved by the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement, but that these remaining unresolved issues are the responsibility of the GN and the Hamlets to deal with. DIAND also is of the opinion that there are many socio-economic impacts left to be mitigated and that the GN and the Hamlets need to work together with the proponent to resolve them.

The Government of Nunavut did



**Chris King (left) speaking at a meeting in Cambridge Bay**

not send any representatives from the departments of; Education, Health & Social Services, Economic Development & Transportation, or Justice to make presentations or ask questions of the proponent about this project. Even though several studies and presentations by; NIRB, Miramar Hope Bay Ltd., Hamlet of Cambridge Bay, and DIAND identify many issues and impacts to programs and services provided by these GN departments.

As Economic Developers in Nunavut we need to be aware of possible projects that are taking place in the territory and work to ensure that all impacts are mitigated and that potential advantages are capitalized on. I encourage every member of NEDA to get in touch with NIRB

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to ensure that you are on the distribution list for projects. By being aware of possible projects we can ensure that Nunavut is positioned to benefit from jobs and contract opportunities created by these projects. In addition to the primary impacts of projects we need to ensure that secondary and tertiary opportunities are seized. These could include services provided to mine workers, or to contractors. Accommodations and meals for transient workers is another area that needs to be pursued more in Nunavut. Establishment of staging areas in local communities for materials, supplies and personnel is something that is underutilised in Nunavut.

The process for getting companies to the negotiating table is the NIRB process. By being aware in advance of the project, its scope and duration, communities are better able to identify opportunities and possible negative impacts that need to be mitigated. It is only through this diligence that we can all ensure that every opportunity is pursued and that we don't improve the economy at the expense of the people in our communities.

More information on NIRB and projects under review visit the NIRB site at <http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb>

Chris King, EDO Cambridge Bay

## Canadian Heritage Programs

PCH has the mandate for arts, cultural development, civic participation. Our mission is "Toward a creative and cohesive Canada" and our programs and services support these efforts.

Within the subject of sustainable economic development, PCH programs and services play an important role in supporting "social capital": the areas where community relations, trust, cross-cultural relations impact the ability for economic projects and plans to flourish. PCH works to address underlying social issues that would impact the ability for a community, cultural group or even individuals, participate in economic development.

There are two (2) different aspects to PCH involvement in economic development. First, we support arts and cultural industry development directly through funding programs specific industries and economic sectors. Second, we support "social capital" development - the community, individual and social-environment needed for sustainable economic development and equitable participation of citizens.

The second area that PCH contributes to economic development is through "social capital" supports. In the broader ec dev theory of development, PCH has the Federal mandate for the softer side of community development and supports integrated decision-making of all stakeholders, equity and quality of life of citizens. Key "social capital" issues include:

- Social participation/engagement and commitment
- Level of empowerment of individuals to participate in community, sectors and economy
- Personal sense of identity and one's perception of their community
- Social networks within communities and the Territory, supports and general cross-cultural interaction (including volunteerism and racism)
- Trust and reciprocity - the level of racism and understanding between companies, government, communities and individuals toward each other

While these areas are difficult to address, they are critical foundations in every community and among individuals. Without addressing historic issues, strained relations and cross-cultural relations, it is difficult to embark on sustainable economic development.

Investment also in individuals, gender groups (women in particular) and social impact assessments, particularly as to how development will impact families, communities, family violence, substance abuse, etc., is needed to ensure economic development does not negatively impact the community, and plan in advance to provide necessary community supports, programs and services. PCH has programs and expertise in this growing area of "social capital" as it relates to economic development.

For more information go to: [www.pch.gc.ca](http://www.pch.gc.ca)

### Upcoming events:

- Hudson Bay Neighbours Regional Round Table Meeting will be in Churchill from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2004
- CANDO annual Conference is October 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in Fredericton, New Brunswick
- EDAC's annual Conference is in Sydney, Nova Scotia this year on October 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2004
- the 2004 Kivalliq CEDO Conference & Training Session will be held in Rankin Inlet from October 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2004
- the Western Canada Junior Achievement Conference will be held in Winnipeg from January 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 2005
- NEDA AGM will be held September 28, 2004 by teleconference
- the 2005 NEDA Conference will be held in February 2005 – location to be confirmed
- the 2005 Nunavut Mining Symposium will be held in Rankin Inlet from April 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2005



**Kyra Fisher and Tara Fesyk looking for a BIG peice of Muktaaq at the 2004 Nunavut Arts and Crafts Festival in Rankin Inlet**

**Check out the MTO training schedule at:**  
**[www.mto.web.ca](http://www.mto.web.ca)**



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# Nunavut Economic Developers Association

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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**Type of Membership Desired (check one only):**

<b>FULL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>Dues: NONE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Full membership is only open to Economic Development Officers (EDOs) working for Nunavut hamlets. VOTING RIGHTS.

<b>INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>Dues: \$ 50.00 per year</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Individual associate membership is open to individuals that support NEDA's work and goals. VOTING RIGHTS.

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Institutional associate membership is open to organizations, government agencies, and other institutional bodies that support NEDA's work and goals. NO VOTING RIGHTS.

*All memberships are valid from April 1 of one year to March 31 of the following year. Dues are payable in full. No discounts are given for memberships purchased part way through the year.*

***Please read the following statement and sign and date your application:***

I have read and support the objects of the Nunavut Economic Developers Association and I agree to abide by its by-laws.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Send your membership form and cheque made payable to Nunavut Economic Developers Association to the address below:

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