



News Release

Sustainable Development Minister opens Nunavut Development Corporation office in Rankin Inlet

IQALUIT, Nunavut (December 2, 1999) – Sustainable Development Minister Peter Kilabuk officially opened the new Nunavut Development Corporation office in Rankin Inlet.

"I was pleased to be able to open the Nunavut Development Corporation office," Minister Kilabuk said. "I look forward to working with the Corporation board members to strengthen the operations of the Corporation and to examine new opportunities for Nunavummiut."

During the October session of the Legislative Assembly, Minister Kilabuk announced the establishment of the Corporation and the appointment of its seven board members. Earlier this year, Minister Kilabuk announced the appointment of John Hickee of Rankin Inlet as the Corporation's first president. The board is expected to hold its first meeting in Rankin Inlet in early January.

The Board is responsible for administering the *Nunavut Development Corporation Act*. The Corporation currently operates nine businesses in seven Nunavut communities, largely in the arts and crafts and meat and fish processing sectors. The Corporation is also responsible for identifying new investment opportunities in communities to promote economic growth and diversification.

Appointments for the first three-year term are:

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| • Wilf Wilcox | Cambridge Bay |
| • Aiju Peter | Iqaluit |
| • Peter Tatty | Rankin Inlet |
| • Jacopie Maniapik | Pangnirtung |
| • Peter Keenainak | Iqaluit |
| • William Noah | Baker Lake |
| • Jackie Nakoolak | Coral Harbour |

An estimated 625 Nunavut residents are currently employed in Nunavut Development Corporation business, which include:

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| • Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd. | • Ivalu Ltd. – Rankin Inlet |
| • Uqqurmiut Arts & Crafts 1993 Ltd. - Pang | • Taluq Designs – Taloyoak |
| • Kiluk Ltd. - Arviat | • Keewatin Meat and Fish Ltd. – Rankin Inlet |
| • Kitikmeot Foods Ltd. – Cambridge Bay | • Whale Cove Fish Plant – Whale Cove |
| • Jesse Oonark Ltd. – Baker Lake | |

The Nunavut Development Corporation also maintains a small division in Toronto for the sale of arts and crafts produced in its businesses.

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