



News release

Government donates language flash cards to the Nunavut Literacy Council

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 20, 2003) – Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Minister Jack Anawak announced that the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth has donated 100 sets of Inuktitut and 100 sets of Inuinnaqtun flash cards to the Nunavut Literacy Council.

The original Inuktitut flash cards were produced in September 2002 and distributed to daycares in Nunavut as a contribution to Literacy Week by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. The Department received positive feedback on the flash cards from the daycares and from Nunavummiut, including adults who are trying to learn Inuktitut. In response to the demand, the Department ordered more sets in Inuktitut and produced a new set in Inuinnaqtun.

The Nunavut Literacy Council will make these sets of the flash cards available to individuals who are interested in furthering their Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun speaking skills. To inquire about obtaining a set of flash cards, Nunavummiut are encouraged to contact the Literacy Council in Cambridge Bay by calling 867-983-2678.

“If Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun are to survive and develop, we need to work with other organizations to promote and protect the traditional Inuit language,” Minister Anawak said. “The Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, working in partnership with others, can provide them with the tools they need to contribute to the effort.”

This donation was made to the Literacy Council in appreciation of its work towards promoting literacy in Nunavut. Inuinnaqtun flash cards will also be distributed to daycares and the hamlet offices in Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk.

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