News Release

2009 Summer Student Employment Equity Program: A Success

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 23, 2009) – The Minister of Human Resources Daniel Shewchuk is pleased to announce the success of the 2009 Summer Student Employment Equity Program (SSEEP).

This past summer, the Government of Nunavut hired 165 summer students in 19 different communities throughout the territory as part of the SSEEP. Beneficiaries of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement made up 80% of the participating students.

"The implementation of the Summer Students Employment Equity Program reflects our Government's emphasis on training and education." said Human Resources Minister Daniel Shewchuk. "The work experience gained from this Program will provide these students with the tools they need to be successful in the future, and hopefully motivate them to consider a career in the public service. An investment in the education of our youth is an investment in our territory," said Minister Shewchuk.

NLCA beneficiary Clark Gauthier has worked with the Department of Environment for the past three summers. During the school year, Clark is enrolled in the Fish and Wildlife Technology program in Sault College in Sault St. Marie. "Working with the Department of Environment has been a great opportunity for me," said Gauthier. "I'm grateful to be employed in my chosen field of study and look forward to taking this practical experience back to the classroom."

The Government of Nunavut's Summer Student Employment Equity Program was designed to give Nunavut youth a chance to gain meaningful work experience within the public sector while fostering continuous education.

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