



News Release

Nunavut Arctic College president appointed

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 7, 2012) – Nunavut Arctic College Board of Governors and Premier, Eva Aariak, today announced the appointment of Michael Shouldice as president of Nunavut Arctic College (NAC).

"Mike's commitment to post-secondary education, students and community in Nunavut has spanned almost four decades," said Premier Aariak. "His dedication and leadership, particularly in language and culture, are admirable and will serve him well as president of Nunavut Arctic College."

Mr. Shouldice has been at the college since 1987, and was an instructor and Kivalliq Campus dean before acting as president for the past 9 months. He is also heavily involved in the Kivalliq Mine Training Society.

"I'd like to congratulate Mike on his appointment. His hard work in building strong connections between programs and jobs in industry is commendable," said Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Daniel Shewchuk. "As a college, we are well positioned to play a stronger role in Nunavut's growing economy."

Nunavut is the only post-secondary institution in the territory and has a presence in all 25 communities. Programs run from basic adult education to 4-year degree programs. The college is directed by a board of governors.

"Mike has ensured that there is a balance between northern and southern learning expectations and brought Inuit culture into the forefront of our adult and post secondary education systems," said NAC Board Chair Frank Pearce. "Mike has the full confidence of the board of governors and we know he will lead the college well, as it moves forward as a degree-granting institution."

Mr. Shouldice's appointment is effective immediately and he will continue to work from Rankin Inlet.

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