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History Made: Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly Ratifies Land Claims Agreement

History was made on December 6, and many LIA members were there to witness it. After a lengthy session that went on well into the evening, the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly passed Bill 44, the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act. Following the Bill's passage, Lieutenant Governor Ed Roberts arrived and officially signed the Agreement into law. He said that it was "a day to be remembered, a day to be honoured, a moment in our history" that would bring great benefits not only to Labrador Inuit but to all the people of Newfoundland and Canada.

The passage of Bill 44 is historically significant for several reasons. This is the first aboriginal land claim to be negotiated and ratified in this province, and the last Inuit land claim to be settled in Canada.

LIA President William Andersen III also commented on the historic importance of the Bill and spoke about the future effects of the land claim settlement. "The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement will bring real and meaningful benefits to all of us—Newfoundlanders and Labradorians and all Canadians,"

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Photo (L-R): Silpa Edmunds, Sophie Tuglavina, Anton Nochasak and Nat Iglooliorte celebrate Dec. 6, 2004.

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President's Message



William Andersen III, President, LIA

As another year draws to a close, it is a pleasure to be able to report on another milestone for Labrador Inuit. I was in the House of Assembly on December 6 as one of many LIA members who were both witness to a historic event and proud to be part of the process that made it happen. On that day, Bill 44, The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act, passed by a 40-1 vote.

The strong vote in favour and the all-party support the Bill received was another good indication of solidarity in a year that has been marked by growing unity and support around the Agreement. Last May, when LIA members were called on to come out and vote to support it, they did so in record numbers. I have no doubt that the strong message our members sent was instrumental in creating the momentum and support that has since been demonstrated by our provincial and federal partners in negotiation. We can all be proud of the part we played.

There are many, of course, who must be thanked for playing more than their part—for taking on pro-active roles as leaders, negotiators, Board members, dedicated employees and volunteers over the years. For almost 30 years, they worked toward our land claim, overcame obstacles and discouragement, spent untold time away from their homes and families, and worked incredibly long hours. They did all this because they believed in something bigger than any one of us. At each milestone in our progress, we need to honour their vision and their effort. We must also remember the ones who are no longer with us although their spirit is. This Agreement is part of their legacy.

Another important step needs to be taken in the new year. The Agreement will need to be ratified in the Canadian House of Commons and Senate. LIA's leadership is now focused on this final process, and we are doing everything in our power to ensure that federal ratification occurs in the spring of 2005.

This will not be an end, however, but a beginning. The transition to self-government in Nunatsiavut will not happen overnight. It will take time, patience and hard work. Our Transition Committee is well aware of the challenges ahead and its members are working to ensure that we will be ready when the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement comes into effect. Transition team meetings were held Dec 7-9, and portfolios have been tentatively assigned to the following LIA Executive Members, Vice President Tony Andersen, Vice President Gus Dicker, Vice President Ben Ponniuk, Vice President Zippie Nochasak, and myself.

The year 2005 will be a year of great potential for Labrador Inuit. It will mark a point when we leave a negotiation process behind and move on to the beginnings of a new regime, a new way of doing things. What we make of that potential is up to all of us. As we approach this juncture, I want to thank everyone who worked on behalf of LIA this past year in all our organizational divisions and affiliates. All of your individual efforts unite to make our organization and our communities strong. I wish you all peace and happiness during the holiday season. And above all I wish you hope; it is what we have been working to create together this past year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Andersen III'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

William Andersen III, President

Photo (L-R): Premier Danny Williams; Minister Tom Rideout; and LIA President William Andersen III at the December 6 press conference.



Language and Culture

Hebron Restoration Project Progress

In 1959, the Moravian Church, the Grenfell Medical Mission and the provincial government decided to suspend services to the northern communities of Hebron and Nutak. Residents were resettled to Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and North West River with promises of improved social and economic conditions. Instead, a social, cultural and economic disintegration occurred, the effects of which can be felt to this day. In recent years, efforts have been made to restore the Hebron site and to reclaim this piece of Labrador Inuit history.

The 2004 season saw significant progress on the project. The main building is now partially finished and by the end of the season, the roof will be totally enclosed. The project also faced a number of challenges. There were problems with building supplies and catering services. Now that these issues have been resolved, LIA anticipates a much smoother season in 2005.

Meetings are currently underway regarding the future use of the building. While all parties would like to see some economic benefit result from the restoration, there are many ways the building could be used – from an interpretation centre to a facility for Inuit social and youth programs.

The next step in the project is consultation with the community and



Photo: Hebron Restoration Site.

securement of ACOA funding for the next phase.

Train the Trainer Workshop for Introductory Inuktitut Curriculum

Revitalizing the language means having qualified, well-prepared instructors. To this end, a Train the Trainer Workshop was held in August 2004 to prepare instructors to teach Introductory Inuktitut. The workshop was held in Nain from August 6 to 13 with nine participants attending full time. The workshop was held again in Hopedale from August 16 to 27. Andrea Webb was the instructor. Course content consisted of an Introductory Inuktitut Curriculum developed by Harriet Andersen.

At the end of the workshop, each participant was ready to deliver the curriculum as Inuktitut Instructors in their own communities. Feedback indicates the program was a great success. LIA and Torngâsok extend

congratulations to the eight participants who successfully completed the workshop: Maria Dicker and Katie Harris from Nain; Matilda Nochasak, Boas Frieda, and Katie Pijogge from Hopedale; Paul Jararuse from Rigolet; Hulda Semigak from North West River; and Sarah Asivak from Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Language Revitalization Strategist at Work

Sybella Tuglavina is Torngâsok's Language Revitalization Strategist. Her one-year position, ending in January 2005, includes a number of activities designed to gather information and formulate strategies to keep the language alive. Her duties over the year include:

- analyzing a language survey that was conducted in the year 2000 in the northern communities and Upper Lake Melville;

- conducting a second language survey in 2004 to compare the status of the Inuktitut language in 2004 to that of 2000;
- community consultations: meeting with various groups and agencies, including community language committees, in each north coast community to come up with Community Language Plans;
- conducting research on various language revitalization strategies; and
- providing a final report on the statistics regarding Labrador Inuktitut, using both language surveys.

The report will include short-term and long-term strategies and individual community language plans and will provide a valuable information base

and planning tool for future revitalization projects.

Inuktitut UKalalau- utta Society - Let's Speak Inuktitut

Representatives from community language committees along the coast met with Torngâsok staff in Nain on March 16, 2004 to reinstate the regional language committee that was established in 1999. It was agreed to rename the committee Inuktitut Ukalaoutta Society (Let's Speak Inuktitut). Participants discussed the goals and expectations of the new committee. Torngâsok staff gave an overview of the Centre's programs and projects, including the work of the Language Revitalization Strategist, and

provided an update on the National Inuit Language Committee meeting in Ottawa. Recommendations from the Hopedale Youth Symposium were discussed. The meeting also included a statement of objectives and incorporation of the Inuktitut Ukalaoutta Society. By-laws from the Nunainguk Historical Society were revised and adopted.

Frances Murphy, the Inuktitut Ukuasinik Aulatsiji (Inuktitut Language Program Coordinator) is responsible for administering programs such as the Inuktitut Ukalaoutta Society that are funded under the Aboriginal Languages Initiative.

The next meeting of the Society was planned for November. Agenda items included a planning exercise and updates from the community language committees.

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he said. "Its provisions for certainty and rights create clarity for the future. It will allow us to build on the partnerships we have begun to work toward sustainable development, economic growth and social justice. It will preserve one of the last great wildernesses on earth by giving us Torngat Mountains National Park. For Labrador Inuit, and especially for our young people, it means a future we can build together. It gives us the means to turn the dream of self-determination into action under self-government in our homeland: Nunatsiavut."

Attending the House of Assembly with President Andersen were LIA Vice President Tony Andersen, LIA Chief Negotiator Toby Andersen, directors of the Board and many LIA members. Members of LIA's Transition Committee were also in the Public Galleries to witness the legislation process.

The next step is to have the Agreement ratified in the Canadian House of Commons and Senate, which is expected to happen in the spring of

2005. To that end, LIA is involved in a series of ongoing consultations with Ottawa MPs, Senators and bureaucrats to ensure the process stays on track. In the meantime, a signing ceremony in Nain is scheduled for January 21, 2005.

With the passage of Bill 44 accomplished, LIA's Transition Committee remained in St. John's for a series of meetings to continue planning for the establishment of the Nunatsiavut Government.



Photo: Elders and LIA members celebrate December 6 Ratification

LIDC / Economic Development

Postville Lumber Operation: Increased Productivity and Plans for Expansion

Postville's lumber operation has been active for four years during the winter months. The operation uses saw logs to produce lumber, all of which has been purchased by Labrador markets. The volume of the 2003 harvest was 3400 cubic metres, generating revenues of \$174,000. Productivity and revenues were anticipated to be higher during the next season. One of the greatest benefits to date has been on-the-job training. The operation initially began as a harvesting project, as LIDC was unable to secure funding for a sawmill. Instead, LIDC negotiated a contract with Corner Brook Pulp and Paper for the purchase of wood at \$47 per cubic metre. LIDC management decided to use this opportunity to generate revenues

toward the long-term goal of purchasing a sawmill for the operation. While there has been no government funding to date, there has been recent interest from ACOA.



Photo: Appak crew preparing gear.

Torngat Fisheries Planning for the Future

The Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative Society is an independent organization that provides a major business function for LIA members. Through utilizing its own fish quotas in addition to LIA's fish resources, Torngat Fish Producers creates employment and economic benefit for LIA's membership. This past season was a very good one, with the crab

and turbot fisheries continuing until the end of October.

Torngat and LIA have formed a joint committee to investigate and evaluate the possibility of merging all north coast fisheries into a single entity to maximize resources, investment and opportunity. It is hoped that in the near future an agreement on the preferred course of action will be reached and a proposal submitted to the boards for their approval.

Planning for Transition: Building the Nunatsiavut Executive Council

Following the successful ratification of the Land Claims Agreement in the House of Assembly, LIA's transition team met in St. John's to continue planning for the transitional government of Nunatsiavut. The transitional government will be led by an Executive Council made up of five members.

President William Andersen will act as the President of the Executive Council, with overall responsibility for

intergovernmental affairs. Vice President Tony Andersen will act as First Minister with responsibilities including coordination between departments and community affairs. LIA Secretary-Treasurer Gus Dicker will take on the role of Vice President responsible for the Department of Finance and Human Resources. Two recently appointed Vice Presidents will fill the other two roles. Ben Ponniuk will serve as Vice President respon-

sible for Social and Economic Development. Zippie Nochasak will serve as Vice President responsible for Lands and Resources.

Planning is now ongoing to put in place personnel who will be responsible for the key divisions within these Departments. LIA is making every effort to ensure that a solid, working structure will be in place before the effective date of the Agreement.

Ikajuttige dluta angini Katsiavugut.



together we're stronger.



December 6-mi, sak Kititsilauk Kugut pusiujumik

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On December 6, We Made History Together

With the passage of Bill 44 in the House of Assembly, the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement was ratified by our government. Making history as the first aboriginal land claim in our province. Thanks to all-party support within our government. One step remains: federal ratification in Spring, 2005. We are working toward that goal. With a full transition team in place to lay the groundwork for self-government in Nunatsiavut. Join us in the celebration.

Partner with us in the future.



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Health Care

LIA Vice President Tony Andersen's Presentation at the Health Sectoral Session. Ottawa, November 4, 2004.

Minister, fellow aboriginal leaders and invited guests.

It gives me great pleasure to speak to you today on behalf of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami or ITK – Canada's national Inuit organization. As the Vice President of the Labrador Inuit Association, I am aware of the solidarity and strength that comes from being a part of this much larger organization. ITK represents Inuit who live mainly in 53 arctic communities.

We live in Nunatsiavut (Newfoundland and Labrador); in Nunavik (Quebec); in Nunavut; and in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region of the Northwest Territories. We are also spread far and wide through Canada and beyond. We are distinct in our differences yet united in our common goals.

One of the key goals of Inuit in Canada has been the settlement of land claims. When Labrador Inuit voted to support our land claims agreement on May 26, 2004, we brought into its concluding phase the fourth and final comprehensive agreement signed by Inuit in Canada.



Photo: LIA Vice-President Tony Andersen presents at Prime Minister's Round Table on Health.

Through our land claims processes and the structures and organizations we've built to make them happen, Inuit in Canada have learned many valuable lessons.

In our struggle for equality, for quality of life that meets Canadian standards, for structures in which we can develop and share the wealth of our resources, we've learned that we must begin with healthy communities.

Land claims agreements provide the tools, institutions and processes that both Inuit and governments on all levels can use to improve our health, economic and social circumstances.

For generations, Inuit have understood that our health is impacted by our total environment - physical, economic and social. History has taught us this.

We have seen the effects of poverty, unemployment, inadequate housing, poor nutrition and lack of services. We have witnessed the impacts of inadequate education, residential schools, cultural dislocation, lack of opportunity and – above all – lack of hope.

These impacts include family breakdown and violence. They have put our youth at high risk for addictions. They have placed us in a



Photo: Focus group session at LIHC Annual Health Conference, Oct 18-22, North West River.

position where mental health and suicide are our number one problem and number one priority. The statistics can be overwhelming; the **human cost** even more so.

But as Inuit, in this great nation called Canada, we know what is needed to turn this situation around.

We believe that what is needed is a holistic and comprehensive approach. There must be recognition of all the factors that contribute to physical and mental health. There must also be a will and a commitment to take real and

meaningful steps to change the circumstances Inuit live in.

Above all, Inuit organizations and governments need to invest significant resources to create positive change.

I am pleased to be here today because I believe that together, we can work for this change. Inuit and governments federal, provincial, and territorial all have a stake in making it happen.

Mr. Minister, we thank you and your government for having set the stage for progress to happen!

This is only one of six sessions that are beginning to address issues of critical importance to Inuit. We hope that this signals a growing awareness by all parties that the health of our communities requires multiple strategies and a willingness to work together.

As an Inuk, and specifically as a Labrador Inuk, I welcome this process. The health issues Inuit face are not just our issues they are indicators of the health of the nation. Taking steps to resolve them together makes us all stronger.

Recap of National Addictions Awareness Week

National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW), November 14-20, 2004

During the week of November 14-20, 2004, LIHC community offices celebrated NAAW. Every year, throughout this week, LIHC focuses activities on addictions and the promotion of LIHC services.

This year some of the activities included:

Recognition Suppers: These were held in a couple of communities and included a supper and presentation of certificates to individuals who

have quit abusing alcohol and continue on their road to recovery.

Open Houses: Community members were invited to come to the LIHC offices and view on-site materials. Other organizations were also invited to have a display on addictions issues.

Presentations: Presentations on addictions were made in many schools to different grade levels.

Community Feasts: These included traditional foods and entertainment.

These are only a few of the activities that were hosted in the communities throughout the week. The community offices did an excellent job and the turnout to these activities and events continues to grow every year. Thanks to all who were involved!



Photo: Receiving a certificate at a recognition supper in HVGB is Selma Jararuse, presented by Wilson Onalik, Aftercare Coordinator LIHC.

Meet Our Members – Toby Andersen

Interview with Toby Andersen

One Man's Land Claims History: an Interview with Toby Andersen

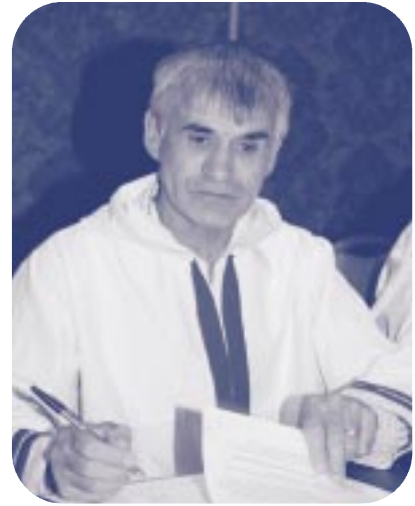
Toby Andersen, LIA's Chief Land Claims Negotiator, remembers the factors that came together to bring him into the long process that has resulted in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. In the early 1970s, the James Bay and Northern Québec land claim was under negotiation. Toby remembers: "I could see that it was good for the Inuit of Québec, but Labrador Inuit rights in Québec were being extinguished. I wondered if other claims could extinguish our rights in Labrador. It seemed like a land claim would be the way we'd have to go if we were ever to take control over our own destiny and promote our language and culture." The legacy of relocation also played an important role in his decision to get involved. The resettlement of the people of Hebron and Nutak had been done without their input and with promises for a better life that had never been fulfilled. It had become apparent that change and redress would only come through self-determination and the achievement of self-government.

A fisherman, Toby was encouraged by LIA leader Bill Edmunds to get involved. By 1982, he was putting his knowledge to use as a LIA negotiator on Labrador Inuit land claims in Québec, working on the fisheries file. Building his experience steadily over the years, he became LIA Chief Negotiator in 1989. "I worked like a dog as a fisherman," he says, "but it was nothing compared to land claims."

The difficulties of negotiation were grounded in the realities of the time. While the federal government had a land claims process in place, the provincial government had no land claims policy until 1980. Furthermore, many government members and bureaucrats did not understand that Labrador Inuit were a distinct aboriginal people, and few were aware of the circumstances of their lives. "We had two roles," Toby says, "negotiator and teacher. We had to educate the negotiators and the bureaucracy. What worked was to bring them in and take them inland from Nain. It was a real eye-opener for them; they could visualize what we were talking about."

Education and negotiation went hand in hand throughout the process. LIA had to lay much of the groundwork. For many years, the provincial government saw "self-government" as simply administering existing programs. Often talks stalled when LIA proposals did not fit into existing proposals. Toby remembers: "We'd leave a full day of meetings and be up half the night drafting policies." Frustrations and set-backs were regular: "There were times when we'd walk away from the table saying, 'this is not going anywhere.'" Discussions bogged down when the two levels of government could not agree on intergovernmental matters and sharing financial responsibilities.

Toby also remembers key turning points, including a series of discussions between William Barbour, former LIA President, and Premier Brian Tobin that "cracked open the major issues" and gave the provincial chief negotiator a mandate to negotiate meaningful self-government which, as a Newfoundland



MP, Tobin had supported within the amendment to the Canadian Constitution in 1987. He also credits negotiator Harold Marshall with doing much to further the process. "There were major issues," he says. "Once we got at them—the size of the Settlement Area, development issues, revenue-sharing—that was a turning point." Patience was the key, and not only on the part of the negotiators: "One of the things that I remember and appreciate," Toby says, "is that we weren't hounded by our own people. They'd say 'you're doing well, continue on.'" LIA continued with the approach advocated by Inuit leaders such as Jerry Sillitt and Martin Martin: negotiation not confrontation.

Still, commitment to such a long and difficult process wasn't easy. Long stretches away from home and family were a challenge: "If I didn't have the wife I had, it wouldn't have been possible."

Toby also remembers an awful sense of responsibility. "Nobody knows the pressure we were under," he says. "The toughest part was bringing home the final agreement. We couldn't sign off. I'd say

to myself, you are negotiating the future of your people. Is it good enough?" The day finally came when he could say yes.

Toby believes that the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement is one of the best in Canada. Some see it as a model for future agreements. Its unique features includes a comprehensive self-government structure, provisions for a commercial fishery,

and provisions for beneficiaries outside the Settlement Area. He believes that the structure of self-government will create great opportunities for Labrador Inuit and is already creating hope. He notes that more young people are talking about furthering their education and training and coming home to work for Nunatsiavut. He says he encourages them to think that, "how it is going to be done is up

to you. This is your future."

As for himself, he says "I have no plans yet," focusing steadily on getting to the effective date. "It's been a long time, a lot of work, I suppose I'm at the point where I could retire. But I have no pension plan so I've got to stick around a little longer. I'm hoping there's some role I can still play, some way I can use all the things I've learned."

Meet Our Members – Jim Igloliorte

Jim Igloliorte wasn't looking for a second or even third career, but when LIDC offered him a position, he happily accepted. Effective November 23, 2004, a man with an impressive history as an educator and judge became LIDC's St. John's Office Manager. Working with Ellen Ford, Jim will be involved with both fisheries and the stone quarry operation, primarily in marketing.

Born in Hopedale, Jim attended the local Moravian grade school and then the Yale School in North West River. He graduated from Memorial University in 1973 with degrees in science and education and went to work as a teacher and vice-principal in Lark Harbour.

His legal career began in 1980 when the Department of Justice asked him to assume the duties of magistrate. In 1985, he earned a law degree from Dalhousie University and was appointed circuit judge for the Labrador Coast from Nain to Mary's Harbour. The circuit expanded to include all of Labrador from 1985 – 1993. For the next three years he served Corner Brook and the Northern Peninsula, including the Burgeo and Stephenville circuits.

From the beginning, Jim worked to ensure that the justice system was applied in a way that respected the culture and traditions of Inuit and all aboriginal people. He joined LIA in 1985 and in 1996 became a member of the land claims team. While his responsibilities as a judge kept him from remaining directly involved with LIA's land claims effort, Jim knew that he wanted to become involved with the Association again, and his recent retirement allowed him to do just that. While his current field of work is entirely new to him, Jim's background as a judge has prepared him well, providing him with people skills and extensive experience working closely with lawyers and a range of legal documents.

With regard to economic development, Jim says LIDC is "in an excellent position to ensure that more Inuit become employed." He feels that there is already a very positive history of employing Inuit on large projects such as Voisey's Bay, and that there is great potential for further Inuit employment with all LIDC subsidiaries.

Jim is confident in the Transition Team now planning for the new Nunatsiavut



government. He is pleased that its members are well known and trusted by Labrador Inuit and that they have the necessary "expertise and confidence in their roles."

Jim believes that the future offers Labrador Inuit a great deal of hope. His advice to youth is to value the importance of an education – high school and beyond – and know that there are hundreds of career opportunities opening up and the future looks very promising.

Jim Igloliorte can be reached directly at Sea Voyager, tel: 709-739-7036.

Speaking Out: What Does the LILCA and Nunatsiavut Mean to You?

Through the help of LIA field workers in Postville, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Hopedale, Makkovik and North West River, residents were asked the following questions and here are their answers.

Question 1:
With both the land claim agreement being finalized and the new Nunatsiavut government being established in 2005, what do you think the future holds for you?

Clifford Jacque – Elder, Postville

I'm retired now, but for the younger generations coming up, it's a good thing. They're the ones that will benefit overall.

Amy Ford – Youth, Postville

I think it will offer a lot more for my age group, such as better funding for schooling and I could see more options available for the youth, for instance, groups that would be formed in each community to discuss community needs.

Casey Pijogge – Youth, Hopedale

I think that when this agreement and government comes into effect, we will have more control over ourselves, our culture and our land. I think that this agreement is good for all the Inuit people of Labrador.

Katie Pijogge – Elder, Hopedale

Once the Land Claims Agreement and the Nunatsiavut Government is established, I think that this agreement and the new government will provide solid groundwork for future endeavors for my grandchildren and all Inuit youth.

Mitchell White – Youth, Happy Valley Goose Bay

I think the future holds great career opportunities for the youth of the Land Claims Areas as well as some not in the Land Claims Areas. I think that the new government will give us more of a sense of pride to be a member of Nunatsiavut rather than a minority.

I think the agreement will get us to better appreciate our heritage and understand the "old" way of life. I think also that we would have better representation when it comes to the President and the Vice President of the Labrador Inuit Association.

Pauline Andersen – North West River

I think the future is very promising especially when it comes to fishing and hunting rights of the Inuit people in our own lands.

Emma Broomfield – Elder Makkovik

No one knows what the future holds.

Jason Edmunds – Youth, Makkovik

In my future, I'll have a chance to get a better education, and with my education, I'll be able to come back home to the North Coast and have a good career. I'll also have more of a say of what happens on the North Coast

Question 2:
What changes do you expect? And what would you like to see happen?

Clifford Jacque – Elder, Postville

I expect probably more taxes on us, according to what I was reading in the book (the Land Claims Agreement book) anyway.

I would like to see more jobs for our people. More educational programs and/or training for the younger generations.

Amy Ford – Youth, Postville

I expect to see more and better services for our people. I would like to see a Language Nest in each



Photo: The future is bright for Labrador Inuit youth.

community. We need to bring back our language. More visits in the communities by Nunatsiavut leaders.

Casey Pijogge – Youth, Hopedale

Some of the things I would like to see happen is change some of the school curriculum and provide students with more opportunities to go on student exchange trips so that we can learn about other people and cultures.

Katie Pijogge – Elder, Hopedale

I expect more jobs and compensation for our Labrador Inuit. I also think that we will be recognized more and have our own voice to keep our culture and language strong.

Mitchell White – Youth, Happy Valley-Goose Bay

What I would like to see is better school systems in place and to have more Inuit teachers who are more experienced. Also, to ensure that the instructors hired have a better understanding of the Labrador Inuit People.

It also would be nice to have youth activities put in place such as a game/pool hall that is open until at least midnight. Maybe also some Inuit games set up. I know this will keep us youth from getting into mischief.

Pauline Andersen – North West River

The changes that I expect or would like to see happen is that the senior citizens of the Land Claims Area have help with regards to having a way to access going out to get their foods from the lands such as caribou, partridge birds, berries, rabbits, fish, etc.

Some seniors do not have the means to do this themselves and would like to have food from the lands. It would be great for them to know that there is a supply of tools and equipment to go out and get this for them. When I say equipment, I mean things such as rifles, skidoos, kamotiks, and experienced hunters and fishers, etc.

I also would like to see people who are not able to work or low-income families to have access to housing and housing repairs. I am sure that it would be greatly appreciated by the seniors and other citizens.

I hope one thing that does not change and that is the funding the youth and members receive when going to college or university to better educate them and feel good about their self.

Emma Broomfield – Elder, Makkovik

I know we will have our own government, but I don't know what kinds of changes to expect. I would like to see

more recreational activities for the children and more jobs made available to our people. I would like to see a better Inuit curriculum – available to all grades. They would have a better chance of securing employment if they were bilingual.

Jason Edmunds – Youth, Makkovik

I expect to see a lot of changes within the government structure. Hopefully we will get a lot more 'stuff' for our youth, for example, more recreational facilities. I'm not expecting any bad changes. I would like to see more meetings so that people can be informed and this will allow all people to have a say in what happens within the Nunatsiavut Government.

Many thanks to Gloria Jacque, Ethel Hunter, Carol Gear and Marilyn White for their assistance in conducting these interviews. And thanks to Clifford Jacque, Amy Ford, Casey Pijogge, Katie Pijogge, Mitchell White, Emma Broomfield, Jason Edmunds and Pauline Andersen for 'speaking out'.

Holiday Season Schedule of Events

Makkovik:

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| Dec. 19 | Santa parade |
| Dec. 21 | School closes for Christmas |
| Dec. 27 | Memorial Volleyball Tournament |
| Dec. 28 | Children's Christmas Dances: ages 1-6 6:30 pm, ages 7-12 7:30 pm |

Postville:

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| Dec. 18 | Santa parade |
| Dec. 21 | School Christmas program |
| Dec. 24 | Annual Christmas Tree and Community Supper |



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On December 6, 2004, The House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador passed the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act.



Education

Gordon Robertson National Inuit Scholarship

Effective September 2005, the Gordon Robertson National Inuit Scholarship will be awarded to one or two full-time Inuit students attending Carleton University. Awarded annually, each scholarship will be valued at \$5,000.

Gordon Robertson, former Chancellor and Chancellor Emeritus of Carleton University, has pledged a personal donation of \$50,000 to create the scholarship. Carleton University will match Robertson's generous donation.

Preference will be given to Inuit students undertaking scholarly or research work of benefit to Inuit communities in the Canadian arctic, including Nunavut, Newfoundland and Labrador, the North West Territories and Quebec.

Robertson was the seventh Commissioner of the North West Territories (1953-63) and the first Deputy Minister of the Department of Northern Affairs. Along with the Council of the North West Territories, Robertson recommended a revised structure of the North West Territories to create a new territory, now called Nunavut.

LIA President William Andersen III commented on the value of the

scholarship: "...not only does it provide the financial assistance so desperately needed by students these days, but it also is important for the recognition it bestows on Inuit students who are doing their part to benefit the community through advancing their education."

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Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Native Canadians

The Canadian Press offers the Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Native Canadians.

Established in 1990, the annual scholarship is worth \$4,000 and an offer of summer employment at the Canadian Press or one of its affiliated companies.

Its purpose is to encourage aboriginal Canadians to enter the field of journalism through study at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Who is eligible?

Native Canadians (status or non-status Indian, Inuit or Métis) who are enrolled at a Canadian university or community college are eligible. Students must either be enrolled in a journalism program or actively involved in a volunteer capacity with a student newspaper or broadcast station.

Deadline

Deadline for applications is November 15 of each year.

Selection

The Canadian Press awards committee will select the successful applicant. The winner is usually announced in February.

To Apply

Application forms are available from journalism schools, native organizations, or from:

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The Canadian Press
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For more information:

For more information on the scholarship, contact:
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Ratification

Official Signing Ceremony

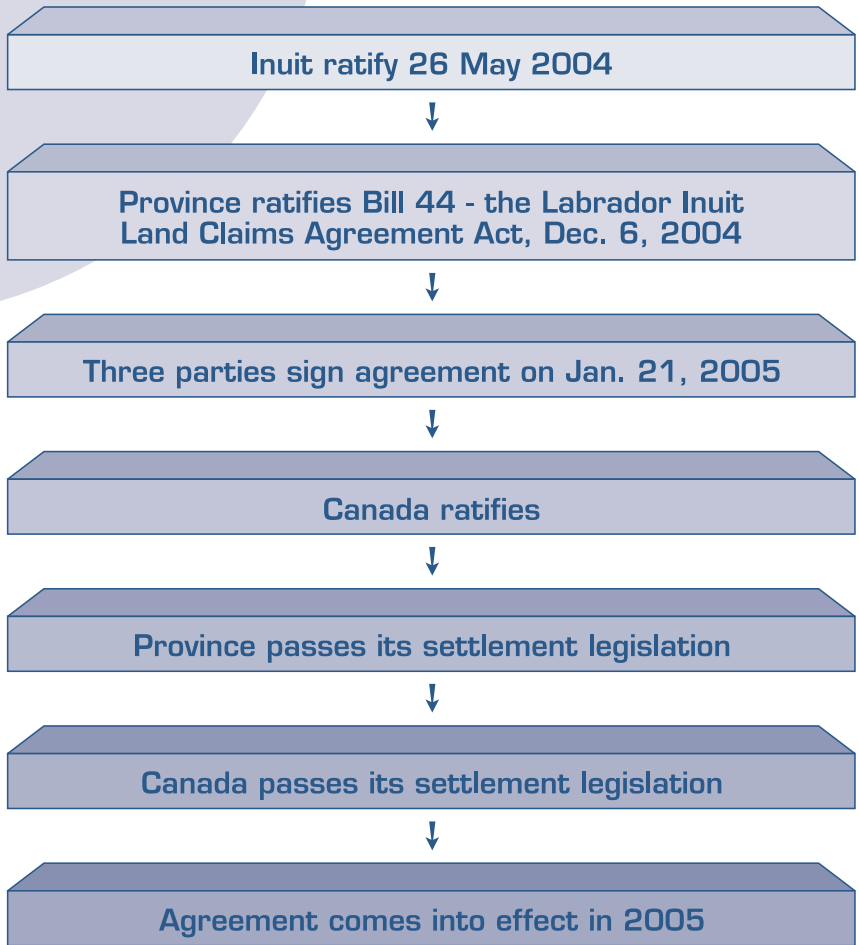
On January 21, 2005, all three parties to the LILCA will meet in Nain for an official signing ceremony.

Ceremony emcees will be Jim Igloliorte and Jessie Wyatt.

LIA will announce further details as they become available.

Ratification Timeline

The steps in the ratification of the agreement and its anticipated timing for coming into effect can be summarized as follows.



Prayer to the Earthkeepers

By Shirley M. Flowers

To my ancestors and my forbears
 I hear your voices in the roar of the tides
 I hear your whispers in the wind
 I hear echoes of children's laughter as I listen to the clatter of pebbles under my feet
 I turn to look at you as if I could see you standing beside me
 I hear you breathing and it is not separated from mine
 I feel your presence on the shores of the islands
 I know you walk with me when I climb the hillsides
 I know you are smiling as we look out over the sun sparkling on the water
 I know you taste the saltiness from the sprays
 I know you smell the mussels, the shoals, and the breeze
 I know as you knew these ancient senses does not forget
 I know you feel the warm comfort of the sun as it melts away the aches and snow
 I know the joy you felt when the splash of the great salmon was caught
 I know the riches and wealth that nature provides
 I know the gathering of the eggs, the berries, and the wood
 I know the call of the geese, the ducks and the ptarmigan
 I chase the caribou, the rabbit, and the fur carriers
 I swim with the seals, the fish and the whales
 I hear the stories, the songs and the drum
 I understand honor, respect and sharing
 I know we are the keepers of the earth
 I know we were and are here forever