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## Caribou summit

President Sarah Leo joined other Aboriginal leaders from Quebec and Labrador in Kuujuaq on January 16-17 for an emergency summit to discuss ways to protect the George River caribou herd. The meeting included leaders and representatives of Nunatsiavut and Nunavik, the Nunatukavut Community Council (former the Labrador Metis Nation), the Innu Nation, six Innu communities from Quebec, the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach, and the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee.



“As a people we have always been conservation-minded, and have always had a deep sense of appreciation for the land and the food it provides. If we are to ensure the future viability of the George River caribou, then we have to be willing to make some big sacrifices,” President Leo stated during her opening remarks at the summit. “The number of animals in this herd has declined significantly in recent years, and current data indicates that any harvesting at this time will be detrimental to its sustainability.”

The President also noted that the Nunatsiavut Government had called on all Ben-

eficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement to suspend harvesting of George River caribou for a period of two years. She also requested that other aboriginal groups do the same. As well, President Leo called on both the governments of Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador to restrict non-aboriginal people from harvesting the herd.

On January 28, 2013 the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced that it was initiating a ban on all caribou hunting

in Labrador for a period of five years, with a plan to review after two years. An Order under provincial Wildlife Regulations was enacted on February 5. It states: “For the purposes of conservation, there shall be no open season in Labrador for the George River caribou.” The Order effectively establishes a Total Allowable Harvest of zero (0) for Labrador Inuit.

“Total Allowable Harvest”, as per the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, “means the total quantity of a species or population of Wildlife or Plant that may be lawfully harvested.”

Labrador Inuit are required to abide by the provincial ban. Failing to do so may result in charges being laid under provincial legislation.



# MOU signing for service delivery

Provincial Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services, Charlene Johnson, met with members of the Nunatsiavut Government in November to sign a Memorandum of Understanding in an effort to improve planning around the safety and well-being of children and youth, as well as enhance service coordination and delivery in Inuit communities.

The MOU provides the framework for improvement in overall service accessibility and effectiveness while recognizing the unique culture in Aboriginal communities. It also establishes expectations and a process for service coordination, which includes securing access to rights and benefits accrued to Inuit children and youth, as well as ensuring coordination with services operated by the Nunatsiavut Government such as child care service, family resource centres, group homes, medical facilities and shelters all of which are important in supporting individuals on a child protection caseload.

Minister Johnson was joined for the signings by Nick McGrath, Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs and Felix Collins, Minister for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

During the signing event in Nain, Minister Johnson, Minister McGrath and Minister Collins met with Nunatsiavut President Sarah Leo and Health and Social Development Minister Patricia Kemuksigak.

“We are pleased to be part of this new service delivery model as it is intended to ensure that the best interests of Inuit children and youth are met,” said President Leo. “The MOU promotes an effective and efficient working relationship between the Nunatsiavut and provincial governments by facilitating the continued sharing of information and to enhance this sharing for the best interests of Inuit children and youth.”

A principle component of the MOU includes establishing a process for sharing information on Inuit children and youth who are currently on the caseload of the Depart-

ment of Child, Youth and Family Services; as well as creating a Planning Circle that maintains consistent representation from both the department and Aboriginal organizations. The Planning Circle will review the shared information regularly in order to identify specific and practical ways to improve service delivery within communities and for children and youth on the department’s caseload.

“We are very concerned about the high number of Inuit children and youth being placed into care,” says Minister Kemuksigak. “With this MOU, both levels of government can work together to ensure the children being placed will have culturally-appropriate care, and that plans can be put in place to support parents.”



The Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services, and Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Health and Social Development, were joined by the Honourable Felix Collins, Minister for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs; the Honourable Nick McGrath, Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs; Nunatsiavut President Sarah Leo; staff of both the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services and the Nunatsiavut Government; as well as Inuit elders and foster parents for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services and the Nunatsiavut Government in Nain on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

## Thank you

In grateful appreciation for your dedication and outstanding service to the Nunatsiavut Government:

**5 Years of Service: October – December 2012**

*Loretta Michelin, Gwen Lucy,  
Lorraine Dicker-Ikkusek, Michele Wood*

**10 Years of Service: October – December 2012**

*Karen White, Ann Shiwak, Vanessa Lucy*

**15 Years of Service: October – December 2012**

*Ernie Ford*

**20 Years of Service: October – December 2012**

*Debbie Shiwak*

**35 Years of Service: October – December 2012**

*Rita Andersen*

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# First Inuit business trade mission huge success

By *Francine Couture*

**Director of Economic Development**

A total of 11 Inuit businesses from Nunatsiavut participated in a trade mission at the Northern Exposure 2013 Conference and Trade Show in St. John's on January 22-24. The Trade Mission was organized by the Nunatsiavut Government's Economic Development Division.

All five Inuit Communities were represented, with four companies from Nain; one from Hopedale, Postville and Makkovik respectively and four from Rigolet. The objectives of the mission were to provide the participants a space to promote their business and market their products and services; facilitate networking opportunities for Inuit businesses and give them access to state-of-the-art information through the Northern Exposure 2013 Conference sessions.

Conference sessions went from *Aboriginal Business Partnerships* to *Northern Transportation and Infrastructure, Mining and Natural Resources* and *Effective Human Resources Strategies*. High-profile keynote speakers addressed conference participants at breakfast, luncheon and social events in the evenings.

The Economic Development Division also reserved two booths at event to showcase Inuit arts and crafts and boost Inuit businesses. In the end, however, both booths were combined into one and became a very popular location. This was the place to be to network and meet conference and trade show participants.

Aivek Holdings Inc's Elsie Jenkins (Nain) used the opportunity to meet with potential clients, while Pamela

Campbell attended on behalf of the Rigolet Craft Shop. Pamela had brought beautiful samples of the arts and crafts done in the community, such as small weaved objects; seal skin items and jewelry. The seal skin mitts were a huge success. Most of the arts and crafts from Rigolet were sold on the first day and Pamela returned home with a long list of orders.

To promote his many endeavors, including BearSafe Planning Inc, Derrick Pottle of Rigolet had brought a traditional atigit (caribou-skin jacket), a pair of untanned pulluk (seal skin mitts) and an igloo building knife. A photo of Derrick, in his traditional hunting gear, even made the first page of the Weekend Business Section of The Telegram on Saturday, January 26.

Sinittavik Bed and Breakfast's Sandi Michelin and Sarah Blake (Blake's Units) from Rigolet were looking for potential suppliers, while Lori Dyson represented the Adlavik Inn in Makkovik.

Torngat Arts and Craft Inc.'s Executive Director, Frances Murphy, brought a number of labradorite and soap stone carvings, knitted hats, jewelry and other items from the arts and crafts shop in Nain. Hopedale's Ruth Flowers joined the Trade Mission to promote her business, Scarlet Enterprises Inc.

Other participants included Torsten Jacque, representing Three Rapids Expediting Services Ltd. in Postville, and two of the Webb Boys, as they are known in Nain, Herman and Henry Webb. Herman was at the conference on behalf of Hayne's Store, while Henry was representing Webb Services Ltd.



From left: Herman Webb, Hayne's Store (Nain), Bobbi Shiwak, Support to Trade Mission, Post-Secondary Student Support Program (St. John's), Debbie Shiwak, Support to Trade Mission (Happy Valley – Goose Bay), Lori Dyson, Adlavik Inn (Makkovik), Torsten Jacque, Three Rapids Expediting Services Ltd (Postville), Lucy Brennan, Support to Trade Mission, Post-Secondary Student Support Program (St. John's), Francine Couture, Support to Trade Mission, Economic Development Division (Nain), Frances Murphy, Torngat Arts and Crafts Inc (Nain), Molly Shiwak, Support to Trade Mission, Economic Development Division (Nain), Peggy Montague, Support to Trade Mission, Post-Secondary Student Support Program (St. John's), Sandi Michelin, Sinittavik Bed and Breakfast (Rigolet), Pamela Campbell, Rigolet Craft Shop (Rigolet), Sarah Blake, Blake's Units (Rigolet), Tim McNeill, Deputy Minister, Department of Education and Economic Development, Ruth Flowers, Scarlet Enterprises Inc (Hopedale), Henry Webb, Webb Services Ltd (Nain), Sterling Peyton, President, Labrador North Chamber of Commerce (Happy Valley – Goose Bay).  
Missing from group photo: Elsie Jenkins, Aivek Holdings Inc (Nain) middle photo, Derrick Pottle, BearSafe Planning Inc (Rigolet) right photo.

# In search of an 18th century sawmill

Throughout much of last summer the Nunatsiavut Archaeology Office conducted a detailed archaeological assessment of the site of the new Torngâsok Cultural Centre in Nain. One of the major reasons for the assessment was the fact that the access road for the new building would be going right through a registered archaeological site known as the ‘Sawmill Brook Midden’.

This site was originally recorded by Stephen Loring in 1990, and it was thought to relate to a Moravian sawmill that was built in 1772.

A midden is basically a place where trash was thrown in the past. The sawmill was powered by a water wheel in a stream next to the Mission compound which was fed by a hand-dug pond. This was one of the earliest sawmills in Newfoundland and Labrador. The first recorded sawmill in North America was at Cupers Cove, Newfoundland, in the early 1600s, and aside from the Moravian records for Nain, there is little evidence of other sawmills in Newfoundland or Labrador until the 1800s.

The Nain sawmill was used to mill lumber that was used for construction activities in the earliest Mission stations in Labrador, including Nain, Okak and Hopedale. We know, for example, that wood for the 1782 Hopedale Mission house, which was designed by Jens Haven and built under his direction, was processed at the Nain sawmill. In preparation for the establishment of Hopedale, 450 trees were cut in the Nain area and nearly 7,000 board feet of lumber was processed at the sawmill (Rollmann 2001).

During the assessment last summer it was learned that the

site recorded by Loring in 1990 was actually not the location of the original sawmill. It now seems clear, based on both archaeological and documentary evidence, that the mill was built adjacent to another stream which is even closer to the main Mission complex. A midden was located at Loring’s site, but it appears to date to the late 1800s and early 1900s. We now have a very good idea about where the remains of the sawmill should be, if the site has not been destroyed by various other developments in the community.

Our work in Nain also resulted in the discovery of two new archaeological sites in the vicinity of the new TCC construction area, including the likely location of an early Moravian boathouse, and an area where houses used to stand during the early and mid-twentieth century. Water and sewer work also exposed the remains of an old walking bridge and a concrete foundation associated with a diesel generating station that burned in the 1970s. Part of a water and sewer trench that was dug in preparation for the construction of new cultural centre.

The Nain assessment turned out to be an interesting project that has provided valuable information on the early history of the oldest permanently occupied community in Labrador.

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Figure 1: Artifacts from the “Sawmill Brook Midden” dating to the late 1800s and early 1900s



Figure 3: Artifacts from the Nain Boathouse site likely dating to the late 1700s and early 1800s



Figure 2: Water powered Sawmill model at the Agvituk Museum in Hopedale



Figure 4: Remains of an old walking bridge under a road that runs by the new cultural Centre site

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# Non-Insured Health Benefits update

By Jennifer Best

## **Standard Claim Form for all program areas of NIHB**

A standard claim form has been developed for use in the processing of personal claims for reimbursement in all of the program areas of NIHB (Pharmacy, Dental, Vision, Medical Supplies and Equipment, Medical Transportation and Short-Term or Crisis Intervention Counseling). It will be made available for public use/download on the Nunatsiavut website ([www.nunatsiavut.com](http://www.nunatsiavut.com)) by April 1, 2013. Copies of the form may be requested from the Regional Office of the Department of Health and Social Development in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

## **Medical Transportation – Accommodations**

NIHB will fund “hostel” or “friendship centre” type or private accommodations when booking clients traveling to access health services. Hotel accommodation is NOT a benefit of the NIHB program, but will be used only in cases where capacity is an issue (i.e. when there is no room or availability at the hostel or friendship centre and when the client does not have the option of staying in private accommodations). Since the new year, staff have been directed to apply this policy as standard operating procedure when processing travel requests.

## **Reminder – Non-Benefits**

Medical Transportation benefits will only be applied if the health services being sought are either provincially insured (covered by MCP) or NIHB eligible. If a Beneficiary is not eligible for the service due to frequency or time constraints, they must either wait until they are eligible for the service or assume the medical transportation costs themselves. Recent audits being conducted by our staff in the medical transportation department have identified some cases where this was occurring. We are actively engaged in identifying these errors, once identified, the client will be advised that it is no longer an eligible benefit and any future requests for medical transportation benefits will NOT be paid out.

As well, once it is identified to us that a particular “Specialist” service is available in Happy Valley-Goose Bay at Labrador Grenfell Health (LGH) on a regular of full-time basis, we will no longer fund medical transportation benefits for clients to access those services to points beyond Happy Valley-Goose Bay. For example, psychiatrist services are now available at LGH with the addition of a full-time psychiatrist on staff, as well as a visiting locum service.

## **Dental Services outside of Nunatsiavut**

A reminder that if you access any dental services outside of Nunatsiavut, the NIHB dental policy framework applies. Coverage is 90 per cent of the 2009 Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Fee Guide, the same coverage offered by that of Health Canada. It is or never has been 100 per cent coverage, so you will always have an “out-of-pocket” expense. The locum dentists that travel to the Nunatsiavut communities will do whatever procedures that they can, according to their skill-set. Anyone referred outside of Nunatsiavut must be either referred by the locum dentist (as it is a “specialist” service or beyond their skill-set) or by the clinic nursing staff on an emergency basis. The standard approval process for NIHB’s medical transportation division will apply. Clients who seek “routine” dental services on their own will not receive medical transportation funding through NIHB, as the services are available in their home community. If you are in Happy Valley-Goose Bay for other health services, you may “piggy-back” with your appointment while you are there, should you wish to seek either dental or vision services. Please contact the staff in Medical Transportation if you are unsure how to proceed or have any questions.

## **Reminder – Photo Identification Required for Air Travel outside of Nunatsiavut and Happy Valley-Goose Bay**

Please ensure you have government (provincial or federal) issued photo identification for yourself as well as any child older than 18 years of age. This is a mandatory requirement for air travel outside of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Please note that airlines are required by federal government regulations to check identification at the departure gate for all passengers who appear to be 18 years of age or older. Photo identification can be arranged in your own community with the airport operator or at the Motor Registration office in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. There is a slight administrative fee to have your photo identification completed. This fee is the responsibility of the individual or the parent/guardian.

## **Contact Information for Beneficiaries**

Please ensure that your address and contact telephone number(s) are current and up-to-date with the Membership Office in Nain. If you move, even temporarily, please update your address. Your NIHB benefits in some cases depend on your place of residency (especially Medical Transportation benefits). You may reach the Membership Office toll-free at 1-866-922-2942.

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## Q & A with Torngat Mountains CMB chair James Igloliorte

Q: What is the Torngat Mountains Co-operative Management Board?

A: According to the terms of the 2005 Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement, Canada, NG and Makivik each appoint two people to the board and then jointly appoint an independent chair. The CMB is an incorporated body. The CMB provides advice to the federal Minister on the management of the National Park. We have an Inuk name, Tongait Kakkasuangita Silakkjapvinga and our logo is a walking nanuk.

Q: Who are the present Board members?

A: Parks Canada appointees: Tommy Unatweenuk of Kangiqsualujjuaq ; Jenny Merkuratsuk of Nain Makivik Corporation appointees: Willie Etok of Kangiqsualujjuaq; Anthony Ittoshat of Kujjuaq  
NG appointees: Derrick Pottle of Rigolet; Amos Onalik of Hopedale

Q: Who attends the meetings from the Land Claims directive?

A: William Barbour and Theresa Hollett of NG; Shaun McLean from Government of NL; Jeff Anderson, Field Unit Superintendent, PC staff and other invited participants. The meetings are open to the public within the community, which alternates between Nunavik and

Nunatsiavut.

Q: What is your budget?

A: We receive \$76,000 per year to pay interpreters, book-keeping, honorarium, office expenses, as well as support for TKS incentives.

Q: What are some of the issues you have recommended the federal Minister to act upon?

- A:
1. Clean up of all oil drums and debris within the Park.
  2. Regulations on the calibre of firearms and ammunition by Inuit within the Park.
  3. Preserving the TMNP as an Inuit homeland where all Inuit cultural, gathering and hunting can be carried on in perpetuity.
  4. Setting up special areas within the TMNP as special sites: Sallikulluk (Rose Island) in Saglek Bay; Ramah Bay and the Ramah chert quarry site. The Base Camp now operated as an enterprise by Nunatsiavut Group of Companies; polar bear monitor employment, training, and development; selection of aircraft landing sites within TMNP; the Kangidluasuk Youth Program for Nunatsiavut and Nunavik Youth; research parameters and policy particularly with respect to tuktu from the George River and Torngat Mountains herd; and finally, recommendations for succession planning for TMNP management and staff.

## Culture as healing

This past fall, the Trauma and Addictions Team, along with Inuit Elder Piita Irniq, delivered Culture as Healing presentations in the communities of North West River, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Nain, Makkovik and Postville. The reception in the communities was phenomenal. Although there were similar presentations, each community had its own flavour.

In the North West River, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Nain, Piita gave an inspirational talk about Inuit culture and pride. In ULM there was entertainment by Selby Mesher and Donna Roberts - who sang songs that followed the theme of the love of the land and the culture of the people. In North West River some 20 people attended and in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Nain approximately 60 people attended. All communities served refreshments and people mingled, shared stories and enjoyed the evening.

In Makkovik and Postville a Culture as Healing workshop was held over two days. Piita started the event by giving a talk on Inuit culture and pride and then participants broke out into smaller groups and did cultural activities such as sewing, jewelry making, carving and painting of thinking/fishing/talking sticks. In Makkovik Piita demonstrated the

making of a kakivak (fish spear). In Postville the whole community participated at different points throughout the two days and a highlight was when a young woman brought in a beautiful narwhal tusk which created much discussion. In several communities Piita also went to the schools and spoke with the youth.



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# Assembly approves funding for new Torngâsok Cultural Centre

A new Torngâsok Cultural Centre (TCC) is another step closer to becoming a reality after the Nunatsiavut Assembly approved additional funding for the project January 23. With financial contributions from other partners being previously secured, construction of the multi-million dollar facility is set to begin this year.

“We have waited many years to be in a position to move forward with this very important project,” says Nunatsiavut’s Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Johannes Lampe. “The Torngâsok Cultural Centre will provide opportunities for a variety of individuals and experts to develop exhibits that will highlight different aspects of Labrador Inuit history, culture, and achievements in a way that will enhance and encourage connections with other communities in Nunatsiavut.”

Language will also play a vital role in how the TCC’s

storyline is determined and developed, notes the Minister. “Our language will be part of every experience in the TCC so that it is inextricably linked to all aspects of the centre.”

The stories that will be told in the facility will make all Labrador Inuit proud, adds the Minister. “By understanding where we came from and how we survived as a people, Labrador Inuit will have a better appreciation of who they are as individuals and as a culture continuing to evolve in a modern world,” he says. “We have to make decisions to ensure Labrador Inuit survive as a distinct culture, and that we build healthy communities that are proud of their identity. The TCC will help us achieve these goals.”

The facility will be built in Nain. Site work has been completed and the next step will be to go to tender. The Nunatsiavut Government will be setting up a community consultation process on completing the exhibit design.

## Division of Tourism update

### STAFFING

The Fall season marked the expansion of the Division of Tourism’s staff. As of October 15, 2012, Kate Mitchell has been working as the Product Development Specialist out of our Makkovik office. You can contact Kate at 922-2365 ext. 234 or at [kate\\_mitchell@nunatsiavut.com](mailto:kate_mitchell@nunatsiavut.com). This position is currently a term role, ending in March 2013 at which time we will seek to apply for a permanent position.

As of February 2013, Kristy Sheppard will be away from the office on maternity leave. The Director of Tourism position has been advertised and is currently in the interview process. The replacement position will be located in Nunatsiavut. Further details to be provided once the successful candidate is named.

### WEBSITE

As we continue to evaluate customer needs associated with our website ([www.tourismnunatsiavut.com](http://www.tourismnunatsiavut.com)), updating of the content and structure is ongoing. Currently we are restructuring our website to add a new section titled ‘Plan Your Trip’ to include ‘where to stay’, suggested itineraries and a cultural calendar. If you have information to add, or feedback on the current content and function of



Photo: Adventure Canada, 2012

the site, we welcome your input.

The Torngat Mountains National Park Research Station and Base Camp is currently in the process of finalizing its website, [www.torngatbasecamp.com](http://www.torngatbasecamp.com),

### LABRADOR WINTER GAMES

The Division of Tourism has partnered with Destination Labrador and the Labrador Winter Games on a social media project to (1) capture footage of the cultural link between Nunatsiavut and various LWG sports, and (2) capture winter and culture imaging for future video development. Mandy Poole, Social Media Coordinator with Destination Labrador, will be traveling to Rigolet, Makkovik and Nain from February 1-14, 2013 to capture video and images that will be compiled into a video to be released prior to and during the 30th anniversary LWG.

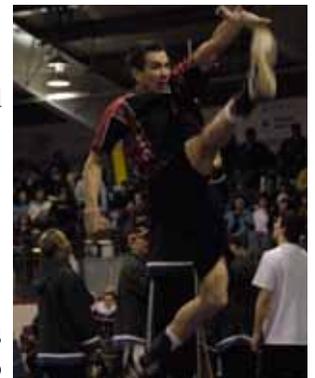


Photo: LWG, 2013

Check out [www.labradorwintergames.ca](http://www.labradorwintergames.ca) for the official video launch in mid-February and early March.

### TOURISM ASSURANCE PLAN PROGRAM

In advance of the Provincial Government’s launch of the Tourism Assurance Plan (TAP) in May 2013, the Nunatsiavut Government has updated its Tourism Business Directory

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and is finalizing the evaluation each business' compliance with the five (5) TAP requirements:

1. The ability to communicate and receive messages from customers by telephone, email and an online presence; and at a minimum accept credit and/or debit payment and respond to inquiries on a daily basis.
2. Possess and maintain valid licenses, permits and all other regulatory requirements to operate.
3. Maintain current and sufficient levels of liability insurance. Proof of insurance to be provided upon request.
4. Must promote actual experiences or services being offered to the consumer.
5. Must be in good standing with Tourism Assurance Plan's complaints procedure.

Please review the above program requirements to determine if your business meets these regulations. We are evaluating the compliance requirements of each business in our directory to develop a plan to help local operators adhere to these requirements prior to the 2014 deadline at which time you will be unable to participate in regional and provincial marketing programs if you are not compliant. For further details, contact Kate Mitchell.

### **OUTPOST MAGAZINE**

In 2012, the Nunatsiavut Government partnered with Parks Canada, Adventure Canada, Nunatsiavut Solutions, Destination Labrador and Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism to host Outpost Magazine's expedition throughout Labrador and into the Torngat Mountains.

The result was a showcase of the tourism potential and must see experience of our region, including a dedicated website detailing their experiences and stories, (check it out at <http://www.opxpeditions.com/torngat/>), and two magazine features: (1) a 16-page lure insert in the November/December issue entitled Newfoundland Labrador Adventure Overload, and (2) a 16-page feature in the January/February Global Travel Guide 2013 issue, with two additional advertorial pages promoting the partners of their program which is one of the

## **Nunatsiavut Government's longest serving employee**

This past November Rita Andersen was recognized by the Nunatsiavut Government for her dedication and commitment.

Rita Andersen began working with the Labrador Inuit Association in November 1976. During the course of her 35-year career, she has worked in various positions – most notably as Executive Secretary to the President of LIA, as well as an interpreter/translator.

“Rita has played a significant role in the development of both the LIA and the Nunatsiavut Government,” says Presi-

dent Leo. “She has a wealth of knowledge and is very well respected by her co-workers.”

### **PROMOTION**

Working with Destination Labrador and writer Sandra Phinney in 2012, the Nunatsiavut Government hosted the travel writer to showcase some of the unique community experiences of the region. The recent return on investment from that project includes a Labrador feature on the website <http://www.chichaku.com/labrador-nature-at-its-best.html> targeting the Chinese market, a recent Nunatsiavut focused publication in Saltscapes Food and Travel Magazine 2012, featured monthly blogs on [www.newfoundlandandlabrador.com](http://www.newfoundlandandlabrador.com), the first of which has been recently launched: <http://www.newfoundlandlabrador.com/TheLatest/BlogPost/197>.  
**Check back regularly for new stories!**

### **ON-GOING PROJECTS**

#### **CRUISE GUIDE**

An initial evaluation has been completed on the content needs for the development of a region-wide tourism guide for Nunatsiavut. We are presently exploring formatting options and generating content to complete the final draft of this document.

#### **COMMUNITY RECREATION FUND**

The CRF is an annual program run by our Division of Youth, Elders and Recreation, in partnership with the Division of Tourism. This fund, open to community groups and beneficiaries for sporting or community events in the amount of \$500/application, still has funds available for the 2012/13 year. We encourage you to submit your application to Heather Angnatok, 922.2942 ext. 263 or [heather\\_angnatok@nunatsiavut.com](mailto:heather_angnatok@nunatsiavut.com)

#### **CULTURAL CALANDER**

A cultural calendar has been drafted from community consultation and feedback and is ready to include in our online promotion. If you have an event or pictures of community activities that you would like promoted on our website and Facebook page, please feel free to send into the Division.

dent Leo. “She has a wealth of knowledge and is very well respected by her co-workers.”

Ms. Andersen is currently employed as the Interpreter/Translator Coordinator with the Nunatsiavut Government's Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

“She is a true champion of Labrador Inuktitut, having done so much to preserve, promote and enhance our language,” notes President Leo. “On behalf of all Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, I want to thank Rita for her tremendous contributions over the years.”