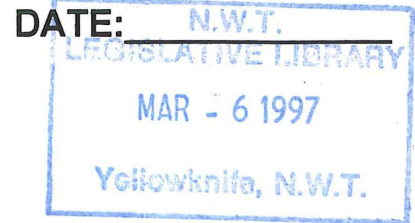


THE HONOURABLE GOO ARLOOKTOO**MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS & SERVICES****THREE RETIREMENTS**

Mr. Speaker, today I want to honour the contribution of three long time employees of Public Works and Service. These three men had a combined service of more than 70 years. They all worked in Pangnirtung, caring for government assets there. The last of these men is retiring on April first, so I would like to tell you a little about each of them.

AISA PAPATSIE

Aisa Papatsie started working with the Federal government in 1962. He moved to the NWT government in 1970 and worked for DPW in Pangnirtung until his retirement last July.

Aisa originally came to Pangnirtung from Povungnituk in Northern Quebec in the late 1930s, when his father was brought to the Anglican Mission Hospital. Aisa lived with his family in a traditional camp until distemper killed all the dogs, forcing them to move to town full time in 1962. He then started his government career. He became a supervisor in 1979 and continued in that job until he retired.

Aisa's's wife Olootee passed away in 1990 and they had a total of 8 children.

Aisa has long been active in community issues. He is currently Deputy Mayor of Pangnirtung and has been a Hamlet Councillor for many years. He also serves on the church vestry committee and adult justice committee.

PAULOOSIE VEEVEE

Pauloosie started with DPW in 1974 and worked as a Settlement Maintainer until July 1991.

Pauloosie and his wife Rosie had 8 children. Pauloosie has also been active in community work and has served on the Housing Association Board and the Hamlet Council over the years.

Today Pauloosie is enjoying his retirement out on the land hunting.

PETER AKPALIALUK

Peter Akpalialuk will be retiring at the end of this month. He started with DPW in 1974 and has always worked as a settlement maintainer in Pangnirtung. Peter was born at Oshualuk on Cumberland Sound in 1932. His family lived with Peter's grandfather, who was well-known whaler William Duvall. Peter still enjoys spending time hunting on the land.

Peter and his wife Olannie had 10 children. Peter is retiring so that he will be able to spend more time with his wife, who has cancer.

These 3 men represented the Department of Public Works and Services in their community for many, many years. Their excellent work is reflected in the good condition of the school and other government buildings. The people of Pangnirtung benefitted from their dedication. The retirement of Peter Akpalialuk brings these years to a close. I want to thank them all for their hard work. The next generation of Nunavut has a good model to follow.

