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## **TUKTOYAKTUK COMMUNITY WELLNESS PLAN 2013**

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# Background

Over the last 75 years Inuvialuit Beneficiaries of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) have had a number of lifestyle changes forced upon them, often without their consent or knowledge. Many of these changes have caused a number of negative social conditions which still exist today, These conditions include the loss of traditional values and lifestyle, increased levels of substance abuse and mental illness, increased levels of family violence and criminal activity, low education levels, low income levels and increased incidences of health problems like flu, cancer including chronic conditions such as diabetes.

Government social programs originally designed to address these issues have proven inadequate and ineffective and have at times further exacerbated the low education levels and dependency on government programs, specifically on income support. The trauma and cultural loss resulting from the Government of Canada's residential school policy, now a well-established legacy, are still impacting the communities in the region. Particularly problematic impacts include the lack of parenting skills, weakened family structure, and an overall cultural disconnection. Conditions are further compounded by the current under-resourcing in the area of early childhood programming, the social conditions within which many Inuvialuit live, and the lack of cultural relevance in education and government programming generally. (Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, 2007).

# About Tuktoyaktuk

Tuktoyaktuk is part of the ISR which is a Region that was created under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) signed in 1984. The Agreement gave the Inuvialuit financial compensation and ownership of 91,000 square kilometres of land including 13,000 square kilometres with subsurface rights to oil, gas and minerals. The Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) was created in 1986 to oversee the affairs of the settlement outlined in the final agreement. Overseeing such affairs involves programs and services that continually improve the economic, social and cultural well being of Inuvialuit. Tuktoyaktuk like all Inuvialuit Communities has a community corporation with elected directors. The directors of the six community corporations elect a chair or chief executive officer to the IRC. ((LGANT))

Tuktoyaktuk Health Services include the Rosie Ovayouk Health Centre open Monday to Friday with after hour's emergency services when the caller can speak with a nurse. Like all the NWT communities, Tuktoyaktuk also has access to Tele-Care that provides a telephone triage and health advice service so that residents can access services without the requirement to travel to a health center, it is available 24/7 to provide health and social services information and answer resident's questions. In the Health Centre there is 1 Nurse in Charge (NIC), 3 Community Health Nurses (CHN), 1 Community Health Representative (CHR), 1 Home Support Worker, 1

Clerk, and 1 Caretaker (GNWT). These personnel are able to provide a range of services including emergency treatment, and run a number of programs such as chronic disease clinic, school health program, immunization program, well woman/man clinic, and other health promotion and prevention initiatives. Tuktoyaktuk also has a Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor and 3 Community Social Workers that live in the community and Tuktoyaktuk also has a Women and Children's Shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. An exciting change that will occur in Tuktoyaktuk this year is that IRC, the TCC and BDHSSA will enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Community Wellness Worker position. This change hopes to result in a more culturally competent wellness program with more community directed needs, activities, and program outcomes.

A Medical Doctor fly's or drives (depending on whether or not the ice road is in) to the community once per month for an average of three days. The Dental Team fly's or drives in twice a year. Services or treatments that are not available in Tuktoyaktuk are referred out by a nurse and/ or physician when deemed necessary. Income Security, Housing Association, Education Authority, Legal Court Services, Aurora College Community Learning Centre and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police all have local offices in the community.

Helen Kalvak School is the school in Tuktoyaktuk and provides education for children from Kindergarten to Grade 12. The Municipal Government is represented through the Incorporated Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk.

## Wellness Planning Process

The Community Development Division of IRC is the division that assists individuals, families, and the communities to set goals and develop solutions to cultural, economic, social, and health challenges. The CDD also works with other regional, territorial, and national organizations to identify, develop, and deliver programs that benefit Inuvialuit (Corporation, 2007).

In keeping with IRCs goal to continually find ways to improve the conditions of the Inuvialuit, IRC and the CDD welcomed the opportunity by Health Canada to partner in the development of a wellness plan for each of the communities in the ISR. This presented an excellent opportunity to gather, synthesize and prioritize a plethora of documented research accumulated by IRC over the last 20 years. Many of these documents included a number of comprehensive engagement processes with the Inuvialuit people therefore meant that the wellness planning did not have to start 'from scratch' as all of the communities had well established formal and informal visions and strategies used to deal with wellness issues.

The wellness plan process involved CDD representatives travelling to each community and carrying out two workshops. The first workshop included community service providers (both Aboriginal and NWT government) and local leadership. The second workshop included the community at large. The focus of the workshop was to assess how current programs related to health and wellness were fairing, and determining what issues were still a concern for the

community and at what level of priority. These workshops were interactive discussions regarding four key areas that had been previously identified by the region as contributing to overall community wellness. These four key areas form the framework for all community wellness plans and include: Education and Learning, Capacity Building and Training, Health and Wellness, Language and Culture.

Workshop results were charted and combined, and then this 'living' document was presented back to the community for approval. The strategies and programs under each of the above headings were rated as high, medium or lower in priority and will inform any future program development provided through additional funding opportunities and in preparation for Self-Government Leadership.

What follows is the Tuktoyaktuk Community Wellness Plan.

# Education and Training

Every child will be given the best opportunity to learn and grow in their early years, preparing them for school, setting them up to reach their full potential throughout the rest of their life. With strong stay-in-school initiatives and culturally relevant education strategies all youth will achieve competency in core subject areas and graduate with functional skills that prepare them for employment or post-secondary education.

Inuvialuit youth attending school will be engaged and interested in their education; a broad range of learning opportunities and programs supported by both the school and the larger community will be made available to facilitate this. Programs will include a strong cultural component in both program delivery and content in order to further engage learners.

Our children and youth will have the best possible education experience delivered by teachers who are experienced, engaged in the local community, and who stay in their positions for extended periods of time. In addition, a high proportion of teachers will originate from the region. Parents will be engaged with their children's education both at home and in the school and provide crucial support for school and school related programming.

## Higher Priority Goals

1. Increase stay-in-school initiatives, career counseling and other additional support for students at risk of dropping out of high school
2. Continued support for early childhood education programs and kindergarten programs
3. Implement more trades and technology programs in high school, including pre-apprenticeship programs
4. Increase cultural relevance of early childhood programs
5. Implement parenting programs to encourage parents to support education process and programs to connect teachers and parents

## Projects or Programs to Address Goals

- Develop a **School Liaison** position to target students at risk of dropping out. Operate the position from a case management perspective developing stay in school strategies involving the student, home, school, psycho-social supports, and any other identified supports.
- Develop an **Ability Education Assistant** position trained to carry out assessments of students with learning abilities and disabilities, and develop Individualized **Learning Plans** for struggling students, as well as for over or under challenged students. Position to also aid in the instruction and support of multi-grade classrooms.
  - Learning Plans will be tailored to the individual and therefore flexible and creative in nature, potentially including on-the-land learning experiences, utilize a variety of teaching methods, with well developed links to existing programs like the Sun Child Program, and Distance Education programs. Plan choices will also include a program specifically tailored to support youth and adults in completing their

Grade 12 via distance learning as an alternate option to leaving the community. The Ability Education Assistant position and the School Liaison position will be heavily linked.

- Develop and offer an Inuvialuktun language and culture curriculum within the school, including an on-the-land component, as an elective and /or core subject adapted to both elementary and secondary school. The Inuvialuktun language and culture class to be a credit course.
- Develop culturally appropriate and relevant programming, including Head Start to operate out of the communities centre for early childhood development.
- In partnership with the NWT Department of Education, NWT Human Resources (HR), the Beaufort Delta Education Council (BDEC) and local education authority representatives establish a **Community Attraction and Retention Working Group (CARG)** in order to identify where and why retention is failing in the small communities, with the aim of developing strategies and policy changes to rectify.
  - Also through CARG address the current non-inclusive (i.e. lack of community voice) hiring policies and practices of the GNWT, specifically within education. With an inclusive hiring process, a better teacher-community fit is supported. Ensure within hiring process the requirement of an onsite interview and minimum five day stay within the receiving community for a new teacher.
- Specifically targeting local communities develop promotional materials on teaching as a career choice in the NWT. As a part of this initiative increase financial support and include loan forgiveness programs for local students.
- Develop and offer an Inuvialuktun language and culture curriculum within the school, including an on-the-land component, as an elective and /or core subject adapted to both elementary and secondary school. The Inuvialuktun language and culture class to be a credit course.

## Medium Priority Goals

6. Increase capacity to attract and retain teachers especially in small communities, and to train local people to become teachers
7. Promote participation in college, university and other post-secondary education including more course options leading to entry into post-secondary education
8. Increase support for children with speech and language challenges

### Projects or Programs to Address Goals

- Develop a **Community Liaison** position to provide practical and relevant information (local customs, community orientation, on the land safety, regional and local history, etc.) to new teachers. The Community Liaison position also introduces and connects new teachers with people within the community to help provide opportunities to experience and understand the Inuvialuit cultural way of life. The position provides on-going support to new teachers for the duration of their stay availing themselves for such things as troubleshooting problems and developing solutions. This position could

potentially be jointly funded and regional to provide support to a number of newly arrived persons within various government/ non-governmental positions.

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## Lower Priority Goals

9. Core math, science, and shop classes available in all schools
10. Increased connections between community and teachers, better teacher retention, and more teachers from local communities\
11. Research culturally based learning models
12. Increase programs to support students who are exceeding their grade levels and need more challenge.
13. Increase Inuvialuktun language curriculum and cultural programming in schools
14. Develop on-the-land based credits and curriculum
15. Increase availability of summer work placements for youth
16. Increase the awareness and cultural sensitivity of teachers from outside the region.
17. Decrease turnover rates in teaching staff overall.

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- Compare current and projected employment market within the local, regional and national realms to ensure East Three school trade and technology programs are current and forward thinking. Modify/develop curriculum based on any identified gaps and include apprenticeships/hands on learning as a major component.
- Identify core funding to develop and carry out a **Fundamental Skills Curriculum** that ensures the attainment of skills in key areas such as literacy and numeracy, courses that are required for lifelong learning and employment. Also ensure funding in place for shop courses necessary to introduce students to the current employment market within the trades.
- Establish core funding for the necessary equipment and resources are available for both school and adult training and education initiatives, especially in the smaller communities. For example: ensure a low student-to-computer ratio to support a higher level of access, and therefore better chance of developing competencies with this important learning tool in today's society.
- Develop a regional early childhood program fundamentally entrenched within the Inuvialuit culture, including language, culture and Inuvialuit role models.
- Ensure both curriculum and specific grade expectations in high school grades 9 - 12 are being successfully attained by all students and therefore in sync with entry level college/university courses / requirements. Completion of grade 12 should be all that is required prior to entering a post secondary institution. The Ability Education Assistant will carry out on-going assessments in order to be alerted as soon as possible to any student falling behind or working below the competencies set for every grade.
- Working with IRC, ITI, HR Development Canada identify funding/incentives to create student summer job placements. Placements don't have to necessarily be in the home community. Have these placements identified at the start of the school year.
- HR to develop an Interview Preparation program that walks students through and prepares students for the interview process (including mock interviews as part of the training).
- Develop and offer an Inuvialuktun language and culture curriculum, including an on-the-land component, as an elective and /or core subject modified for elementary and secondary school
- Develop an early childhood program that comes from an Inuvialuit cultural perspective including language, culture and Inuvialuit role models.
- Execute a joint research partnership with IRC, NWT EC&E, BDEC and Lakehead University to assess current GNWT Education Policy, identifying reasons for dramatic differences in graduation rates between Inuvialuit youth and the euro-Canadian population. Research to include substantial consultation with communities as well as possible recommendations to the GNWT for more culturally relevant learning models, for the ISR and /or in preparation for Self-Government Education portfolio. Identify gaps discovered with research project in teacher-parent communication and develop programs accordingly. Develop policy that promotes and supports parent-school-teacher interfacing.
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etc.) to new teachers. The Community Liaison position also introduces and connects new teachers with people within the community to help provide opportunities to experience and understand the Inuvialuit cultural way of life. The position provides on-going support to new teachers for the duration of their stay availing themselves for such things as troubleshooting problems and developing solutions. This position could potentially be jointly funded and regional to provide support to a number of newly arrived persons within various government/ non-governmental positions.

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# Capacity Building and Training

With locally available training programs as well as easily accessible upgrading programs, regional residents will be able to effectively compete for jobs available in the region. With the addition of strong professional development training programs, residents of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region will have a strong, managerial presence in local governance bodies and community organizations. Regional residents will then be effectively competing for non-entry level positions and managerial positions within the region.

## Higher Priority Goals

1. Increase opportunities for adult learners through education and training
2. Implement formalized professional development programs in Inuvialuit organizations

### Projects or Programs to Address Goals

- Develop an Employment Officer position with dedicated office space in every community. This position will provide information on current training and employment opportunities, provide up to date information on certifications, potential funding as well offer resources such as job preparation and interview workshops, help with criminal record checks/forgiveness, developing resumes, job sharing opportunities, work placements, identifying any employer EI incentive, etc., overall support for those trying to secure employment. In addition provide equipment and support for distance education including enhanced internet connection.
- Execute an employability scan of the ISR taking stock of each community's workforce, identifying the need for specific certifications required to keep people employable. With gaps identified provide the necessary certifications and for new employment initiatives include on the job training, apprenticeship and mentoring components. To ensure as much opportunity as possible promote training to take place in community utilizing distance learning programs, Sun Child Program, etc., including one to one tutoring support.
- Identify the skill set required for leadership and staffing in the ISR, including the development of core competencies required to address the unique needs of each community. Tailor a program for the region that addresses lacked skills or expertise.
- Research best practices and maintain ongoing consultation with ISR communities to keep current an on-going Professional Development Program in the region.

## Medium Priority Goals

3. Run adult academic programs including increasing levels of literacy and numeracy among adults

### **Projects or Programs to Address Goals**

- Develop a Family Literacy Outreach Program to assess individuals and develop learning plans to help families upgrade their literacy and numeracy skills.

## **Lower Priority Goals**

4. Increase availability of employment training programs and opportunities for adult learners, including on-the-job training and mentorship programs
5. Increase skill levels among community leaders and staff
6. Implement of a regional training and capacity program that addresses the needs of community and regional governments

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# Health and Wellness

All residents of the ISR should experience good levels of physical health and well-being supporting giving them the ability to be active and productive members of their community. In particular, recreation and cultural activities should support and enhance physical fitness and healthy lifestyles. High levels of mental health and well-being are reflective of healthy communities overall.

All residents will be able to access supports to enhance and maintain their mental health and well-being. In particular, addictions treatment that is culturally relevant and locally accessible is important. All residents will have access to health care services and the provision of accessible and high quality services locally and regionally. Services will be culturally sensitive and of a quality reflective of the Canadian average. A comprehensive regional health promotion strategy will mitigate the rates of diabetes, obesity, smoking, cardiovascular disease, addictions, and dental decay.

## Higher Priority Goals

1. Increased support for parents and families
2. Enhance programs to support local people being trained in health care professions
3. Support initiatives for addictions prevention and intervention programs and mental health initiatives
4. Life skills programming

## Projects or Programs to Address Goals

- In partnership with BDHSSA and in consultation with the communities develop strategy for better access to health care services for those communities at a disadvantage due to distance and population size. Improved satellite support such as Tele-health. The development and support of both formal and informal home supports, transitional supports and others will be a major component of this strategy.
- Through trained Beneficiaries within the ISR ensure two workshops a year of each MHFA and ASIST are executed as well as on-going recruit and training of new participants.
- In partnership with the BDHSSA, local Health Centre and community of Tuktoyaktuk develop a culturally competent Family Health and Fitness strategy and subsequent programs, providing education, and activities to insure increased physical fitness for all family members. Programs will target key groups like Elders with their specific social, psychological and physical needs, Youth including education on sexual health, and Young Families with a focus on parenting. Community ownership and direction of programming will be the major vehicles in the success of this strategy.
- Increase funding to programs combining harvesting and recreational activities such as “Take a Kid Trapping”.

- Engage in community dialogue to determine most outstanding needs for parents and families and plan interventions accordingly, including BDHSSA, Public Health, School and other stakeholders.
- In consultation with communities and BDHSSA Regional Wellness Worker develop a regional lifeskills program that includes skill building in areas such as budgeting, money management, healthy relationships, balanced lifestyles, etc.

## Medium Priority Goals

5. Develop regional addictions treatment facility and addictions aftercare and counselling programming in communities
6. Increase health and physical fitness activities for all ages
7. Promote recreation in the form of traditional harvesting and increase other recreational activities and facilities to foster healthy eating habits
8. Implement a comprehensive health promotion strategy

### Projects or Programs to Address Goals

- Identify Wellness Centre site within community to: provide a link to the Regional Wellness Centre (Inuvik) to provide aftercare and follow-up services to those struggling with mental health and addictions issues. Support people to access the programs focused on the following themes at the centre: trauma, residential school related issues, life skills, money skills, parenting skills specifically for young families experiencing mental health and addiction issues, etc. Outreach and in reach (integrations with other governmental /non-governmental service providers) will be a major component of this program.
- In partnership with NWT EC&E, BDHSSA and Aurora College develop a strategy to increase locally held health care positions. Include mentoring and /or laddering opportunities and increased funding and loan forgiveness programs.
- In consultation with communities and BDHSSA Regional Wellness Worker develop a regional lifeskills program that includes skill building in areas such as budgeting, money management, healthy relationships, balanced lifestyles, etc.
- Develop and deliver new programs combining traditional harvesting and recreational activities through the Hamlet.
- In partnership with the BDHSSA, local Health Centre and community of Tuktoyaktuk develop a culturally competent Family Health and Fitness strategy and subsequent programs, providing education, and activities to insure increased physical fitness for all family members. Programs will target key groups including Elders with their specific social, psychological, inclusion, physical and safety needs, Youth including education on sexual health, and Young Families with a focus on parenting and pre and post-natal care. Community ownership and direction of programming will be the major vehicles in the success of this strategy.
- An adjunct to the Family Health and Fitness Strategy will be the Healthy Food Choices Program which has a meal planning /preparation component, and provides ideas/information to help reduce unhealthy choices due to cost and availability

- Utilizing data acquired through the IRC MH&A Study develop a mental health and addictions prevention strategy for Tuktoyaktuk with connections to regional strategy. Through a community effort ensure strategies include programming targeting addictions such as smoking and gambling, are culturally appropriate and repeat prevention programs two to three times a year.
- Ensure MHFA and ASIST trained Beneficiaries within the ISR complete two workshops a year of each in each community.

## Lower Priority Goals

9. Implement education programs for new parents including pre-and post-natal programs
10. Run prevention, treatment and aftercare programs with parents and expectant mothers to prevent substance abuse
11. Enhance recreation programming – more opportunities and more culturally relevant programs
12. Implement counselling program to address residential school traumas
13. Implement strategy for recruiting and maintaining health care professionals who live and work in the region for extended periods of time
14. Run addictions prevention, stop smoking, and sexual health programs
15. Run parenting programs to address the residential schools legacy
16. Implement sexual education and addictions prevention programming in high schools
17. Enhance access to dental care
18. Increase healthy living initiatives
19. Enhance access to health care services in remote communities and improve quality of service
20. Support programs for elders
21. Enhance mental health counselling in communities

### Projects or Programs to Address Goals

- In partnership with BDHSSA evaluate Dental Program in the smaller communities, looking at level of access, frequency of visits, quality of services, etc. Make recommendations for changes based on the results balanced with capacity of service.
- Identified in IRC's Mental Health and Addiction Study (Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, 2010) Tuktoyaktuk identified the need for enhanced access to specialized clinical services such as psychologists, psychiatrists, etc., with almost one quarter of those surveyed wanting an on-site counsellor living year round in the community. Wellness programs also need to be inclusive spanning culturally competent healing services like on the land program offerings to clinical counselling services.
- Ensure on-site counsellor is cognizant of history of the Inuvialuit people and region and well trained in the area of trauma and recovery, specifically connected to Residential School.

- In partnership with BDHSSA and in consultation with the communities develop strategy for better access to health care services for those communities at a disadvantage due to distance and population size. Improve access to programs such as tele-health and other satellite supports. The support of both formal and informal home supports, transitional supports and others will be a major component of this strategy.
- Partnering with Public Health/ Health Clinics and youth develop an age/and grade appropriate sexual education program to educate youth on sexual health as well as healthy relationships.
- Identify Wellness Centre site within community to: provide a link to the Regional Wellness Centre (Inuvik) to provide aftercare and follow-up services to those struggling with mental health and addictions issues. Support people to access the programs focused on the following themes at the centre: trauma, residential school related issues, life skills, money skills, parenting skills specifically for young families experiencing mental health and addiction issues, etc. Outreach and in reach (integrations with other governmental /non-governmental service providers) will be a major component of this program.
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- In partnership with the BDHSSA, local Health Centre and community of Inuvik develop a culturally competent Family Health and Fitness strategy and subsequent programs, providing education, and activities to insure increased physical fitness for all family members. Programs will target key groups including Elders with their specific social, psychological, inclusion, physical and safety needs, Youth including education on sexual health, and Young Families with a focus on parenting and pre and post-natal care. Community ownership and direction of programming will be the major vehicles in the success of this strategy.

## Language and Culture

Traditional skills programs and support for the traditional harvesting lifestyle and traditional economy will enable Inuvialuit Youth to learn their culture and traditions.

Country foods are an important part of Inuvialuit culture as well as a healthy source of nutrition. The use of country foods is supported through a variety of regional and local programs and initiatives. Including local business that supports the traditional economy will have positive impacts for both Inuvialuit culture and local employment.



## Higher Priority Goals

1. Implement on-the-land programs and traditional training

### Projects or Programs to Address Goals

- In consultation with the Regional Traditional Knowledge Committee and Aurora College develop a Traditional Teachings Program. Identify those community members skilled in the areas of Traditional Knowledge including activities, culture and language to ensure both local and regional content. Offer this course as part of both the elementary and secondary schools core and/or elective course content.

## Medium Priority Goals

2. Increase availability of formalized programs teaching traditional activities, culture and language – Inuvialuktun Immersion K-3.
3. Enhance culture and language programming

### Projects or Programs to Address Goal

- In consultation with the Regional Traditional Knowledge Committee and Aurora College develop a Traditional Teachings Program. Identify those community members skilled in the areas of Traditional Knowledge including activities, culture and language to ensure both local and regional content. Include this course as part of both the elementary and secondary schools core course content. Address and reduce any conflicts with harvesting times and Government and Aboriginal Government programs/ programming in order to maximize community access to on the land and traditional activities.
- Address and reduce any conflicts with harvesting times and Government and Aboriginal Government programs/ programming in order to maximize community access to on the land and traditional activities.
- Develop and establish on the land programming to span the entire year, in order to access all season's offerings.

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