Inuit Heritage

Deborah Kigjugalik Webster
“I have been asked by many people about how long the Inuit have lived in our lands. I tell them that I don’t have to know the answer to that question because we have been here from the beginning. That is what our stories are all about, and it is how we were taught to understand the world.”

T.Q., Kangiqsuk (Kangirsuk), Nunavik
“We sometimes see thing on the land that were made by Inummariit, especially
inuksuit. There are a lot of these inukshuks on the tundra. There are places where
they stored their qajaqs…” Donald Suluk, Arviat, Nunavut.
Tutjat, the Stepping Stones
Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre (ICRC)

In May 1998, ICRC opened as a regional centre in Tuktoyaktuk with the following mandate:

- Preserve the Inuvialuktun language with the assistance of elders.
- Provide support and a language curriculum for Inuvialuktun teachers.
- Promote the on-going development of the Inuvialuktun language.

In April 2000, ICRC was relocated to Inuvik to better serve the region with easier access to governments and other Inuvialuit communities.

Funding for ICRC comes from Canada (AANDC), GNWT (Education, Culture and Employment), Heritage Canada and the Beaufort-Delta Divisional Board of Education. In the past, projects undertaken with this funding included:

- Indigenous Language Conference
- Summer Language and Cultural Camps
- Community Language Programs
- Elder Database Development with translations and recordings
- Language Teacher Training and Language Program Development
- Production of classroom materials for language teachers
- Development of an Inuvialuit Culture and History Program, Grades 1 to 6; and a teaching kit with books, videos and traditional tools
- Publishing of the new Sichtit Dictionaries
- Publishing of "Reindeer Days Remembered"

A Case of Access (Inuvialuit Collection at...
The Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT)

The Inuit Heritage Trust is dedicated to the preservation, enrichment and protection of Inuit cultural heritage and identity embodied in Nunavut's archaeology sites, ethnographic resources and traditional place names. The Trust's activities are based on the principle of respect for the traditional knowledge and wisdom of our Elders.

The Inuit Heritage Trust receives its mandate from the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the largest aboriginal land claim settlement in Canadian history, signed in 1993.

In Nunavut, IHT represents Inuit interests in issues that relate to heritage, archaeology, ethnographic resources, traditional place names and spiritual places.

Upcoming Deadlines

Alain Makkar Heritage Scholarship

Feature Project

Nunavut Archaeology and Artifacts Guide Booklets

The Inuit Heritage Trust has published four new booklets on archaeology in Nunavut.

All three booklets, in English, are now available in our online store and office for approximately $15 each. Please visit our online store.

Booklet for Northern Communities

This booklet designed as an overview for all Nunavummiut who have questions regarding work of archaeologists, rules and regulations for archaeological sites and opportunities to become involved in archaeological projects.

Booklet for Northern Heritage Workers

This booklet is specifically designed to help heritage centre staff, and other heritage workers in Nunavut with their responsibilities to provide the proper care for exhibitions and historical objects.

Booklet for Northern Students

This booklet targets grades 10-12 and talks about different key aspects of archaeology in Nunavut. It answers...
You are visiting Avataq Cultural Institute; the Inuit cultural organization of Nunavik (Northern, Quebec, Canada)

Avataq Cultural Institute provides a strong foundation for the living culture of today’s Inuit. Since its inception in 1989, Avataq has built a solid reputation as the cultural leader for Nunavik Inuit and as an important resource for Inuit culture in Canada and beyond. Our goal is to ensure that Inuit culture and language continue to thrive into the future, so that our descendants can benefit from the rich heritage passed down to us through the wisdom of our ancestors.
The New Torngāsok Cultural Centre

The Nunatsiavut Government’s decision to build a cultural centre is rooted in the belief that Labrador Inuit need a place where local culture, language, traditions, stories and experiences will be shared and celebrated. The Torngāsok Cultural Centre will protect and present the rich culture of the Labrador Inuit, and will develop programs to engage Inuit, Kalaallisut, and non-Inuit in the history of Labrador Inuit culture, language, values and traditions. As a cultural hub in Nunatsiavut, the Centre will become a multi-generational gathering and sharing space.
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