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Elected as a Municipal Councillor in 1994 Charles McNeill served until September 2006. Charles was recognized for his 12 years of service by the province and presented with a Municipal Long Service Award. The Makkovik Inuit Community Government also sends their appreciation for his contribution and commitment to the community.



AngajukKak Herbert Jacque presenting former Councillor Charles McNeill with Municipal Long Service Award in 2008

Council Dedicated to Providing Quality Drinking Water

THM Study, daily water sampling, and regular flushing is what the Community Government has done to ensure the community has a quality supply of drinking water. However, the Community Government will take another step towards improving water quality by applying to the province for funding to install a Portable Water Dispensing Unit at a central location. This is treated water that residents will be able to access for drinking water. Details of the project are in the works and the facility expected to be completed in the summer of 2010.

Youth Employment

The Makkovik Inuit Community Government would like to welcome Heather Edmunds to our fleet of Heavy Equipment Operators. Heather has been hired through funding assistance provided by Inuit Pathways to provide some work experience in this field. She will be working with the Community Government for a total of 14 weeks.

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Community Enhancement Program

This year the community has applied to the province under the Community Enhancement Fund to widen local snowmobile trails at Little Neck, Ben's Cove, and Big Bight.

This is the same program that has been used to assist the seniors with hauling stove oil, shovelling snow, and chopping wood over the past couple of years. This year the main focus will be the trails, workers who are hired will also assist seniors during times when they cannot work on the trails.

Over the past the Council was able to qualify over 12 people for employment insurance benefits through working under this program. Where funding is very scarce, we ask that applicants do not abuse this program. The program is intended to help those who fell short a few hours to qualify for employment insurance benefits.

We are still waiting to hear from the province on whether our application was approved.

"It is essential that we enable young people to see themselves as participants in one of the most exciting eras in history, and to have a sense of purpose in relation to it"

Nelson Rockefeller

Arena

We are continuing to pursue an arena for the community through funding under the Building Canada Fund which requires a one-third contribution from the community, province, and Federal Governments. The cost of the project is estimated at 8 million and rising each year. This cost is based on the construction of the arena only, which includes area, canteen, kitchen, dressing rooms and ice surface. The community one-third (2.5 million) has been secured through the Tisajoatsoat Trust. Several attempts have been made to secure funding from the other levels of government, however our proposal is still under active consideration. In March John Andersen and Terry Rice traveled out to St. John's to meet with Minister Patty Pottle and Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs present an overview of the proposal. This included a plan for the operation of the building once it is built. This plan will see the arena operation a natural ice surface but have the building equipped with ice making capabilities should it become affordable. The message to the Ministers is, 'the community is ready to move ahead on this project before prices rise even further'. It is now up to the province to make this a priority for funding. During Minister's Pottle visit this summer the topic was raised again and the Town requested an official letter of support that was received shortly thereafter. This issue has been and will always be a priority when meeting with Ministers of the Province. Please ask your MHA Minister Pottle where we stand on the provinces priority list for an arena.



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Concept and Development Plan of Walking Trails

A steering committee has been appointed to assist Tract Consulting from St. John's in completing a Concept and Development Plan for a walking trail system in Makkovik. The Steering Committee consists of Elizabeth Evans-Mitchell, Jodie Lane, Terry Rice, John Andersen, and Carol Gear. Funding for this project is coming from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Nunatsiavut Government. Some of the deliverables include indentifying different types of trail development, creating a development manual and guide, project management and coordination, preparing an interpretive theme, community consultations, draft logo and identity package, draft lure brochure, community mapping, and website graphic, etc. The project will help promote Makkovik as a destination to tourists, celebrate culture traditions, and history of the community, and improve recreational activities for local residents in the community. Look for future notices on upcoming community consultations.

Retired on June 24, 2009, victor served the Town of Makkovik and Inuit Community Government for 25 years. We would like to wish Victor all the best in his retirement and thank you for your hard work and dedication over the years.

Project Funding Approved

This year we have been successful in obtaining funding for a number of projects that include the employment of six carpenters for 14-16 weeks:

1. Nunatsiavut Government to contribute \$60,000 to improve the heating system at the community hall
2. \$87,000 to construct a new fire hall (Nunatsiavut \$80,000, Federal Gas Tax Funding \$7,000)
3. Water supply fencing
4. \$120,000 to create a concept and development plan for a walking trail system.
5. Tasiujatsoak Trust will contribute \$1.3 million to construct a new 13 lot subdivision and close out old sand pit. The project has been awarded to Budgells Equipment and Rentals.



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Makkovik Inuit Community Government wishes the students of JCEM all the best in heading back to school this fall. We also like to wish the athletes all the best in preparing for this year's fall sports meet. Go Wolverines!



*Photo Courtesy
Gemma Andersen, Makkovik Photo Contest 2009*

Youth Employment

We have also been approved funding from Inuit Pathways under the work experience program to hire a youth assistant until March 31, 2010. Again, this program is intended to provide youth with some valuable work experience for those interested in pursuing a career in Recreation and Youth. Please forward your resume and cover letter to the Town Council Office by fax 923-2221, mail, or by email at info@makkovik.ca

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Improvements to Community Hall

Over \$60,000 in improvements have been completed this summer, these include new footing, skirting and insulated crawl space, singles, siding, windows, doors, and improvements to the heating system. The fire rated steel doors are equipped with panic hardware, securing the building of break-ins, fire, and evacuations. The heating system will be placed in the crawl space, improving the overall heating. The old furnace room will be turned into additional storage space. We have also lowered the steps at the entrance and rebuilt the steps at the emergency exit.

The interior was repainted and the stage was extended back to accommodate performers and their equipment. The stereo room and the band room floors and walls were touched up to improve the look and to remove any mold and give the building a new building smell. We removed the hallway of the former smoke room to increase space and movement. Over the next week the floor will be sanded and will be painted with a new fresh clear coat of hardwood floor finish.

We intend to renovate the kitchen area (pending funding) to serve functions taking place at the community hall such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, meetings, sales, festivals, conferences, training, dances, cultural suppers, and special events.

Other than the fact that we were able to provide local employment, the improvements overall were necessary in order to serve the community until a new facility is built in the near future.



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Change in Organizational Structure

To get the most out of our resources we felt there was a need to review our operations to streamline and more effectively organize the towns operations. Resources, especially human resources, are too costly and too important to any organization not to be utilized in the most effective manner possible.

As a result of our review we have reclassified a number of positions such as Town Clerk to **Executive Clerk**, Town Manager to **Chief Administrative Officer**, Work Supervisor to **Superintendent of Operations and Public Works**, Recreation Director to **Director of Recreation and Community Events**, Recreation Assistant to **Recreation and Youth Coordinator**. In addition, new job descriptions were completed that accurately reflects all positions.

All organizations need to review their staffing allocations and organizational structure from time to time, and doing so helps ensure the town will continue to meet the best possible service levels, and provide programs and services that are keeping with best practice and the highest industry standards.

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