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Spreading our Wings





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(Left) Annie Pisuksie, Receptionist for the Makivik President's Montreal office, was in Salluit for the arrival of the suicide awareness crusaders in Salluit. Here she is seen with Kitty Partridge who answers the bulk of incoming telephone calls to the Corporation.

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You could win \$100 if you guess what this mystery photo is. MAIL IN YOUR ANSWER. (No faxes or phone calls will be qualified.)

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Drawing will be held in Inukjuak on Friday, September 5th, 1997.

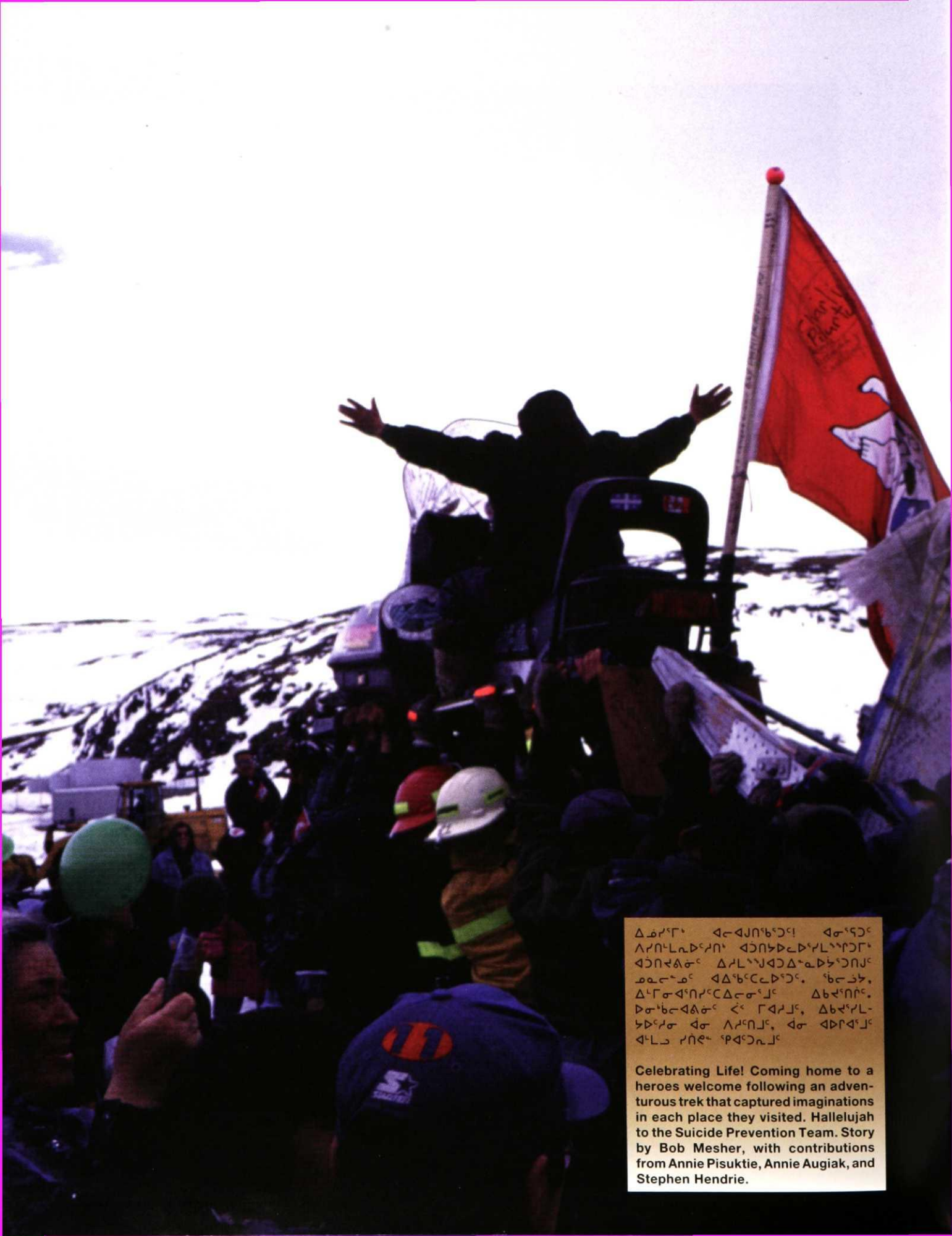
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Annie Tukulak of Puvirnituq won \$100.00 by identifying this mop. Lizzie Jonas, Noah Ilisituk, Eva Mina, and Judy Oovaut also won prizes for their correct answer.

MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPHER



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**Celebrating Life!** Coming home to a heroes welcome following an adventurous trek that captured imaginations in each place they visited. Hallelujah to the Suicide Prevention Team. Story by Bob Mesher, with contributions from Annie Pisuktie, Annie Augiak, and Stephen Hendrie.





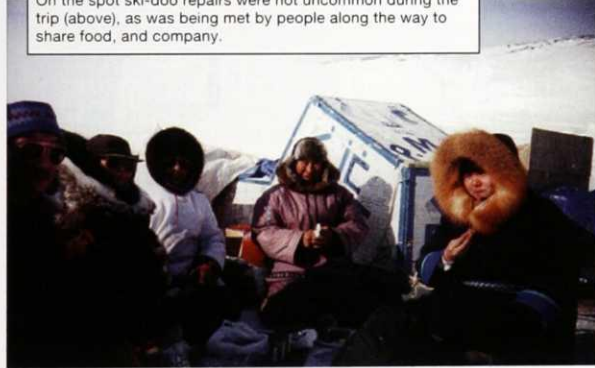
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On the spot ski-doo repairs were not uncommon during the trip (above), as was being met by people along the way to share food, and company.



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northern communities, we see the suicide problem is quite big as well.

"(These three men) are sending out a message that this suicide problem has got to be addressed and also that the communities need to get together and try and prevent it in any way possible."

The Salluit Mayor says that immediately following a local suicide incident last winter, he spoke on the community FM to plead for solutions from social institutions such as the church, the school, social services and health care workers, and the community at large. "In a sense, I guess that incident really sparked the idea of (the three snowmobilers) going this year, but apparently they have had this idea in mind for some time already."

Methodically, but very much at the mercy of spring Arctic weather conditions, the hospitality and charity of communities along their route, and their own unwavering faith and determination, the three snowmobilers spread their message of hope to 35 northern communities.

Perhaps their need to be flexible in the journey — to allow for the unexpected without losing sight of their goal, was a key part of their message to the distraught. At times, people at home were uncertain of their exact



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whereabouts, but not to worry. For example, one early report from Salluit was that they had made a trip from Salluit to Kuujuaaraapik as planned, stopping in all the western Hudson Bay coast communities as well as Sanikiluaq, but Cree elders advised them not to venture further south to James Bay because of poor snow conditions, so they had taken a plane ride to Churchill, Manitoba.

The lowest point of their journey, says Peter Tatti Airo, was when they temporarily lost their bearings on the long leg north from Baker Lake to Gjoa Haven. They eventually got back on track by studying the formation of snow drifts.

Ken McQueen, writing in the *Ottawa Citizen*, described that the three "overcame breakdowns, blizzards and bitter cold to overcome a daily social malaise that has devastated a generation of Inuit men and women."









































Children in schools all around Nunavik were asked to illustrate their ideas about the problem of tobacco use. This montage is made up of just some of their drawings. Here are also some of the remarks kids have about tobacco.

- Smoking stinks!
- Smoking damages your heart.
- Smoking damages your lungs.
- Smoking can give you lung cancer.
- Smoking does not make you cool.
- Smoking does not make you smart.
- Smoking hurts the people around you.
- Smoking costs a lot of money.
- Smoking is not good for you and I don't want you to start.
- Smoking is useless.
- Smoke is killing people. Quit it!
- Smoking harms non-smokers too.
- If you smoke, your lungs will turn black.
- Cigarettes make your house smell bad and make your hands and teeth yellow.
- When a pregnant mother smokes, her unborn child smokes too.
- Don't start smoking please. If you start smoking you will have a hard time quitting.
- Many people have died from smoking.
- I want to quit. Smoking causes house fires, it kills you.
- Cough, cough. Hack, wheeze.
- If Thomas smokes, he is unhealthy. Thomas is not smoking, so he is healthy.
- No smoking! Do not smoke, kids!
- Do you want to try? No I don't want to smoke. Why not? I said no! Now go!
- This boy does not smoke, he is well off. His brother smokes, he is poor and sickly.
- This is how much tar will be in your lungs if you smoke a pack a day for a year: four ounces.
- This pregnant woman is smoking, the smoke goes to her baby. Her baby might come early, or it might die from the smoke.
- Don't smoke — your lungs will become dirty.
- My mother threw her cigarette on the floor and my boots caught on fire.
- This man is smoking and drinking. Don't do what he is doing. It's no good for you.
- The kid who doesn't smoke gets to the top of the hill first — Me!
- Cigarettes have tar, so does car smoke.
- Drop smoking!
- Smoke free me.
- You should not smoke near a furnace, or near a gas container. Kids should not become smokers. Mothers and fathers should not smoke. That's all, thank you.

# Taking Action Against Tobacco

Considering the number of northerners who die each year from tobacco-related illness, and the amount of work that is being done to fight this serious problem, it is apropos that the Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association dedicated one of their *Breathing Easy* information kits "In honour of those whose lives were shortened because of tobacco and to those who have given us a positive outlook for the future."

Statistics make it clear that about 30 percent of Nunavik deaths are caused by tobacco use. The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services have activated a "Smoking Action Plan", working closely with Pauktuutit. Their goal is to completely remove the killer substance from Inuit culture. Dr. Stephen Hodgins of Kuujuaq agrees it is important to have this as a long-term vision, but, he realizes, "this is the kind of thing that changes fairly slowly."

Just in the last several years, however, there have been changes in awareness and attitudes. More and more adults are choosing to smoke in their furnace room, but the complete removal of smoking inside of homes is high on the wish list for Nunavik health workers. The number of smoke-free public places is increasing in the region and the health sector has taken a leading role by adopting a rule against smoking in all hospitals, clinics, and vehicles operated by the board.

In a giant step forward for health, the Kativik School Board no longer allows smoking on their school premises, except in cases where individual KSB Centre Directors allow smoking in designated areas of the school grounds. Health consultant Victoria Grey, who strongly encouraged the move, says "Nunavik Schools are much more than academic institutions for children and adolescents. For young people, schools are centres of influence on their attitudes, behaviours and health." Besides the spectacle of negative role modeling by smokers on school property, exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of respiratory infections and therefore contributes to school absenteeism.

Dr. Hodgins says the Health Board would have been happier if there was no provision for designated smoking areas on school grounds. "But already the step that they have taken is an important one and they are to be commended for it." The next phase would be to have no designated smoking areas at all but, he says, this is something to be established at the community level. No question, designated smoking areas on the school grounds is an adequate solution to the problem of exposure to second-hand smoke. However, in terms of modeling behaviour, if impressionable children regularly see their teacher or some older children congregating to the designated smoking area, it still has the same modeling effect as before. They see smoking as a normal way to demonstrate that you are a grown-up.

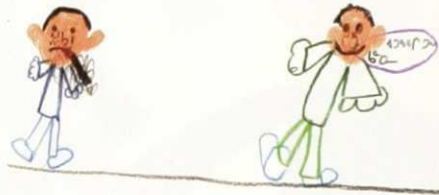
"We celebrate the victories as they come. But we

also have to make sure that our approach is not one of a triumphant attitude — where it is kind of us against them. We need to recognize that we are all in the same boat. There are some people who were fortunate to have never succumbed to the temptation to start smoking; there is a fair number of other people who have been burdened by smoking for some time and who have succeeded in escaping it; and there are some people who are still in the thralls of tobacco — most of whom, at least some of the time, would like to quit," the determined doctor observes.

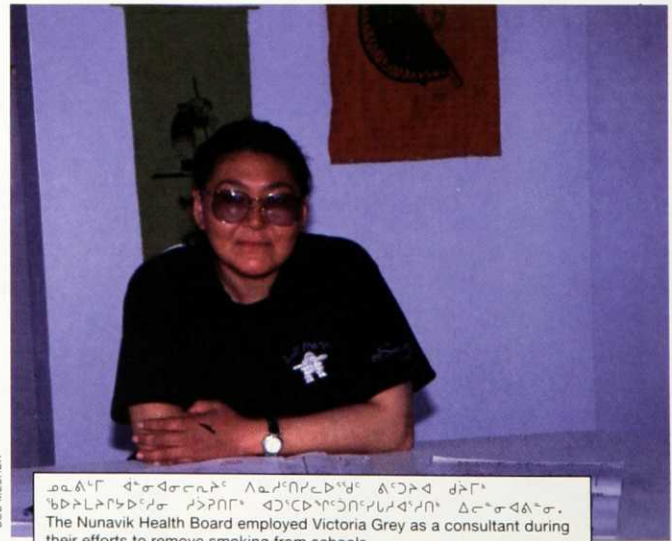
Knowing the very addictive nature of nicotine, he says, "It is not appropriate to think of smoking as exercising free choice."

In the fall of 1994, Pauktuutit began its *Breathing Easy* tobacco use reduction project for communities across northern Canada. The two-year campaign brought the tobacco problem to light through TV ads, phone-in shows, and conferences. A series of leaflets, posters, videos, and teaching kits for schools and for community health workers were designed for the campaign, and versions of each have been adapted for Nunavik.

In a recent study, it was found that 16 percent of



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BOB MESHER

The Nunavik Health Board employed Victoria Grey as a consultant during their efforts to remove smoking from schools.

Nunavik children aged six to seven smoke, and that by ages 12 to 13, over two thirds of children are smoking — the same rate as for Nunavik adults.

An art lesson directed at getting children's views of the tobacco problem was given in many Nunavik schools, and their illustrations give all the right answers. As 11-year-old Johnny Saggiak says, "Be smart — don't start!"

# A Visit with Women's Shelters

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**F**or some Inuit women who continue to find themselves in improper home situations, there are fortunately women's shelters established to provide a safe haven and guidance.



**In Nunavik**  
Tungasuvvik, which opened its doors in 1992, was first named "Qirmaavik." Sarah Tagoona (Director of the shelter) says, "but we are trying to make it not just a shelter and the name reflects that — where help is offered. Most women do come here to get away from danger, but our aim is also to give assistance." Sarah says the problem of physical abuse is not new and

before the shelter opened, it was realized time and again that abused women had no suitable place to go for help.

While the Government of Quebec provides funding for their operations, she explains, they also request donations from other organizations which are used to pay for various activities. The Kuujjuaq Shelter has a staff of four full-time and two part-time employees. Some of these, along with other Inuit social workers, have received training from McGill University. Employees there undergo workshops in counseling skills, crisis intervention, and other interests on the job.

When asked about the routine for new clients, Sarah explains: "We find out about her situation and her feelings. We try to communicate to her that being abused is not normal, because some come to accept it as normal if it has been going on for a long time.

"We offer shelter, counseling, intervention, referral services and information on family violence. We have also started, through videos, to educate our clients on family violence and share our experiences. We also contact Social Services for assistance in working with our clients," she says.

Tungasuvvik also takes in elderly women who wish to find a comfortable place to rest from tensions at home. Clients can stay at Tungasuvvik for up to six weeks, but many of them are short-term residents.

Sarah also had this to say about Tungasuvvik and her knowledge of the situation connected to their clients: "We came into being because spousal abuse and assault must not be tolerated. Physically hurting others is not normal behavior, and we should work together so that the problem of abuse can get smaller.

"We point out to our clientele that abuse does not start from nowhere. We educate them about the damages and effects on the children who live in violent homes. We have come to realize so many abusers have been victims during their own childhood and have witnessed a family member being abused. I want to tell parents that the only way to stop the cycle of violence is to have your children live in a violence-free home because they will repeat the cycle if you do.

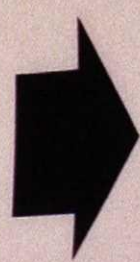
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# Carp: First Air's Head Office

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On a rural farm road in the village of Carp, Ontario, this sign indicates how to get to the small runway which is the location of First Air's head office.  
Story and photos by Bob Mesher.











## The Continuing Life of C-GOFA

Although First Air's Boeing 727, which was registered as C-GOFA, has been retired, her fuselage will continue to enjoy life as an approved cabin emergency evacuation trainer on the apron of their Ottawa hangar.

Rather than using an operational aircraft to meet some training requirements for flight attendants and pilots when they do their emergency procedures training, they will be able to train in the simulator.

Gordon McCallum is an instructor for the airline's in-flight services. He says, "To my knowledge, it will be the only cabin emergency evacuation trainer that simulates a Combi aircraft in North America (and possibly in the world), that I am aware of. It may be the first of its kind."

He anticipates that the simulator may also be a revenue generator for First Air, providing a training environment for programs such as security services, Aviation First Aid programs, and in-flight services. It will be equipped to accommodate video and audio technology, and is portable enough to be moved around on the tarmac or into a hangar during inclement weather. One SWAT team has already used the fuselage for drills, to prepare them for possible bomb threats or hijackings.

First Air is one of the first Canadian carriers to have an approved Aviation First Aid Program, which they will be able to run entirely in the fuselage, and simulates the restricted environment of an aircraft cabin. As an approved special center for St John Ambulance, First Air can provide revenue training in the areas of standard emergency first aid or advanced first aid, as well as their aviation first aid program. It also means they can generate revenue through providing generic first aid programs to the general public and invite other St John Ambu-

lance instructors, besides their own, in to conduct courses.

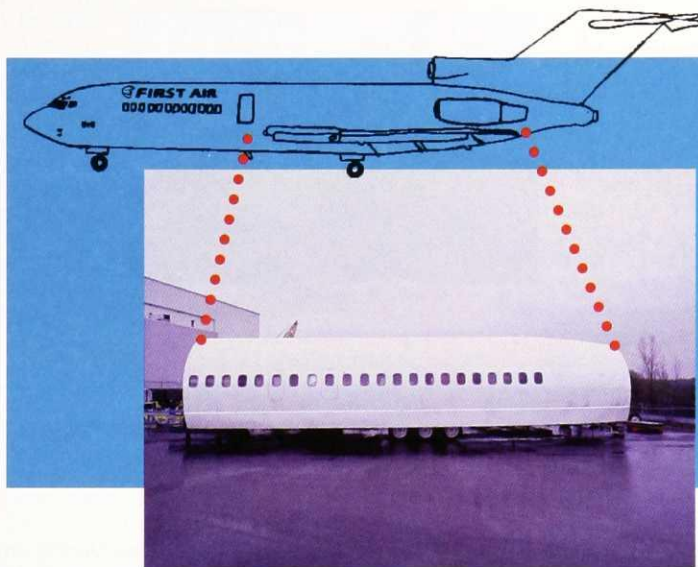
It will also be used to enhance training for other departments within the airline that will benefit from having some familiarization with an aircraft. From counter staff being familiar with a cabin and, carry-on baggage stowage spaces, to other associate departments that may be involved in a possible emergency with an aircraft parked at the ramp, such as ramp personnel or cargo handlers.

First Air does a lot of community public relations in coordination with the Ottawa-MacDonald-Cartier International Airport for tours of their facilities, and tour groups will be able to see the inside of the fuselage, especially if there is no operational aircraft available for them to explore.

First Air has an In-flight Services Training Program available to the general public. Besides providing a service to the community for those

who are interested in taking a program like this, explains McCallum, "This also is very economically feasible for the company. It allows us not only to generate revenue for the training department, it also gives our In-flight Services a pool of people on which we can potentially draw upon for staff, without having to wait sometimes the four-to-five-week period it takes in order to do initial training again."

So, as passengers enjoy the services of First Air while travelling to their destinations throughout the North, the airline's staff will continue to gain more knowledge and wisdom with the help of retired C-GOFA on the ground.



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 Also in Ottawa: (Left) A Boeing 727 in for maintenance at First Air's main hangar.  
 (Right) Dispatch Control at First Air's Ottawa Airport is from where all First Air jet  
 flights are followed and monitored, active 24 hours per day, every day of the year.





























# Securing the Future: A Conference on Jobs for Aboriginal People

By Carolyn Stone

From April 18-20, 1997 the Government of Canada, along with the Sault Indian Tribe, hosted a conference on jobs for Aboriginal People. This conference took place in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and there on behalf of Makivik Corporation were Sheila Watt-Cloutier (who was also a member of the steering committee for the conference), Bruno Pillozzi from Makivik's Economic Development office, and myself.



The conference was made up of many speakers including Rosemary Kuptana (past ICC President) and Natsiq Kango (who represented Nunavut Tunjavik Inc.). There were also many respected and renowned Indian Chiefs and Politicians who spoke on behalf of their reserves and Nations. The Honorable Ethel Blondin-Andrew was present as was The Honorable Ron Irwin, who participated in the discussions for the entire length of the conference.

Besides having an opportunity to listen to these speakers, there was also a day in which the participants gathered into working groups to concentrate on different aspects of jobs for aboriginal people. From my point of view, this day was the most productive as we were able to communicate with other peoples of aboriginal decent and explore the ways in which their reserve or community functioned towards developing a secure future for jobs there.

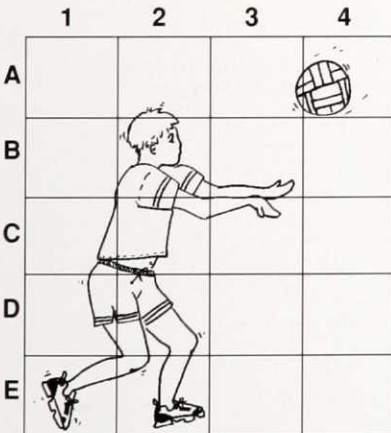
This conference was not only directed at employment, but the hosts of the conference also treated us to several performances by the dance and drum group known as *Wawataye Neemeewin* and also by the *Chi-Nodin Drum Group* which was very powerful and spiritual. We were also given a tour of Sault Ste. Marie and especially of all the Indian owned business and land both inside and outside the Sault Tribe Reserve. That evening ended with a delicious traditional dinner and an optional trip to the Sault Tribe Casino. It was a lot of fun, however I was not one of those who won any "big bucks".

The conference wrapped up with a summary of the entire conference and what recommendations were needed for future action, including the desire to make this conference an annual event. It was clear from the response of the participants that this conference was time well spent and that it would be very productive to have an annual meeting of this sort to "secure our future".

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