



Broadband is a critical tool for artists - from learning how to research their own biographies, to connecting to galleries, to learning more about selling through the Internet. Used effectively, broadband tools can help artists participate in art shows, competitions, marketing their work, training programs, and learning more from other artists across Nunavut and beyond. Ms. Beattie has been running NACA for 7 years, and has lived in Iqaluit since 1982. She has worked directly with artists for 14 years, and has worked in the fields of economic development, teaching, building design, project management, fundraising, accounting and running a not-for-profit organization. As a working artist herself, Ms. Beattie understands how important it is to tailor broadband tools to suit Nunavut artists.

### **Adamee Itorcheak - (Iqaluit)**

Mr. Itorcheak is currently on the NBDC board, and is President of Nunanet Worldwide Communications Ltd., a company he founded in 1995. Nunanet is the Community Service Provider for Iqaluit for the new broadband network, and was the first and largest Internet Service Provider (ISP) in Nunavut. Now that the network is launching, Mr. Itorcheak sees many new opportunities emerging, and wants to explore ways to better use the technologies effectively. He wants to ensure bandwidth is managed well, and make sure Nunavut residents know about broadband developments and how they can benefit. He sees the importance in involving new people in technology, and wants to see users in Nunavut drive the direction of NBDC to ensure broadband is shaped to meet Nunavummiut needs. His goal this year is to stabilize NBDC core funding, and ensure people across Nunavut have appropriate access. He believes access to communication tools must be a fundamental right, and wants NBDC to help ensure this dream. Mr. Itorcheak began his career with Bell Canada in the early 1980's and has remained involved ever since in all aspects of the communications industry. He sat as the Nunavut representative on the National Broadband Task Force, and sat on the Advisory Committee to the NBDC.

### **Gabriel Karlik -- (Rankin Inlet)**

Working as a finance officer for Kivalliq Inuit Association, Gabriel is a young man born and raised in Rankin Inlet. He is currently working on his CGA, and also is taking the 2003 Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer course through distance education. He wants to see VoIP being deployed over satellite, and wants to see webcams used to connect to other people in Nunavut. With broadband, he wants to see enough speed to do things effectively. He fixes computers and play games but has been unable to use broadband up to now. He is looking forward to seeing the speed, and seeing what kinds of applications will become possible.

### **Christa Kakudluk Kunuk -- (Iqaluit)**

Ms. Kunuk has a long history of working on behalf of Inuit youth. Having worked with various organizations, and youth across Nunavut, there are challenges to communicate, and she sees the Internet and broadband as a positive thing that will give more opportunities for youth as they explore the world outside of their community. Ms. Kunuk is currently the training and development coordinator for the Embrace Life Council, which was established by various Nunavut organizations to help Inuit choose healthy lifestyles and relationships, thereby promoting suicide prevention. Ms. Kunuk wants to use broadband tools to assist in building capacity for youth in communities. She

is also the volunteer Chair of the Iqaluit District Education Authority. In the past, Ms. Kunuk has worked to promote Inuit employment for the Government of Nunavut, has been the regional youth coordinator and then office manager for the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. She has a long history of volunteer activities including past president and vice president of the National Inuit Youth Council, and has sat on various boards and committees dedicated to providing more opportunity for Inuit. Her focus on youth has provided her with a clear understanding of the potential of broadband for the future of young people in Nunavut.

### **Bob McLean -- (Sanikiluaq)**

Mr. McLean has been an active participant with the current NBDC Board of Directors, and prior to that, served on the NBDC Advisory Council. He is manager of a Sanikiluaq-based Inuit owned company supplying local dial up access since 1998 and is the Community Service Provider for the new QINIQ broadband network in Sanikiluaq. He has acted as the "voice of small businesses from a small community" on the board, and provided insight into a variety of important subjects at NBDC meetings concerning the problems with living in a small, remote Northern community and doing business on an online web store selling locally produced, world-class, handcrafted soapstone carvings. Mr. McLean would like to continue being a member of the Board of Directors for the Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation to pass on his experience working with computers and using the Internet. He adds that he has met some of the nicest people in the North and had a pleasurable time getting to know them.

### **George Metuq -- (Iqaluit)**

Mr. Metuq was elected to the first NBDC board of directors in 2003, and is interested in serving another term on the board. Now that the groundwork has been done to launch the QINIQ network, he wants to contribute to the smooth operation of this exciting and innovative form of communication to the people of Nunavut. He sees broadband as a way to truly get all Nunavut communities closer together. Mr. Metuq is an electronic technologist. He has an extensive background in radio communications, broadcasting, and has done some satellite work with Telesat. Mr. Metuq is the sole owner of an Inuit company providing audio-visual and radio communications services, specializing in setting up permanent teleconference systems with multi-language capability.

### **Darrell Ohokannoak - (Cambridge Bay)**

As Manager of Polarnet, Mr. Ohokannoak now heads up the delivery of the new broadband network in all the communities of the Kitikmeot, with Polarnet as the Community Service Provider. He was contracted by SSI Micro (the company who built the new QINIQ broadband network) to conduct training for all the Community Service Providers in all the regions. Mr. Ohokannoak was one of the principal people who started Polarnet in 1997 - providing local dial-up services to the 5 Kitikmeot communities. Today, he wants to see broadband technologies available in Nunavut at the same level as technologies in southern Canada. He sees a huge potential to help Nunavummiut improve ways of communicating - including VoIP, videoconferencing, and various forms of real-time communication. A life long resident of Cambridge Bay, he is very experienced in working on various boards of organizations. He sat on Nunavut Trust as a Trustee, and been a director the Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board. He volunteers on the Cambridge Bay Justice Committee, and runs the local cadet

corps. Mr. Ohokannoak negotiated for Polarnet to be the Globalstar Dealership reseller for satellite phones. In addition to being technically competent, he also has a great deal of experience working with people.

### **Mike Perry - (Cape Dorset)**

Mr. Perry is the Community Service Provider of the new QINIQ broadband network, providing services to the residents of Cape Dorset. He wants to see broadband services extended to as many people as possible, and ensure people receive the support they need to use broadband effectively. With broadband, Nunavummiut will be able to define a new Nunavut - as people can more easily communicate with each other across the territory. He has experienced watching people go on line for the first time, and the priority they have given to using broadband to talk to others. So in the next year, Mr. Perry wants to see attention paid to broadband applications that make communicating with others easier and more accessible. Mr. Perry currently works at the Hamlet as the inventory manager, and operates the local cable company. A long-time resident of Nunavut, he first moved to Iqaluit in 1978 and relocated to Cape Dorset for the West Baffin Coop in 1983. He then worked with the Dept. of Public Works, GNWT, and is currently employed by the Hamlet.

### **Pakak Sigurdson -- (Rankin Inlet)**

Mr. Sigurdson works for GN Economic Development and Transportation as a Program Officer. He wants to see broadband deployed so that Nunavut residents are on par with the rest of Canada. Broadband will allow Nunavummiut to stay in touch better, and provides an effective means for people to better market what Nunavut has to offer in terms of the tourism industry, outfitters, entrepreneurs, carvers and seamstresses. Mr. Pakak wants to see videoconferencing rolled out so organizations can save money and be more effective. In his work, he is responsible for reviewing program applications for small businesses, community initiatives and economic development related activities, including support and training for economic development officers in the Kivalliq region. Mr. Sigurdson is on various committees and has experience presenting materials to boards. He was born in Repulse, lived in Whale Cove and now resides in Rankin Inlet.

### **Gardner (Garfield) Walters -- (Chesterfield Inlet)**

Mr. Walters is the Community Service Provider for Chesterfield Inlet. He knows a lot about the Internet and is very interested in exploring future technologies that will be enabled by broadband, such as VoIP and IPTV. He is a local expert on gaming services used by youth - and wants to find ways to assist youth to make the most of broadband technology. He already helps people in his community set up and maintain their computers, and want to help people use broadband effectively - ensuring that those running the community can get online to use broadband to help them run the community well. Broadband can open up the world to adult education, and he wants to see the College connected. Mr. Gardner is a long time resident of Chesterfield Inlet (12 years), has worked at the Northern Store as a Grocery Manager, and now works at the Hamlet. To see more information on Garfield's views, see the forums on [www.qiniq.com](http://www.qiniq.com), where anyone can post questions and comments online.

### **Gavin Wilkinson -- (Arviat)**

Mr. Wilkinson has been using the Internet since the late 1980's, and has advanced knowledge of IT systems and various computing platforms. He has been involved with various .com businesses for over 10 years. He has been working for the Arviat Development Corporation for the past two years, and is the Community Service Provider for the new broadband network for Arviat. Mr. Wilkinson is interested in volunteering on the NBDC board to offer innovative ideas regarding technology and information that will benefit Nunavut. He believes the new broadband network will be the driving force behind economic growth for the territory, and will be one of the most significant, positive socio-economic powers ever to affect Nunavut. He has a history of volunteering for various economic initiatives, and is keen to volunteer his time with NBDC.